

MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
March 5, 2014

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

ATENDANCE: Roger Gage, Gail Fleming, Sue Walsh Dominique Emerson, Paul Goldfinger, Aaron Simpson
Staff: Jeff Arango, Cheryl Knighton, Katie Haima.

Motion by Dominique to approve the February 5th minutes with changes, second – Roger, approved.

Presentation

Paul Schell and Eric with Flat Rock Productions presented the board with a handout sketch of the design plans for his Wharf Street project. He explained the elevator verses the funicular connection to Cascade. There is a total of half a million dollars slated for the project. The elevator will give boaters an advantage as they can load large carts into it for carrying goods to and from their boats. The elevator will have a wraparound stairwell that will be eliminated with lights and a view look out at the top.

Comments: Paul asked about safety of the elevator. Aaron mentioned that if the grant money is not used from the county, they will revoke it. Sue asked if an LID would need to be formed. Gail is nervous about the funicular and the unstableness of the bluff. She is not happy that the view will be somewhat obstructed on Cascade. Marianne is concerned about tree removal and the stability of the bluff and sea level rise in the future.

Code Amendments

Jeff introduced Katie Haima as our new intern.

Jeff gave a brief explanation of the changes to the code amendments as presented at the last meeting. He made minor changes in Applicability, Enforcement, Tree Retention, and City Forester. There was brief discussion, and overall everyone was satisfied with the code as presented.

MOTION: To direct Jeff to prepare the ordinance on Landscaping & Tree Retention Standards for Public Hearing. Motion – Aaron, 2nd Gail. Motion passed without opposition.

Design Review Overview Presentation

Jeff presented the board with a slide show of the overview of the Design Review Board. He explained the Legal Issues, Roles, Responsibilities and the Process of the DRB. The goal is for the DRB to be an advisory board who is fair and open, but not arbitrary. They must focus on process and be involved, to review and advise. His hope is that they will also be involved with city planning and design of public spaces. Jeff gave a few examples of other cities who use the DRB in the same capacity. He will be moving forward with his recommendation to the council.

Meeting adjourned 4:45PM

