

MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
April 1, 2015

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

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

Motion by Dominique to approve the March 4, 2015 minutes, second- Roger

Discussion:

Marina Access Alternatives

Michael passed out a draft agenda for the public Charrette meeting showing the process. He explained how he would like to proceed after the meeting results are gathered. Basically he will bring three alternatives board 3 alternatives with rough financial analysis to the board, and it would be then submitted to the council for approval.

Ursula Rosen-Runge will facilitate the meeting and she walked the board through the process she envisions for the Charrette. The goal is to invite the public into a safe environment and to have an idea of what the public would like and not like.

Colin still feels there has not been any "needs" brought forward to show that we need the meeting. He felt that a needs Assessment should be completed to justify the direction and help in our recommendation and decision making process with clear data and facts. He felt that having a public Charrette without this information would be inappropriate. He suggested that we gather data and facts by identifying usage/volume of traffic people etc showing the continued growth of the Marina over the last 3 years which Michael confirmed he would get from the Port authority.

Michael explained that there will be a way to vote so people will not feel intimidated. Possibly after the meeting an email will be sent out to those who have signed in and left their email address, like a survey monkey. Sharon Emerson asked if people could just sign in and leave and not attend the meeting and still be able to vote. Robin Black likes the idea of the survey monkey. She feels people need to be informed of all the options with a brief description of the benefits and the disadvantages of each idea. Aaron is curious as to what the vote would achieve. He feels it could discourage people from participating. Sue is hoping the outcome will be that the board will have an idea of which options the public has prioritized. She does not feel a survey would be effective. Does not see the tangible effects of it.

Colin would like to see the meeting not be three hours long. Most everyone agreed, maybe an hour and a half. Sue thinks maybe more of an open forum meeting should take place, rather than structured. Fred McCarthy spoke on the grant application. He pointed out how the grant is structured. What the grant will pay for and how the criteria of the grant needs to be met. The grant is the running force. If the criteria is not met, then the grant will not pay. The project needs to meet Economic Development, Employment and the Six Year Capital Improvement Plan criteria. The board would like to have copies of the grant to review.

Michael passed out an Alternatives worksheet. Showing the different options and the benefits that they should meet. There were some issues added. View impact, eligible for grant funding and bluff impact.

Everyone feels that the grant information needs to be put out on the table at the beginning of the meeting so the public knows what criteria the project needs to meet. Michael asked if everyone agreed that there will be no vote after the meeting. The board agreed.

Dominique asked about the bluff stabilization. Fred indicated that the pipe that was found has been tight lined. The railing has been installed, a sidewalk put in, and plants have been planted. He feels we have as much as we can without rebuilding Wharf Street. Sharon Emerson stated that the engineer recommended a retaining wall should be installed. Or a mesh to catch the falling debris for safety purposes.

It was decided that the Charrette will begin at 6:30PM and run until 8:30PM. The board will meet at 5:00 prior to the meeting. There will be an additional meeting of the PAB next week on Wednesday April 8 at 3:00.

Project Updates:

Michael stated that the Upper Langley Project will be going to the hearing Examiner on April 17th.

Meeting adjourned, 4:50PM