

LA CONNER PARKS COMMISSION

MEETING NOTES August 14TH 2019 9:15 AM

FIRESIDE ROOM MAPLE HALL

Meeting called to order at 9:18 AM with a quorum; Marty Pease, Martin Howard, Annie Taylor and Ollie Iversen. Also present were: Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, Mary Wohleb, Town Council Member and John Leaver, Town Council member.

1. Ongoing project updates
 - A. Waterfront Park
 - a. Fish Restoration- *John Doyle the volunteer doing the Fish painting after this winter's weather, says the grinding and filling of all the cracks has been completed and the painting should be finished this week. After painting Public Works will apply two coats of sealant. All told the Fish is in very good shape and usable.*
 - b. Rock Wall Permit- *Scott Thomas told us the Corps of Engineers permit will take several more months so the rock wall protection will go into next year.*
 - B. Fiddler Crab Placement- *Ollie Iversen said no new information at this time.*
 - C. Survey Comments- *Ollie Iversen reported there were 41 surveys turned in at this time and will have a final number at the end of this month. The early reports mostly are in favor of the boardwalk being extended both north and south along with more walking trails. Also tennis and pickle ball courts and an off-leash dog park were close behind. More to come on this when we have complete results.*
 - D. After School Fund, Artwork Placement- *John Leaver, Town Council member representing the Arts Commission filled us in about this project.*
 - a. Height- *11'*
 - b. Width- *Unknown*
 - c. Busiest/Safest Location- *John told us the artist would prefer to place the piece in Gilkey Square and we gave John a list of Parks sites besides Gilkey which could work well: North 6th Street at the entrance intersection to the after school site; Washington Street end raised bed; Dirty Biter Park; Foot of Benton Street Stairs, Maple Hall patio NW corner and of course Gilkey Square on the SE corner. All of these sites have heavy foot traffic and are safe.*
 - d. When Ready- *Now*
 - e. How Long Onsite- *Two years about*
 - f. Signage- *No proposal as yet.*
2. New Business- *Scott Thomas, prior to John Leaver's discussion of the after school art project, handed everyone a draft of the Art in Public Space Policy for us to review and get back to him with comments. This is a new proposal to handle art donation/loan issues. Everyone took it with them to read and Ollie will call them in a day or two and get their thoughts to send to Scott.*

Adjourned at 10 AM.