

11-12-15 POS meeting minutes

present were: Nancy Rowan, chair, Gail Fleming, Marianne Edain recording
Stan Berryman, staff
Frank Rose, Arts Commission, Guy Burneko, interested citizen

The meeting was called to order by chair Nancy Rowan.
The minutes of the 9-10-15 meeting and the 10-8-15 meeting were approved as amended.

Nancy asked where the new UGA boundaries were. Gail responded that the council approved the boundaries as amended by planner Davolio to include the 4 properties on Coles Road. That decision then goes to Island County which must approve it by 6-30-16. It was concluded that language throughout the comp plan needed to be reviewed for references to the UGA and to be amended to include the Joint Planning Area. The question of eligibility for membership on city boards also should be addressed.

Frank Rose presented a draft Public Art Master Plan and reported that the Arts Commission was meeting this very evening to consider performing arts. The plan is to request approval from the city council of the Master Plan to date and then to move forward. This is a 6 year plan. The Commission will ask the public for financial support of this program. Marianne asked how this intersected with city government and Mr Rose responded that the Arts Commission is a city advisory board. Gail asked where this fit in the comp plan and Mr Rose responded: in the Economic Development element.

Mr Guy Burneko discussed his participation in a discussion group at the Langley Library over the last year. That group is being discontinued, evidently for lack of a separate meeting space. He inquired about what spaces were available in the city for such meetings, and whether a public art museum (as mentioned by Mr Rose) might include such a facility.

Nancy Rowan asked if the Arts Commission had considered public art on the US Bank building walls. She said there had been a proposal which residents had all loved, but the bank's upper management rejected. There was a tongue-in-cheek discussion of the possibility of a free-standing wall parallel to the bank building, on which public art could be displayed.

Gail Fleming asked about an item in the report proposing an art museum and library. Mr Rose responded that there are a number of well known artists living in the area. When one of them dies, their collected work often simply disappears, largely for lack of recognition of their artistic value by those handling the estate. The idea would be to acquire, hopefully by donation, a property on which to build such a museum, which could then also house the collections of some of those artists.

Mr Rose further reported that one member had stepped off the Arts Commission, so there are now only 6 of the 7 members.

There was discussion of the comp plan review and update and due dates for various elements. Gail reported that the Economic Development and Sustainability elements were done. The Land Use element was to be discussed next week, then the housing element. The due date for all of this is presently uncertain, but December 2 was being considered.

There was further discussion of the fact that the version of the comp plan available on line is a PDF, which is not editable by most people. Mr Rose was working from an old version of the comp plan. Staff person Cheryl Knighton said that the various iterations were available on line. She also said she would provide a Word version for use by the POS commission.

ACTION ITEM: all citations to numbers need to be verified. Gail asks if Doug can do the research and reviewing on the document itself.

The commission then reviewed the Parks and Open Space element, with Marianne taking notes on a hard copy for later amendment. The commission got as far as page 14.

Gail asked Stan about the status of the Noble Creek property and its relation to the Capital Improvement plan, as it seems to have been dropped. Stan responded that the CIP relates to parks, open space, and projects, and that any proposal needs to be in the CIP.

Stan reported that he had thus far reviewed water, sewer, stormwater, and roads.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00.