

LA CONNER PARKS COMMISSION

MEETING March 11th, 2020 9:15 AM

Maple Hall Fireside Room

Meeting was called to order at 9:17 and adjourned at 9:47 with a quorum of Ken Lee, Martin Howard, Marty Pease, Annie Taylor and Ollie Iversen. Also, present were Mayor Ramon Hayes and Town Administrator Scott Thomas.

1. Ongoing project updates

- A. **Waterfront Park Rock Wall Permit** -Mayor Hayes reported the Town has received our permit to finish the armoring rock wall along the waterside of Conner Waterfront Park. Brian Lease will be requesting bids for the work so we can move ahead in early August of this year.
- B. **Parks Walking Tour Brochure**-The brochures are completed and at Town Hall and the Chamber office. Marty Pease asked about placing them at both ends of Channel Passage, Log Park near the map and at the Morris Street Bathrooms near the new town map when it is in place.
- C. **Visitors Map**-Due to be printed this month with parks in the legend and all Parks marked
- D. **Park signage**-Due to be placed this month
- E. **Fiddler Crab Sign**-Town Council has yet to approve the invoice and per Scott Thomas it should happen at the next Council meeting. When that occurs the sign should be approved, finished and placed in April.
- F. **Maple Street Ballpark**-We learned Tuesday that the Maple Street Ballfield is being put up for sale by the owner of the property, Dave Hedlin. The council is thinking about making a part of it a Park with the remainder being residential with Town having control of how the site would be built. The park portion would be purchased using grant monies. We discussed in both meetings we should not be in the view corridor, have parking, basketball half-court, Pickleball courts, picnic table, some benches with a shade tree or two and some sort of young kids play area. This information was given to Curt Miller, landscape designer at Tuesday's meeting who will begin an initial plan drawing of the site.

New Business

Marty Pease, in response to Mary Wohleb's previous request, to have art selection sites pre-selected, gave the following paper with her ideas:

Visit to parks for possible art sites and dog park ideas

My sister and I walked the parks yesterday. We didn't go to Gilkey Sq because the general consensus at our meeting was no art there. I also didn't look at Waterfront since the plans are on going.

Pioneer Park: anywhere in the grass area at the bottom of the stairs that go to the street

Channel Passage: right of the kiosk

Dirty Biter: lots of places

Old Log park: there is already a cement base for something, one idea was to either take down or move the bulletin board because the hill side behind it is very pretty

Benton street stairs: there are a couple of spots at the bottom of the stairs, also on the hillside as you go up the stairs, that would make the stairs very attractive to have art along it as you go up or down

Peace Park: a small piece in the NE corner or in the area where the torso is

Washington Street: by the benches or trash can

Old Fire Hall: anywhere in there

Dog park: I don't know exactly where the shoreline is going to be worked on along waterfront park but is there plans for a kayak launching place? It is awkward off the boat ramp. Just south of the boat ramp could be made into a launch area: either sand or small pebbles or remove the bigger rocks, could also be used as a small area to swim dogs

Pioneer Park: I am unsure of how different areas of the park are being used: on the south side of the road there is a grassy area, a bit small for a dog park but could work, also the flat area on the way up to the water tower on the north side: That could be fenced and allow for 4-5 parking spots, yes, it is not perfectly flat and has trees but may work well, I still am on the page of making the trails on the north side off leash

Annie Taylor mentioned the board at Log Park will be the placement for the new town map when completed, and there was not any other comments on the rest of the sites, with only the stipulation of knowing what the art was, prior to awarding a park site.