

**MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
August 25, 2008**

Mayor Paul Samuelson called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Leah Green (Chair), Dave Schmidt, Cary Peterson,
Michael Cramer, Nancy Rowan
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Fred Evander, Kathleen Landel, Paul Samuelson
Council Present: Rene Neff

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Mayor Paul Samuelson welcomed the members to the first meeting of the Commission. He expressed his appreciation for their willingness to serve in this important role.

CHAIR APPOINTMENT

Mayor Samuelson announced his appointment of Leah Green as Chair of the Commission. Since the Commission is newly formed, the mayor makes the appointment based on the interview process. Green chaired the Housing Group for the Comp Plan process and was on the Comp Plan Integration Team.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves, say a bit about their background and explain what they were looking forward to in serving on the Commission.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Each member received a notebook. Kathleen Landel reviewed the items in the notebook with discussions on the codes governing the Commission's work including the Open Meetings Act and managing conflicts of interest. The Commission reviewed the list of duties and responsibilities in Chapter 2.57 Parks and Open Space Commission.

Landel highlighted the written recommendations by the Comp Plan Parks & Open Space Committee. A member of the public, Gail Fleming, who was on the Comp Plan committee, shared an additional resource from the committee, a public parks inventory compiled by Harrison Goodall. Landel will contact Mr. Goodall in order to get copies for the Commission members.

Green provided a handout and discussed the Commission immediate objectives and the process for the Commission's assigned task by the City Council, to revise the Parks & Open Space Element of the Comp Plan.

Fred Evander presented a work plan for the next 17-months, explaining that the Commission's work would include compiling a lands inventory, identifying opportunities/ideas and then prioritizing the parks and open space needs. There was discussion about the work plan with questions from public members, Fleming and Rhonda Salerno, about how the previous committee's work would be incorporated into the Commission's work. There were comments about would the commission be considering open space as well as parks. The response was that the commission is mandated to develop a plan for parks and open space.

DOWNTOWN MINI-PARK EXERCISE

The Commission took a tour of Boy & Dog Park and Seawall Park, tested out the inventory tool and made suggested changes. Evander will make changes to the inventory tool and send out to the members.

ADJOURN

The Chair asked for an assessment of the meeting. The member's assessment of the meeting was very positive. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

The meeting was held at Langley City Hall. The next regular Parks & Open Space Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2008 at 2:30 PM. Minutes were taken by Kathleen Landel.