

February 11, 2016 Parks & Open Space commission meeting minutes

present were: Gail Fleming, Marianne Edain, Public Works director Stan Berryman, former POS commissioner John Lawson

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 and the minutes of the January 14 meeting approved.

Mr Lawson addressed the POS commission about Generation Park on behalf of the Langley Community Club, which has between \$1000 and \$3000.00 and wishes to refurbish the park as a memorial to deceased member Tucker Stevens. They are trying to work with all groups who might have an interest in Generation Park, including POS and Langley Main Street. They need a written site plan, and the companies which provide playground equipment evidently are willing to create such a plan. Mr Lawson is a landscape architect and he proposes to provide a preliminary plan.

Mr Lawson brings up the fact that Ms Socorro Rodriguez is applying for a seat on the POS commission, and that she is already involved with the Community Club. Ms Rodriguez lives on 3rd Street and is a practicing attorney.

The Community Club is seeking grant funding for playground equipment. While some of the ideas for playground equipment are very standard, he also described a bench in the shape of a whale's tail. It is Mr Lawson's plan to present these ideas to many groups.

Plans were made to meet with Ms Rodriguez preliminary to her joining the POS commission.

The matter of The Cedars and the public property there was discussed. Ms Leanne Finlay complains that we do not understand the situation. It is our plan to reclaim the public trail whose existence was a condition of approval of the Cedars plat. Gail reports that at present it is completely overgrown. We need to 'remind' property owners of the Right of Way trail corridor and our intent to restore it for use as a trail. Stan agreed to send a letter to property owners and to schedule a site visit, complete with loppers and flagging tape. The assessment of \$100.00/year/lot was specifically for maintenance of the detention ponds and children's play area. Residents maintain the play area and no one is maintaining the detention ponds. The question is whether those annual dues can be re-directed (and reinstated) to pay for maintenance of the trail corridor.

The Noble Creek property was discussed, in particular, how we might gain funding to purchase the property. The Conservation Futures grant has been returned to Island County, and the question is whether the application can be updated and resubmitted. We will need to find a way to put together a funding package from various sources. We also need a copy of the previous Conservation Futures application and the timeline for applications.

There was discussion of the trail system. Gail asked Stan to provide a list of owners of properties which host segments of trails. At this late date it will probably be necessary to reconstruct that list. Gail agreed to ask former planner Jeff Arango about the status of Noble Creek from Edgecliff to the shore.

Marianne agreed to write up the items listed in #6 on the agenda, namely:

- ~ Noble Creek, including status of creek from Edgecliff to shore.
- ~ bluff management
- ~ trails
- ~ plant salvage

There being no citizen comment, the meeting adjourned at 5:00.