

**Greenway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2009**

Members Present: Eric Hirst, Jim Zander, John Blethen, Scott Dorough, Glenn Merrill, Steve Walker, Linda Grant, Rod Dean

Members Excused: Kenni Merritt

Board Liaisons Present: Jim McCabe, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board liaison

Staff Present: Tim Wahl, Leslie Bryson

Guests Attending: Joe Yaver, Christopher Grannis, Jack Weiss, John Carter

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2009 meeting minutes approved as written.

Agenda Review: Accepted as written.

Public Comment Period: Joe Yaver and Christopher Grannis attended as representatives of Responsible Development and provided informational materials to the Committee.

Old Business: There was a brief discussion of whether or not to draft a letter to the City Council regarding adoption of Greenway Program Strategic Plan provisions for neighborhoods south of Whatcom Creek.

New Business: Finance Director John Carter presented a review of the City's financial status and potential financing mechanisms (loans and bond issues) to address cash flow shortages during the life of the 2006 levy. Short term bank loans appeared to be viable way to address levy cash shortages.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Monthly Walk: The Committee decided to schedule the monthly walk for Wednesday, June 3rd at 5:30 to examine properties in the Interurban Basin project area.

Fairhaven Highlands. Staff updated the Committee on timelines involving the EIS review and release and the Committee discussed general opportunities and potential actions involving the Highlands.

Executive Session: An executive session was conducted for general review of ongoing property acquisition work. No decisions were made.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.