The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

ATENDANCE: Gail Fleming, Sue Walsh, Dominique Emerson. Absent: Roger Gage, Colin Campbell, Aaron Simpson. Staff: Michael Davolio, Cheryl Knighton, Doug Yomick

Sue opened the meeting at 3:05PM. The minutes of the July 15 and June 24 were reviewed. She explained that this is a work session and the minutes will be approved at the regular meeting on August 19, 2015. She also explained the flow of the work session and how the meeting will be conducted. There was a water sustainability question and Michael said the board will be meeting with the Public Works Director and the City engineer on September 2, and they can explain to them why they think our water supply is sustainable.

Dominique asked that the zoning ordinance be moved to the top of the agenda. She was concerned that the definitions of Winery and Brewery were not the same as discussed. Michael will make the changes. The room ordinance was discussed, Dominique feels it is too flexible. Michael will review it with the building official and bring back changes.

Sustainability

Michael explained where and why he made the changes. Sue would like to see some changes on managing the walking trials. Need more public access to them. There was some discussion on possibly incentives to property owners.

There was some discussion on the goals. Sue thought that the Knowledge Based businesses should be included in Goal #5. In Goal #6, possibly look at resources for obtaining grants for retaining farm land. Dominique thought there should be some focus on solar energy, more diverse energy resources.

Everyone thought the overall document needs to be updated with current data. Each member will read through and bring back changes they would like to see made.

Maryanne brought up the prescriptive easements. She brought up the condition of approval for Cedar Circle. Michael will look into it. As far as the urban agriculture production, there are many homes in Langley where they can have gardens to grow their own food. She would like to see the sewer system updated to the newest technology. Kathleen Landell spoke on walkability. She had several ideas on how to do so, and may be available to help in that area.

Economic Development

Updating all of the statistics needs to be done. Input need broadening like adding the Arts and Arts commission. Mostly update it so that it reflects on what is “now” and remove what “was to be done”. ?? from the Port of South Whidbey had questions about zoning and what the process was to have an area re-zoned. He is working for the fair and wants to make changes so they can have a “light industrial” zone. The board had concerns about the definition of “light industrial and will have to define it in more
detail. Parking was also an issue and he would like the fair to have more parking available to them year round.

Meeting adjourned 5:00PM