

MEETING MINUTES
Seawall Park Ad Hoc Committee
Monday, December 12, 2016
5:30 PM, Langley City Council Chambers

Attendees: Sharon Emerson, chair, Joann Quintana, secretary, Becky McLemore, Bernadette Aguiar, Frank Rose, John de Wit, Cheryl Keefe, Cheryl Weisz, Rene Neff, Moe Jerome, Pam Schell, Brigid Reynolds, staff

Approval of meeting minutes: Minutes from the November 1, 2016 meeting were approved with one correction.

Dream/Visualize

The meeting was spent responding to a series of questions that provided committee members with the opportunity to dream and visualize a Seawall Park of the future.

Seawall Park of the future: What would you see?

A winding promenade parallel to the water that is a place to walk

A distinct landscaped path that parallels the water and can accommodate benches and picnic tables

The promenade should “lead” pedestrians somewhere, with an attraction at the far (opposite Anthes) end, such as a swing, a shelter, workout equipment, a place for exhibitions

Improved overall circulation and access to avoid “dead zones” or hiding places

Access to the park from both ends

A winding path down to the park from Anthes

At Anthes, a pedestrian path/walkway that is divided (with landscaping) from the roadway access

Anthes is a gateway, with an arch

A shelter at the far (opposite Anthes) end

Changing rooms/shelters at the east end

Interactive elements, such as a telescope

Minimal furniture

Interpretive/educational signs about geography, natural history

Water viewing place, reminiscent of Corpus Christie park or the new Everett waterfront walkway

A lookout, such as a tower, that you climb up (e.g. Mount Constitution)

Something that is iconic, energetic and inviting, that will serve as a draw

A fire pit with seating

There is an integration of water and art

A theme reflected throughout the design, common colors and signage

Good wayfinding signage that indicates where you can access the beach, where you can walk, including in front of the Inn at Langley

A park design that reflects Langley's values: volunteerism, art, history, the sea, quality landscaping

Seawall Park of the future: What is the feeling?

Passive, contemplative

Relaxed, friendly, with families, young people, pets

Feels like "Village by the Sea"

Has energy, feels inviting

Art provides energy

Softer, more inviting access

Lots of special events so park feels active and vibrant (promote use for special events)

Events such as the Seafloat Scramble, swimming meets, weddings, family picnics

In Winter and Fall, the park is cold and wet because of its orientation

Due to orientation, after sundown people leave because it's cold, even in Summer

Seawall Park of the future: Who is using and visiting the park?

Residents

Pets

Visitors

People coming to the park for special events

Families

ADA/greater accessibility

Young people

Seawall Park of the future: What is the theme?

Native American/Coast Salish

Historical

Environmental

The next meeting of the Seawall Park Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled for **Monday, January 23, 2017 at 5:30 PM** at Langley City Hall.

The Committee will try to hold its meetings on the fourth Monday of each month in order to avoid conflicts with other regularly scheduled meetings at City Hall. This will allow the Committee to meet in the Council Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.