

11-9-16 City of Langley Parks and Open Space Commission
Minutes

Present were: Gail Fleming, chair; Shanti Loustaunou; Marianne Edain recording
Stan Berryman, staff; John Lawson, public, Guy Burneko, public

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm

The minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Gail reported that the \$6000.00 budget request which had been removed from the city's budget was restored in the final version.

John Lawson reported on progress at Generation Park. He provided a plan sheet drawing of the proposed new sign. He reported that because it is a City project it is not subject to Design Review Board scrutiny. He said that a full size mockup of the sign will be available soon, to be shown and mounted at the site in time for the next POS meeting. The Langley Community Club has offered to pay for ½ the cost of the sign, which is expected to cost +/- \$1000.00. The Community Club also offers to pay for the new fencing proposed at Generation Park.

Marianne reported on the Seawall Park site visit and ad hoc committee meeting. Planner Brigid created a series of lists of characteristics, either present or desired, at Seawall Park. She was to provide a copy of those notes but they were not yet available. Marianne repeatedly raised the issue of sea level rise and how this would affect a shoreline park, but there was little to no response. Attached find notes of that meeting.

Stan provided copies to a Request for Proposals to write a Master Plan for the City of Totem Lake's parks. Marianne suggested using that RFP as a template to create a basic outline of what it is POS wants to see in such a plan. Guy suggested soliciting the help of a graduate student from one of the universities.

Stan advised POS that it did indeed have a budget of \$6000.00, of which \$500.00 has been allocated for the sign at Generation Park. Funds will be available after 1-1-17.

Gail recommended that we place high priority on the Middle Langley trail, from the city's water tank to 6th Street. At one time the City, the school district, and Whidbey Watershed Stewards were working on this project, but it failed to come to fruition. Before a new trail is laid out, the wetlands in the area need to be mapped, so that the trail does not run through the wetlands. This is less than a full blown delineation, which would be very expensive and not really necessary.

Guy asked if POS had spoken with Mr Paul Goldfinger, who has brought up the claim that a Michael Scheuerlein wants to develop townhouses behind the orange house on 6th Street. Guy was wondering if in the permitting process the city could require a trail easement.

It will be necessary to document who owns which properties from 6th Street at WICA along the creek up to the water tower. Those ownerships need to be verified.

Marianne was asked to request of Frosty Hollow Ecological Restoration a rough bid for the wetland mapping.

Shanti reported that she had not yet visited the Fairgrounds with an eye to whether they might be appropriate for a dog park. She will ask the Fair Board whether they are amenable to such a use.

Gail reported on a GMA workshop she attended, led by Mr Joe Tovar.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.