

PARKS MEETING NOTES FOR JUNE 8TH 2022

9:30 AM Fireside Room

The meeting was called to order by Ollie Iversen at 9:31 AM with a quorum of Martin Howard, Mike Bucy and Ollie Iversen. Also in attendance were Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, Mary Wohleb, Town Councilperson and Ivan Carlson, Town Councilperson. Guests present were Sarah Johnson and Nick Fennel of the La Conner Arts Commission, Tracy Powell, artist of "Peace Dove" and C.J. Ebert, Developer of Snapdragon Hill.

Public comments

The Memorandum from the Town of La Conner dated May 18, 2022, was adopted and the Heading "Public Comments" will always be the leadoff item of all upcoming Parks meetings. Also, the meeting was recorded, as will all Parks meeting in the future. Scott Thomas handled the recording, and it will be on the Town website, for up to six months after every meeting.

Old Business

- A. Pavilion Update-*The request for a building permit has been sent to the County and they are backed up, so it is in a holding pattern. There are no new building cost numbers at this time.*
- B. Fish Slide Repairs-*The Fish needs more repairs than the volunteer workers felt comfortable to do and asked for some concrete professionals to give us a hand and advice. The Council didn't feel comfortable with any additional costs, so the volunteers will be back at it next week. Hopefully they will be able to make the slide useable in a reasonable amount of time.*
- C. Maple Street Park Grant Update-*Scott Thomas and Mary Wohleb reported they had an initial meeting with the State RCO office and found the opportunity for a grant will be more difficult than initially thought. They asked us to speak with the local service groups and large employers in the area for some financial support. It was felt this would show the RCO office that the people in the area firmly support the Park.*
- D. Gilkey Square Art Update-*Parks at last month's meeting gave the go-ahead to John Leaver with the changes we asked for yet found two issues not changed and told the Town Council we would be good with the sign in Gilkey if they made sure the punched holes were not sharp and we asked that the heart goes away. These two issues along with a signed agreement with the business to maintain the flowers all the time. Scott Thomas mentioned that there will be a change of directors at the Chamber and as they are the lead on this, it may be up in the air until a new Chamber director is named.*
- E. Placing Roger Small Sculpture-*The three involved people in this project, Marilyn Thostenson, purchaser, Roger Small, artist, and Brian Lease of Public Works are meeting later today, June 8th, to come up with a timeline for installation. We will know more next month.*

New Business

- A. Tracy Powell's "Peace Dove" art in Peace Park-*Tracy's "Peace Dove" has been accepted by the La Conner Arts Commission, and after some discussion about Public Works finding a proper rock to mount it on, a motion was brought to the floor by Mike Bucy and seconded by*

- Martin Howard. After the meeting everyone gathered at Peace Park and Tracy Powell showed us where he would like "Peace Dove" to be placed. He will work directly with Brian Lease for the final position and placement.*
- B. Maple/Park Street Triangle Park-C.J. Ebert, developer of Snapdragon Hill, talked about his plans for six home sites at the base of the hill located on Maple, Park and Hill Streets. The units furthest north, near Hill Street would have a car access from Hill Street to the homes over an old Park Street right of way. Also, there is a park bench commemorating Robert Nemitz, original owner of the property, that may have to be moved and placed in a slightly different spot. C. J. Ebert would move the bench and re-landscape the surrounding area. A motion to agree to this was brought to the floor by Martin Howard, seconded by Mike Bucy and it passed unanimously.*
- C. Mary Wohleb, Town Councilperson, mentioned that a youngster's letter to the Town was read at the June 7th Council meeting stating he would like a water park somewhere in Town for he and the kids to play in. It sounded like a nice idea and no action was taken.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM