

MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
Public Hearing
January 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Members Present: Sue Walsh, Christy Korrow, Roger Gage, Ron Kasprisin

Absent: Gail Fleming

Staff: Jack Lynch, Cheryl Knighton, Doug Yormick

Sue introduced herself and gave a brief outline of the meeting.

Jack went over the Elements that have been updated so far. He explained that the Scenic Corridor Streetscape will be rolled into Land Use and Transportation. He indicated that Housing is a big issue as far as affordability and how to enhance it along with the service and work force community and how Langley can meet those needs.

Jake Ostitis submitted a letter to the board regarding Sunrise Lane. His letter will be added as an addendum along with these minutes.

Leanne Finley Spoke on the GMA. She would like to see the vote be rescinded and that the board go back and take a closer look at the UGA and what the community wants. She asked for a response from the board on the items she gave to the board, of which will be an addendum to these minutes.

Mo Jerome spoke and was very pleased to see the Arts Commission formed. He wants low cost housing similar to Maple Ridge. Possibly look for grant funds.

Kathleen Waters spoke and said she feels the vibrancy of Langley has disappeared. She is offering advice. She says when looking for a planner, get a good one and keep him/her. Look at MRSC for training for open public meetings. Take advantage of the new members of the board as well as the council. It's a new beginning. Listen to your community and follow the law.

Tiny Fossek Tillman asked that the board reconsider their vote and supports Leanne's letter.

Public Hearing closed 7:15pm

After the Public Hearing was closed, members of the PAB and audience discussed issues related to the UGA. The City Planner advised that the Land Use Element including UGA will again be on the agenda for the February 17, 2016 Public Hearing as well as all other Comprehensive Plan update Elements.

Roger said people have told him that they were against the shrinking of the UGA. He is sorry he voted the way he did, but just went with the majority. He thinks it needs more discussion and that the decision should be reevaluated.

Some discussion on making an advisory recommendation to council for reconsider the decision on the UGA. Ron would like the UGA put on the agenda for the next public hearing. Sue said that the board is

not against growth. There are measures in place through the county where the UGA is concerned. Ron feels the county has inadequately defined the UGA.

Jack added that the state gives the population growth projections. He explained the counties process for projecting the population growth. Langley has only grown 15% in the last 10 years. The UGA decision does not become final until the council adopts it and then the county makes the decision all of which there will be more public input. Ron said quote” The buildable lands analysis by the county is BS.” He thinks there is enough public comments to revisit the decision.

Leanne again said she does not feel the UGA has been analyzed enough. Where would we build a Maple Ridge? At least have something in the UGA so that there can be choices. She also said that the south end as a total is growing at 1% more than Langley.

Ron said that the primary mission of the PAB is to support their community. Maybe offer some public forums? Roger is concerned about meeting the deadline of the Comp Plan Update.

Adjourned 7:45PM