

## Minutes of Parks & Open Space commission meeting of 9-14-16

Present were: Shanti Loustaunou, Socorro Rodriguez, Gail Fleming, Marianne Edain recording. Guy Burneko, public, Stan Berryman, staff

The meeting was called to order at 3:00.

The minutes of the 8-24-16 meeting were read and revised to correct an error in the Public Works budget report. The budget for this calendar year is \$75,665.00.

The minutes were approved as revised.

Stan presented the commission with a budget and accounting sheet.

Socorro reported that people are donating money for a new sign at Generation Park, in particular to honor Tucker Stevens. She asked if there were funds in the city's budget for a sign. Stan said there were and said that he would add \$1000 to his coming budget request, for "park supplies" to cover such expenses.

All agreed that Tucker's widow, Katherine, needs to be consulted on any sign honoring Tucker.

Discussion continued around the needs of Generation Park. Socorro said there were some Community Club funds for park improvement. She offered to post the design of any sign. She asked Stan how the council approves these matters. One issue which has been discussed often is the moving of the fence around Generation Park. Stan said this would not require any funds, merely volunteer energy, and that volunteers have already come forward. It was determined that private parties could indeed fund park improvements. It was determined that once funds are allocated, they may be used for similar purposes in other locations.

There was discussion of Seawall Park and the meeting scheduled for 9-27-16. Langley police wish to limit the hours of the park and council had asked POS for a recommendation. The original proposal was to place a curfew on the park from midnight to 6:00 am. This led to a major discussion, bringing in former police chief Herzberg.

Ultimately, the POS agreed unanimously to advise the council:

- ~ table the matter for 6 months, giving time to study the situation, institute alternatives, and see if those alternatives resolve the situation.
- ~ more frequent litter patrols during those 6 months.
- ~ increased police patrols during those 6 months.
- ~ encourage 1<sup>st</sup> Street property owners to cut back vegetation to open up the area.
- ~ the city to publicize the new policy.

The upcoming budget request was discussed, including items on the POS 'to do' list which have gone undone for lack of funding. These include:

- ~ proposed plant salvage program
- ~ wetland mapping in 'middle Langley' area preparatory to laying out trails
- ~ possible Coles Road parallel trail
- ~ POS master plan

The POS agreed unanimously to request \$6000 in the upcoming budget to cover these items.

As time grew short, the discussion of criteria for off leash dog parks was postponed.

There was discussion of the upcoming report to council on 9-19-16. Gail agreed to make the presentation.

The POS comp plan element was discussed. It was determined that Tables 1 and 2 were still out of date and require review and update. Item PO 14 still requires standards for off leash dog parks. The discussion of core areas and corridors appears to be moving to Goal 2.

This led to discussion of two new documents to be prepared: a Master Plan and a Management Plan. POS felt that this was too much to take on alone and asked for staff support. There was once a management plan prepared by Challis Stringer. POS asked Stan to find that plan in hopes of using it as a template.

It was agreed that the first document to be completed has to be review and adoption of the comp plan element. Once that is done, then POS can take on the Master Plan.

As an aside, it was noted that bicyclists are unhappy with the 6 year transportation plan, which they feel ignores their needs. The question was raised whether this is covered in the POS element of the comp plan.

Gail and Marianne were tasked with conveying the POS's comments and proposed amendments to the comp plan element to Planner Brigid.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00.