

MINUTES  
CITY OF LANGLEY  
PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD  
July 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

ATENDANCE: Gail Fleming, Sue Walsh, Dominique Emerson. Absent: Roger Gage, Colin Campbell, Aaron Simpson  
Staff: Michael Davolio, Cheryl Knighton, Doug Yormick

Sue opened the meeting at 3:05PM. The minutes of the July 1 work session were approved with changes to reflect adding that notices will be posted in the Round Up and Calendar sections of the newspaper and possibly Drew's List.

Minutes from the June 24 meeting were requested but not taken. Michael will get his notes to the board as soon as possible. Cheryl informed the board that a notice was sent out in the utility billing saying: "Please visit [www.designlangley.com](http://www.designlangley.com) to learn more about our Comprehensive Plan update".

Some discussion on the Design Langley website. Doug has gotten a lot of feedback from the public and he was asked to make it available to the public as well as the board. He will have it available by next Wednesday.

Sue explained the process of updating the Comp plan. They will take on pieces at a time. Today the focus will be the "Vision Statement". Audience asked if the entire packet could be posted on the website and on Design Langley. Beginning in August it will be done. Mo from Whidbey Island Arts Gallery said he would like to be involved in the Arts, Culture and Education portion of the update.

### **Vision Statement**

Michael has edited the one that was previously done. Dominique asked if the changes could be in a .doc format from now on so that the board can see the actual changes that have been made, so they have a paper trail. Gail expressed appreciation for Michael's sensitiveness in the wording. Sue would like some integration with The Village by the Sea concept. She would like to see a goal related to sustainability added. They will be attached at the end. Also there were some concerns about our water supply, quality and environmental issues. Possibly a separate line item for this. Possibly adding another goal (#10) that encourages younger families, and more diverse population to come to Langley. Possibly create a group to promote this.

Kathleen Landel has suggestions, mostly editing items, she will turn in so Michael can review them and make changes noted where necessary.

### **Sustainability**

Dominique asked if we have ample water supply. Michael says yes according to what he has read. He will get verification. Marianne Edain feels it should not be "assumed" that we will always have an ample supply of water and that we should be prudent where our water supply is concerned. Carl Magnusson is concerned about planning for resilience and to how to act quickly in an emergency situation. Marianne said we need to get our neighborhoods to come together to make plans for emergence situations. Also we need to think about climate change and how that will affect us.

## **Urban Growth Area**

Sue gave a background of how the board moved through the UGA process. Her notes will be added to the end of these minutes. She feels the board should recognize the county's recommendations.

**Motion** – Gail – to shrink the UGA to the city limits. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Colin.

Discussion: Colin asked Michael to summarize his recommendation that is different from the boards. He said he is generally in agreement that the UGA should be smaller. There was discussion of public services, zoning and annexation in those areas in the UGA. Marianne feels it is in Langley's best interest to shrink it. Michael recommends to shrink it, but not to the city limits because of the public services that eventually could be installed and environmental protection of the bluffs and hospitality service needs.

Jonathan Moses feels the planner is working against the board. He wanted to correct the record regarding sewers and the LID. Bluff stability has been the topic for years, and the city is not listening to the residents. It is storm water runoff that is effecting the bluffs not septic tanks.

Dominique is concerned about data, and wants more of it before a decision is made.

Michael suggested that the motion be tabled until the Board has had a chance to hear the county's presentation at the next meeting.

Discussion – they have already heard from the county and don't want to table it.

The previous motion to shrink the UGA to the city limits was carried and approved 4 – 1.

## **Project Updates**

Michael had handed out a memo regarding the Langley Passage update. He stated what processes would be taking place during the project. A copy of the application for grading, clearing, drainage, water system, sewer system and project details have been forwarded to the Public Works department and the City engineer for their review.

He has met with the applicant and will continue to do so through out the project to make sure the process goes as per the approved Preliminary Plat. The city attorney will also be kept informed as the project progresses.

He stated he would be happy to stay after the meeting to answer any questions the audience or the board may have at this point.

Meeting adjourned 5:00PM