

LA CONNER PARKS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MAY 17TH 2019 9:15 AM
MEET IN CONFERENCE ROOM TOWN HALL

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting came to order at 9:15 am as listed with a Parks quorum of Ken Lee, Martin Howard and Ollie Iversen. Also present were Mayor Ramon Hayes, Town Administrator, Scott Thomas, Town Councilman John Leaver, Brian Lease of Public Works and guests, Linda Talman and Rick Dole.

1. Ongoing project updates
 - A. Waterfront Park
 - a. Fish Restoration- *John Doyle has agreed once again to rework the Fish Slide, similar to last year. Brian Lease said that all needed materials are at Public Works for John to use*
 - b. Rock Wall Timing-*Shoreline restoration, we are waiting for the Corps of Engineers permit which should be here in time to start the restoration after August 4th when the "Fish Window" opens and should be able to finish in time before it closes. That said, Brian has to go out for bid after the Corps permit arrives, hopefully at the end of this month, and this may take up to 6 weeks, so with this timing it may end up being put off into 2020.*
 - c. Pavilion cost and timing-*The bid for the pavilion at Waterfront Park has been submitted to the Town, yet it cannot be built until the shoreline restoration has started due to equipment traveling in that area. Therefore the cost of the pavilion may end up higher due to moving the construction out to 2020. WE have funded the pavilion being built in 2019, not in 2020.*
 - d. Irrigation System-*When Waterfront Park grounds are torn up due to heavy rock moving equipment on site, it would be a great time to put in an irrigation system. Brian's cost guess is about \$10,000 of which there is no funding at this time.*
 - B. Fiddler Crab Placement-*Scott Thomas and Ollie will talk to the donor of this artwork, Janna Gage, and see if she will be fine with the permanent home for the Fiddler Crab being in the planting area of Washington Street Park. This discussion will be done in the next several weeks, so we should have it settled by next Parks meeting.*
 - C. Town Map- *A digital town map has been prepared by Town and we now have to determine how it will be designed and by whom. When completed it will be shown at Log Park, in front of the restrooms on Morris Street and on the Town's website under Parks. Other uses may come up later and a digital pdf it can be used in many areas.*
 - D. Jordan Street Park-*Mayor Hayes reported due to manning and budget constraints of the Port of Skagit, our partner in this, and Town, it will be put off until 2020.*
 - E. Survey-*Scott Thomas and Ollie will meet on Monday May 20th to write the 2019 Parks Survey and send it out to Parks for their review. It will be will have several short term items along*

- with an open ended way of seeing where the people in town want to see their Parks dollars direct in the future.*
- F. Kirsch Property-Town Council has put the property up for sale. Linda Talman was there to voice her position to not sell the property and turn it into a park. Also a letter was read into the minutes by Fide Fiege stating her desire to not sell the property and build it out into a park. Parks did not vote on this at this time.*
 - G. Review Parks becoming part of Town's Comprehensive Plan- No new activity at this time.*
- 2. New Business-Sadly the need to find a replacement for Tom Winn who passed away several days ago was discussed and two names came up, Marty Pease and Jamie Baugh, and they will be contacted to see if they are interested.*

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.