

LA CONNER PARKS COMMISSION

MEETING FEBRUARY 12th, 2020 9:15 AM

CIVIC GARDEN CLUB

Meeting was called to order at 9:18 and adjourned at 10:10 with a quorum of Ken Lee, Martin Howard, Annie Taylor, Marty Pease and Ollie Iversen. Also present were Scott Thomas, Town Administrator and Mary Wohleb, Councilperson.

Ongoing project updates

- A. **Waterfront Park Rock Wall Permit-** *Scott Thomas said there is a new Corps manager for this area and was told by her it could be permitted in time for this year's building period. More later.*
- B. **Parks Walking Tour Brochure-** *Ollie showed the comp and made sure everyone knew it was still in the writing stage with changes to come. The format will remain with only new wording.*
- C. **Walking Trail Guide-** *Ollie met with Linda Talman, who is responsible for updating this County brochure for our Town and sent her the desired changes at the end of January via email. March is the projected deadline for this brochure to be finished.*
- D. **Visitors Map-** *Ollie met with Skagit Publishing, who owns and prints this brochure, at the La Conner Chamber office and reviewed the changes which will be made in the upcoming 2020 Brochure. It should be out in March.*
- E. **Dog Park-** *No updates.*
- F. **Park signage-** *Brian Lease of Public Works says the park direction signs should be placed in March. Martin Howard asked about the signs just to the West of Town Hall and asked why we have a direction sign to I-5 there when a Park direction sign may be more appropriate. Martin and Ollie will ask Brian Lease about this and report back.*
- G. **Fiddler Crab Sign-** *Ollie spoke about his meeting with stone sign maker Lucy Mae VanZanden of Todd's Monuments and showed 8 different ideas from her along with a photo of the stone which will be used. He reported the pricing will be under \$500 and by consensus, one style was chosen. Town Hall has the Todd's Monuments invoice to process.*

New Business

- A. *Scott Thomas spoke about the future of the leased ballfield park on Maple Street saying the owner is about to sell the property. The price is too high for Town to consider, yet Scott found a possible RCO Grant which could fund a portion of the property. The grant monies must be used for a youth facility and we suggested he go ahead and write for it using maybe a basketball court or other outdoor activities. The grant request must be submitted before May 1st. More to come on this.*
- B. *Mary Wolheb asked we evaluate areas that may be chosen for appropriate artwork placement by the Arts Commission in parks. Marty Pease will investigate this in the upcoming months and come back with her findings.*