

Minutes
City of Langley
Planning Advisory Board
November 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM

Attendance:

Members present: Roger Gage, Aaron Simpson, Gail Fleming, Sue Walsh, Dominique Emerson

Staff present: Jeff Arango, Cheryl Knighton

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Aaron to approve October 1, 2014 Minutes. Second, Roger Approved unanimously.

Urban Growth Boundary

Jeff gave a summary of the report from Island County on Buildable Lands Analysis. He recommended reducing the UGA for the City of Langley based on the report. There was some discussion from the board regarding greenbelts and open space areas. How long will it be before we are mandated to “shrink” the UGA. What would they recommend to the council? Possibly and inter local agreement with Island County.

Dominique would like to table this until she can research it more. What controls will we lose? What about the preservation of trees?

Aaron moved to retract the UGA to city limits. Roger second. Discussion: Dominique, Gail and Sue feel they want more time to research. It is not urgent that they pass this today. It can wait until the next meeting. Possibly put forth a plan of conditions to the council as a guideline when they go to the county with an agreement. Aaron amends his motion and now moves to ask the council to wait on the UGA until the board can give a draft of conditions and guidelines to them to move forward. Sue will speak to this at the next council meeting in the semi-annual report. Roger 2nd, approved.

Vision Statement

Jeff made the changes that were discussed at the last meeting. Some discussion on more changes. Dominique asked why not add retired people in the economic plan section? Sue feels there should be a balance between retail and knowledge based businesses. Possibly define “knowledge base” better. Aaron wonders what is the economic wellbeing of Langley? Lower retail prices, lower rents, affordable housing, availability of employment. Should the cost of living be addressed in the Vision Statement?

The board feels # 13 should be brought forward to #6, and to add knowledge based businesses to the goals.

Meeting adjourned – 4:50pm

