

## PARKS MEETING NOTES FOR APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> 2022

### GARDEN CLUB

*The meeting was called to order by Ollie Iversen at 9:35 AM with a Parks quorum consisting of Marty Pease, Ken Lee, Mike Bucy, Martin Howard, and Ollie Iversen. Also, in attendance were Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, and Mary Wohleb, Town Councilperson. Interested Town folks in attendance were Marilyn Thostenson, Marna Hanneman, Jeri Rudolf, Bill Kohlhaase, and John Leaver, guest presenter for the Gilkey Square "Heart of La Conner" sign.*

#### Old Business

- A. Conner Waterfront Park Water Fountain-*On hold at this time*
- B. Parks Walking Guide reprint-*Revised, printed and distributed to Chamber and Town Hall*
- C. Parks maps reprint-*New maps for 2022 completed and two laminated maps are now up at Morris Street bathrooms and at Log Park*
- D. Pavilion Update-*No new costs at this time. Permits are in process this week*
- E. Arborist Update-*No timeline*
- F. Maple St Park Drawing Discussion-*Parks enjoyed the Maple St Park early drawings and are looking forward to final art and moving forward.*
- G. The "Heart Of La Conner" Sign at Gilkey Square Presentation-*Jon Leaver started off the presentation explaining that Tulip Town would like to be the primary sponsor and would change out with seasonal fresh flowers, or plants monthly in the sign base as needed throughout the year. The piece could be disassembled and stored during the winter months, although who would take down and store the piece was not determined. He said the manager of Skagit Crest Winery, in Gilkey Square, would keep the flowers watered. He went through how it would look and that it would be placed on the southern concrete riser at the back of Gilkey and it still could be used as a seating area. The summer music in the square and the Christmas tree in December would not be interfered with at all. John then took questions. Public Works in an email had two questions, first, was Corten Steel, as it is designed will rust and then run onto the concrete, this is not acceptable. Second, the small cutouts in the steel are an attraction for little kids' fingers and it might be best to handle it in a different way. The Corten Steel base could be powder coated which would make it look similar to Corten then would not rust and stain the concrete. The small cutouts could be etched instead of punched. It was said the Love inside a heart is not the Chamber's logo and the heart was not accepted by Parks. The sign is at the north end of town and the drawing shows the town from the south. It should be reversed as it is confusing. It was asked if the Swinomish Tribe has seen the rendering of their side of the Channel, and John said they had and accepted it.*  
*Mike Bucy put a motion on the floor with the stipulation to approve the sign in its configuration and placement in Gilkey Square with the above noted changes to the sign and base, along with approval and final contracts of maintenance, watering, assemblage, and storage along with plant maintenance are all complete, plus dropping, or changing the heart. Marty Pease seconded it and the vote was unanimous.*
- H. Cleaning Up Roundabout-*We are pleased with what the contract landscapers are doing, and it looks good.*

**New Business**

No new business was brought to the floor.

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM*

*Ollie Iversen*

*Park Commission*