

PARKS MEETING NOTES FOR OCTOBER 11TH 2023

9:30 FIRESIDE ROOM

As the internet was not active this morning at the Fireside Room of Maple Hall, the meeting was live only. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 by Ollie Iversen with a quorum of Ken Lee, Maike Bucy, Marty Pease and Ollie Iversen. Also present were Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, Mary Wohleb, Town Councilperson and Bill Reynolds, reporter for the La Conner Weekly News.

Public comments-*There were no public comments.*

Old Business

A. Pavilion- *Ollie reported there was no new information on this project at this time. Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, asked about a different pavilion design and said we should ask Public Works about this and address it at next month's meeting. It will be on the agenda for the November meeting.*

B. Fish Slide-*Ollie reported a grant was written with the Washington State RCO office to rebuild the Fish Slide at Conner Waterfront Park and do some or all of the tree work in Pioneer Park. We did not get any part of the grant request, so we are back to square one for funding. Public Works is looking into other funding for the tree work, and we have yet to come up with a way to fund the Fish Slide. In the meantime, Public Works will wrap the slide for the winter.*

C. Trees Planted on Morris Street-*Working with Mark Hulst, La Conner Chamber executive Director, we brought our "Beautify La Conner" idea of planting trees along Morris Street and added it into a grant request for new street banners he was doing with Tourism Office of Washington State. We lost out on this grant also. Mike Bucy, part of the team on this project, will look into other possibilities, possibly DNR.*

E. Pioneer Park Tree Work-*See item B above*

New Business

A. Planting Tulip Bulbs at Roundabout-Parks, *with Rotary Club of La Conner's workers and financial help, will be planting "Ethan Smiles" tulip bulbs in nine wine half barrels in the roundabout just east of town. This will happen the morning of October 19th with Parks and Rotarians together doing the work.*

B. *Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, explained that the Town Council is working to develop priorities to manage the workloads of the staff and all department heads. As Parks works closely with Public Works, we have to make sure we are bringing them less work, not more.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55.

Ollie Iversen, La Conner Parks Commission