The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM

ATTENDANCE:
Members present: Thomas Gill, Roger Gage, Gail Fleming, Dominique Emerson, Kathleen Waters (alternate)
Members absent: Jim Anderson,
Staff present: Jeff Arango, Cheryl Knighton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dominique to approve the previous meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Roger.

Shoreline Master Plan

Jeff gave a review of the last meeting. A draft was passed out to the members. Jeff explained a few of the changes in reference to technical changes. He recommends a Public Hearing to take place on March 7, 2013. Dominique had questions and concerns regarding “softening bulkheads and seawalls”. There was much discussion on this issue. Gail would like to see an example of an area like Lincoln Park where this has been implemented. All members would like more discussion and research on this subject before putting anything into the plan. Jeff will do more research and report back. Discussion on boardwalk, area below the bulkhead, illegal ghost shrimp harvesting, vegetation i.e. eelgrass, natural habitat of marine animals and a possible swim area were all concerns. Possibly massage the verbiage in the plan to protect all. Motion for Public Hearing on March 7, 2013 by Dominique, second Roger, approved.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Jeff provided and explained the Draft Circulation Plan, and the Official Control Map. Projects include six areas. Third Street connection, Second and Third Street connection, Sunrise Lane pedestrian connection, Waterfront Boardwalk, Funicular and Noble Creek trail and Waterfront access.

Jeff explained the updates and the progress that has been made on each project. Thomas mentioned possible pedestrian access along the fairgrounds road to Sandy Point Rd. Also mentioned was a possibly connection between Noble Creek and Saratoga to be added.
Discussion on the Executive Summary included changing verbiage in some areas. Jeff will make the suggested changes.

Project Updates

Marina lightening project

Jeff spoke on progress that has been made with the Port on the Marina lighting project. The height of the lights as well as the "foot candle" that the lights put out is an issue. Jeff explained what the definition of “foot candle” means. They may look into using LED lights, possibly programmable through toggle switches through a wireless system for the approaching boats to use. Jeff will be meeting with the Port on Thursday regarding a new plan on the light levels.

Second Street Lighting

Jeff gave a report and an update on the underground utility project. Council gave the go ahead to move forward. He gave a report on the visit to Port Townsend and what they have implemented.

Other board member items not on agenda

Roger and Kathleen’s term is up this month. They both said they would be happy to continue being on the board. Jeff will notify the Mayor for appointments to be made.

Audience input

Bruce Allen said he was happy with his visit to Port Townsend with Jeff. He was very impressed on the direction the town has taken on their lighting issues.

Meeting adjourned 4:45PM