ATTENDANCE
Members Present: Bob Dalton, Paul Sarkis, Ron Kasprisin, Cathy Rooks
Members Absent: Janet Ploof
Staff Present: Jeff Arango

MINUTES
Minutes of December 20, 2011 were approved.

ACTION ITEMS:
The Design Review Board reviewed and approved an application for new paint colors at 314 First Street (Music for the Eyes).

EARLY DESIGN GUIDANCE
Terry O’Reilly from Novawest Properties and Brian Collins Friedrichs form SKB Architects presented plans for the redevelopment of the Drake property at 200 Wharf Street. The plan is for a four story mixed use building with commercial uses on the first and second floors and two story town house units on the upper two stories. A public stairway is incorporated on the north side of the building to connect to the proposed funicular landing on the second story of the building providing a connection to Cascade Street at the top of the bluff.

Ron Kasprisin felt an important part of the design to be preserved is the building stepbacks and to continue to the use of natural materials on the building façade combined with the more industrial elements evident along Wharf Street.

The importance of treating the roof of the building in an appropriate manner was discussed since it will be visible from Cascade Ave. The potential of utilizing a green roof was discussed.

FUNICULAR PRESENTATION
Jeff Arango gave a presentation on the funicular project. A funicular is essentially an outdoor elevator that would connect Cascade Ave. to Wharf Street along the bluff. It’s primary purpose is to provide a better connection between the downtown, marina and remote parking areas for the marina such as the CMA Park and Ride lot and potentially the Langley Middle School. The project provides a broader set of benefits for access and parking then the Wharf Street widening project.

AUDIENCE INPUT
No audience input.

ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned at 7:35