

MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
June 18, 2014

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

ATTENDANCE: Gail Fleming, Sue Walsh, Dominique Emerson, Paul Goldfinger,

Absent: Aaron Simpson

Staff: Jeff Arango, Cheryl Knighton, Katie Haima.

Motion by Roger to approve the May 14 minutes with changes, second – Gail, approved.

DISCUSSION – Historic Overlay – Demolition of Historical Buildings

Jeff presented the board with a memo of his recommendations and process for adopting an ordinance for historic overlays and creating standards. He reminded the board that we are working on a tight timeline to get this adopted. At this time there are no resources to go by because there have not been any standards set in Langley. He gave some examples of standards for the demolition of historic structures that have been developed in another city. He thinks we should focus on the buildings that are on the National Registry at this time and then during the updating of the Comprehensive Plan, move on to setting up guidelines for buildings that have been altered.

Sue feels we should focus on a larger historical overlay in the 1st street area. We want to maintain the character of the buildings in the community and set up guidelines for creating a historical district. Jeff thinks this would take longer than the allotted time we have because of the 6 month moratorium.

There should be standards set that would address the process of demolition. What constitutes the historical structure? When may it be demolished? What will the process be? Look at a preservation program.

Thomas Gill feels that we need to set a standard for maintaining the buildings and that there needs to be a process/guidelines set before the demolition is allowed.

Sue thinks there should be some incentives set to restore the buildings. Lori McNeal agrees that it is expensive to maintain the historic character of the buildings. Paul would like to see something done sooner than later.

Jeff will take all of the recommendations and bring to the next meeting a draft ordinance for demolition standards for buildings listed on the national register of historic buildings.

DISCUSSION – 2016 Comprehensive Plan

Jeff passed out a draft overview of the Public Participation Program. Langley is required to complete its update by June 30, 2016. What are the goals? Who are the stakeholders? What are the roles of the PAB, the administration and the public? There is a schedule of the project timeline. It explains how the plan establishes policies for community growth. Sometime should be spent developing a visionary

element for Langley. Jeff hopes to use Blogs, the city website and public meetings as much as possible to get public input.

Project Updates

Second Street is done mostly. The tables and chairs for the plaza still need to arrive. All and all everyone is happy with the outcome. Some discussion on the Richard Francisco project.

The next meeting will be July 3.

Meeting adjourned 4:20PM