

Present were: Shanti Loustaunou; Gail Fleming, chair; Marianne Edain, recording; Stan Berryman, staff; Peter Morton, council liaison; Emi Gunn, commission candidate; Trilby Coolidge; Eric Levine, public

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am, a new meeting time.
2. Approve agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.
3. Approve minutes of 12-11-19 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.
4. a. 2020 work plan. Emi suggested installing pathways along appropriate roads and was directed to speak with Stan and Brigid about implementation. Peter supports the plan, which would make Langley more walkable. Stan pointed out that there were questions of rights of way on private property and the need to inventory eligible roads. Shanti and Gail had previously inventoried roads that would benefit from the installation of separated pathways. Gail proposed to include Emi's suggestion in the TIP.

Gail pointed out that the 2020 work plan needed to be updated to include the following:

- Brookhaven Creek – bank restoration project, one day workday
- Sandy Point connecting trail
- Dog park

Peter said he would convey this to Council.

4.a.1. Brookhaven Creek restoration project. Marianne outlined the project. She hopes to solicit volunteers from Langley Main Street and Drew's list, although Shanti and Trilby volunteered as well, and it was suggested that Janet Ploof and Cathy Waymire-Rooks would also be interested. Peter suggested contacting the South Whidbey High School clubs coordinator for potential volunteers. The project consists of taking cuttings of Red osier dogwood and Red flowering currant and sticking them in the creek banks behind the visitors' center, to replace the trees cut down by a beaver. There were some questions about the size of the project and Marianne and Stan agreed to meet on site after the POS meeting. Gail proposed that the project move forward – after the cold weather.

4.a.2. Outer Loop Trail, missing links. Segment 1 runs from Upper Langley to Coles Road. It will be necessary to meet with intervening property owners to obtain permission to cross their land. Gail will spearhead such a meeting. She expects trails advocate Kent Hanson, Debra Waterman's nephew Jason, herself and Emi to participate.

Segment 2 is the portion from the treatment plant to 3rd Street. That segment depends on a survey being performed on the Phil Simon property. Gail proposed that this be added to the 2021 TIP budget, with a projected cost of \$15,000.00. A field trip needs to be organized to examine the feasibility of the trail being sited behind the treatment plant fence. It will also be necessary to obtain the consent of Phil Simon for a trail easement on the existing utility corridor easement. It was agreed to focus on Segment 1 for the present.

4.a.3. Restroom Pilot Project. Gail agreed to email Mayor Tim to ask what progress he had made obtaining access easements from the private property owners along the Seawall corridor. Stan agreed to research obtaining tourism funds for infrastructure. It was further reported that Joann Quintana asked that a second priority be identified, namely ADA access. Stan responded that maintenance had to be the first priority, but that work toward ADA access could be done in concert with maintenance. Peter reported that Ross Chapin's proposed projects around 1st Street/Whale Bell Park had been priced and priorities established. First comes the Wishing Whale, then a walkway to an elevator by the art gallery leading to Whale Bell Park and then on

down to the beach. All of this depends on the condition of the seawall, whose integrity is the first priority. Brigid is seeking data on the projected sea level rise and how that will affect the seawall and infrastructure. Peter says the tourism funds are available, but only with signed access easements.

4.a.4. Sandy Point Connecting Trail. The two parcels fronting on Edgecliff have been sold, so are no longer at issue. The two parcels fronting Sandy Point are expected to remain in current ownership and condition. Gail and Marianne are scheduled to meet with the owner soon.

Shanti raised the very relevant issue of how the city accepts donations of land and suggested that POS generate a document outlining a process for approval by council. Marianne agreed to consult with Jane Seymour, who has created a land trust. She also agreed to ask Brigid what regulations currently exist around land donations.

4.a.5. Dog Park. Eric Levine reported on his research, and submitted a proposal, a 'trial balloon.' He has concerns that the school board has other plans for the optimal dog park sites but is having trouble getting clarity. It was suggested that POS ask the school board what plans they have for the Middle School property. Marianne agreed to ask the school board. It was suggested to approach assistant superintendent Dan Poolman.

5. New Business. Shanti pointed out that the end of Park Street is a city owned right of way, bluff, and beach. It is an unstable area which experiences many slides and contains a major outflow of water, which Stan says is a storm drain. The city owns the pipeline corridor. She asked if the city could secure public access to the shoreline from this point to Seawall Park, although Stan was skeptical. Shanti says that neighbors park their cars on the city owned cul-de-sac and generally discourage the public from using the area. She reported that there is a trail down to a grassy area partway down the bluff which she thinks would benefit from placing a picnic table and some benches there and encouraging public access.

8. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.