Memo

To: Mayor Kwarsick, City Council
From: Jeff Arango, AICP, CFM – Director of Community Planning
Date: June 18, 2012

Re: Resolution in Support of Funicular Grant Application with RCO

The planning department is working on a grant application to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for a boating facilities grant to fund the funicular pedestrian tram from Cascade Avenue to the foot of Wharf Street. The funicular is a critical element in facilitating the long term expansion of the Langley Marina by connecting the marina with off-site parking facilities at the CMA Church and the Langley Middle School as well as to the downtown. The city received $250k from Island County rural economic development funds that will be used as matching funds for the RCO application. The boating facilities program is tailored to serve boats less than 26' in length. The funicular application serves that boater population by expanded the very limited boat trailer parking at the marina by providing a safe, convenient and ADA accessible route between the off-site boat trailer parking at the Langley Middle School and the marina. The city is finalizing costs estimates with the funicular equipment and installation provider, but current estimates are in the range of $800k total. Staff is working with the equipment provider on design solutions that will reduce the total project cost. The application is due July 2, 2012.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the city council adopt the resolution in support of the city’s application for a boating facilities grant to RCO in order to fund the funicular pedestrian tram.
Local Agency
Boating Facilities Program
Authorizing Resolution
Development Type Projects

Organization Name Resolution No. City of Langley Resolution #

Project Name(s) Town to Harbor Funicular

This is a resolution that authorizes submitting application(s) for grant funding assistance for Boating Facilities Program project(s) to the Recreation and Conservation Office as provided in Chapter 79A.25 RCW, Boating Facilities Program, WAC 286 and subsequent Legislative action.

WHEREAS, our organization has approved a comprehensive parks and recreation plan that includes this project; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Boating Facilities Program (BFP), state grant assistance is requested to aid in financing the cost of facility development; and

WHEREAS, our organization considers it in the best public interest to complete the project described in the application(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Director of Community Planning is authorized to make formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for grant assistance;

2. Any grant assistance received will be used for direct costs associated with implementation of the project referenced above;

3. Our organization hereby certifies that our matching share of project funding will be derived from Rural Economic Development Funds [insert anticipated source(s) of applicant matching share] and that we are responsible for supporting all non-cash commitments to this project should they not materialize.

4. We acknowledge that the grant assistance, if approved, will be paid on a reimbursement basis, meaning we will only request payment from the Recreation and Conservation Office after eligible and allowable costs have been incurred and payment remitted to our vendors, and that the Recreation and Conservation Office will hold retainage until the project is deemed complete.

5. We acknowledge that any facility developed through grant assistance from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board must be reasonably maintained and made available to the general public at reasonable hours and times of the year according to the type of area or facility unless other restrictions have been agreed to by the Recreation and Conservation Office Director or the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

6. We acknowledge that any facility developed with grant assistance from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board must be dedicated for public outdoor recreation purposes, and be retained and maintained for such use for perpetuity unless otherwise provided and agreed to by our organization and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

7. This resolution becomes part of a formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for grant assistance; and

8. We provided appropriate opportunity for public comment on this application.

This resolution was adopted by our organization during the meeting held:

Location Date June 18, 2012

Signed and approved by the following authorized representative:

Signed

Title Date

Attest:

Approved as to form