

Minutes  
City of Langley  
Planning Advisory Board  
Public Hearing  
August 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM

**Attendance:**

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

Staff present: Jeff Arango, Cheryl Knighton

**Public Hearing - Proposed Revisions to Ordinance 989 - opened 3:05**

**Amplified Music**

Thomas opened the meeting and explained how he wanted to run the meeting. Opening statements from the board, then public comments, then back to the board for final decision.

Board comments:

Gail said she was enlightened by the letter she had received and is open to hearing more input from the community. Roger felt the same, as well as Aaron. He would like to hear more from the residence surrounding Mo's Pub. Thomas feel the same. He realizes the impact of noise levels as he is impacted by traffic noise where he lives. He feels it may be premature to move forward with the amendment at this point. Dominique feels there is a problem in the area, in particularly the parking and the noise that goes with it. She feels it's the process she has a concern with. She has some concerns with using an ordinance for conditional use.

Public Input:

Craig Carty of 2<sup>nd</sup> street said no one wants to shut Mo's down. He feels it's a zoning issue and thought it had been taken care of with a compromise. Frank Ploof of Anthes, agrees with the original Ordinance 989. Troy Chapman of Decker, supports the amended ordinance. But what is "amplified" music? Feels there should be a definition of "amplified" in the ordinance. Feels it is a meaningless term at this point. Dominique read the current noise ordinance.

Socorro Rodriguez of 3<sup>rd</sup> street, Moved here because of the small town community. Does not feel sound waves will stop at the property line. Does not want music every night as she can hear it clearly from her house. It is not consistent with the zoning. Why does this subject continually keep coming up? Wants to lead a quiet peaceful life in Langley. Wants the board to please remember this is a neighborhood. Feels the few permitted events are ok, but not nightly, because of the late night noise.

Kay Laugerquist of 2<sup>nd</sup> street, says there is an impact on the neighborhood. More music, more people, more people more parking, more noise. There have been violations of code and ordinance. The original ordinance says zero noise in residential area. Then it was changed from no events to 6. She laid out the history of Mo's with the violations and the music. Feels the current code cannot be enforced so why do another one that would be harder to enforce. It's not just the music, but the increasing number of people and parking that create more noise after hours. Feels Mo's should move to the central district of Langley, they have outgrown their present building. She does not want to come back to this again. She ask that the board not give it 6 months before deciding what to do.

Connie Marcucci of Sunrise, is happy that the board is including the residents in on this decision because it sometimes feels like the residents are getting "squeezed" out.

Cynthia Tilkin, of In the Country, read a statement regarding the contract that Maureen had signed some years ago, the violations Mo's has had, and asked the board if they were aware of them. Feels the city owes the residence and apology for allowing Mo's to become what it is. Feels Mo's should move to the downtown area. Russell a musician, has walked around MO's at night while there was music. He would not want to live next to a place with music, and feels the community should be the ones who decide. He would support the ordinance and hopes there is a way to support music in Langley.

Craig Stevens, musician, says having a local place to play is great and we need places like Mo's for musicians to play. Asked about the noise ordinance.

Maureen asked Dominique about the Saturday night she was walking her dogs when she observed loudness. Dominique said it was around 10:30PM, there were many people spilling out on to the deck, door open and very noisy. Maureen stated that if what the city and the community want is no music, then it will happen.

Chris says it does not make sense that a saxophone can play but an electric keyboard cannot. Steve O'Sullivan feels there are two different issues. One being the music and the other the people. Maureen has no control over the people. The pub shuts down at 8:30pm during the week and 10:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. Does not feel that is too late.

Board input:

Thomas feels it's not the music so much as the patrons and their behavior. Know of the behavior because of driving taxi. They can be loud, and they do make an impact on the neighborhood. He feels the community has made a good point. Also knows that enforcement is a problem. How do they address that issue? Dominique would like the law to just set for a while and see what happens.

Jeff feels that because the community does not support it, then the board should not either.

Motion to reject Amending Ordinance 989, Sue, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Roger. Approved to reject.

### **County Wide Population Projection**

Jeff explained the steps of how the county picks the projections. They have projected growth up to 9400 people in the next 20 years. There will be a public hearing on August 26 in Coupeville. Motion to accept the County Population Projection – Dominique, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger. Approved.

Dominique asked if Jeff could get her the agenda and handouts about a week before the meeting.

Meeting adjourned – 4:50pm