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City of Langley

Parks & Open Space

MINUTES

December 12, 2018

LANGLEY CITY HALL

112 2nd Street, Langley WA

ATTENDANCE

Gail Fleming, chair

Shanti Loustaunou

Marianne Edain, recording

Staff: Stan Berryman, Director of Public Works and Jill Needham, Planning Assistant

Public: Peter Morton, Council liaison; Bill Painter; Guy Burneko; Victoria Locke; Emi Gun

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

2. Approve agenda

The agenda was approved

3. Approve minutes of 14 November 2018

The minutes were approved

Gail introduced Jill Needham, new Planning Assistant. She will be providing staff support for POS. She can be reached at planningassistant@langleywa.org or ext. 25.

4. Discussion Items:

a. Trail Connections Report

Shanti reported on the walk with Jason Weiss, Kent Hanson, Jill Needham, Chris Korrow of Upper Langley, Julie Buktenica of Talking Circle, Gail Fleming, and Guy Burneko from Upper Langley to Coles Road. Although most of the time they were on Waterman land, a 22ft section of the trail crosses Fossek land. She

mentioned that the utilities easement originating at the treatment plant may make an adequate corridor for a trail. Stan mentioned that this was a utility easement that would have to be amended to allow for pedestrian access.

Gail reported that she met with Kent Hanson and Debra Waterman regarding a use license for the trail, which they declined. She also mentioned that the Watermans were interested in more connections across their land, possibly to Rivendell, or Community Park.

It was pointed out that consistent signage was needed to prevent unintentional trespass. Kent Hanson has offered to speak with the Port to see about funding signs. Stan mentioned the City has some funds for signs. Peter asked for more specific budget requests from POS.

The issue of trail user parking was raised. Signs may be needed to direct vehicles to appropriate parking.

Upper Langley's development approval includes a requirement to grant a trail easement. The Korrows of Upper Langley have expressed interest for that portion of trail to follow their entry road, though that will need to be negotiated.

Guy Burneko pointed out the access trails provide in emergencies as well as their therapeutic value.

b. Trails Vision Plan

Gail reintroduced the plan and asked for comments. Emi proposed she speak with the Port about amending the hours the gate at Langley Marina is open. It was suggested she speak with Ed Halloran at the Port. She also expressed interest in extending the walkway west from 4th St in Fosseck's field. She also would like a connection between 6th St and 3rd St, though this may not be feasible as this area is wetlands.

Jill has consulted with Brigid in finishing the Trails Plan. The goal is to incorporate the Trails Plan into the Transportation element after it is adopted.

c. Seawall Park Update

Stan provided copies of the scope of work estimates, which led to discussion of funding. Peter agreed to break down the scope of work

d. Grants Update

The Goosefoot grant was denied, as was the Garden Tour grant. Marianne and Jill agreed to apply for a small grant with Whidbey Garden Club. Stan is working on submitting for an RCO grant.

5. New Business

The 2019 Work Plan has been added to the January 2019 meeting agenda.

6. Citizen comments

No citizen comments.

7. Announcements

No announcements.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

9. Next Regular Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2019.

Guiding Principles for Citizen Committees and Boards.

- All advisory board and committee meetings are to be conducted in public session and noticed in accordance with state law, unless otherwise advised by the city attorney.
- Individual committee members and the collective group will be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, staff, and each other.
- Committee members will respect the limitations of their individual and collective authority. The role of the committee is to advise the city council and/or staff. Please keep in mind that committee appointment does not empower you to make final decisions, unless authorized by state law or the group's enabling ordinance, or to supervise staff.
- Members will strive to appreciate differences in approach and point of view, whether from each other, the community, the city council, or staff.
- Each member will participate in the group's discussions and work assignments without dominating the discussion or activity of the committee.
- The committee chair will ensure that all members have a fair, balanced, and respectful opportunity to share their knowledge and perspectives.
- The committee will attempt to reach consensus on issues. If consensus is not possible, strong differing opinions, such as "minority" opinions, should be recorded and acknowledged in the committee's report to the city council.
- There should be "no surprises" from the committee, either in the nature of the work being undertaken by the committee or the method and timing for conveyance of recommendations to the city council. The staff liaison fulfills an important role in assisting the committee in this regard.

When presenting recommendations to the Council, it is essential that advisory group members keep the following in mind:

- all recommendations should be in written form;
- all ideas should be expressed in clear and concise language;
- proposed solutions should be viable and cost-effective;
- recommendations should identify the reasons for the changes suggested;
- the advice should reflect a consensus of a majority of the group members.