

LA CONNER PARKS COMMISSION

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING JULY 8TH, 2020 9:30 AM

Meeting was called to order at 9:33 by Ollie Iversen and adjourned at 10:32 with a quorum of Ken Lee, Martin Howard, and Ollie Iversen. Also present were Scott Thomas, Town administrator and Mary Wohleb, Town Councilperson. Also present was presenter Curt Miller, designer.

1. Ongoing project updates
 - A. Waterfront Park Rock Wall Permit/Timing – *The bids for this were opened last week, with only one bidder and the price came in higher than expected. The budget is \$150,000 and the final number would roughly be \$210,000 to \$215,000. This will go back to the Council next week to see how they want to proceed. If finished this year it would have to be during the “Fish” window which is August 1st through the end of February 2021. Brian mentioned every year we hold off, the cost could go up about 15%. Scott mentioned the erosion is not at the street yet although it is getting close.*
 - B. Fiddler Crab Sign – *Ollie asked about payment for the sign and Scott Thomas said all small expenses have been put on hold.*
 - C. Visitors Map – *Ollie told the group that the two laminated signs are completed and yet to be delivered. When they arrive, they will be given to Public Works to install at Log Park and Morris Street restrooms.*
 - D. Maple Street Ballpark -*This was moved to first up on the agenda as presenter/designer Curt Miller had a prior commitment today. His concept (get drawings from Town Hall) for the area shows the park taking about one fourth of the Hedlin property at the NW corner with about 200’ along Maple Street and about 100’ along Talbott Street. The park would contain a basketball half-court at the north end, two pickleball courts along the Maple Street side with two kids play equipment zones along with benches, on the south side. At the NW corner would also be a Port-A-Potty, a storage building, benches, picnic tables, and a drinking fountain. There would be paths leading kids to the play area they pick. The entire area would be fenced using several different types, from chain-link to wood barriers like at Conner Waterfront Park. There would be 7 or 8 angle parking spots on the Talbott Street side. The rest of the Hedlin site would be residential lots with a one-way lane separating the park from the homes. There would be 6 to 7 home building lots with most of them on the east side with farmland views. There was nothing to vote on at this time, yet all in attendance were delighted with the plan. Martin Howard asked if there was a possibility that the residential builder could be asked to develop the park as part of his commitment for building the homes. Scott Thomas said he was not sure if this could be done. Mary Wohleb said she hoped the homes would be middle income affordable. At this point Curt had to leave the meeting.*

New Business – There were no new business items to discuss.