

TOWN OF LA CONNER

PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES JANUARY 14TH 2026

9:30AM FIRESIDE ROOM

The meeting was called to order by Ollie Iversen at 9:30 with a quorum of Martin Howard, Mike Bucy, Marty Pease, Ken Lee, and Ollie Iversen. Also present were Scott Thomas, Town Administrator and Mary Wohelb, Town Councilperson. Our guests were Mickey Bambrick and her husband Cory along with Shelly Park. Shelly Park and Mickey Bambrick are The Daughters of the Revolution, DAR, co-chairs of the DAR of Skagit County 250 Anniversary.

Public comments: Our guests are on the agenda and will speak later.

Old Business

- A. Parks 2026 Budget Review-The Town's budget was passed for 2026 without any park projects in it.
- B. Morris Street Tree Planting-Mike Bucy said we have a little over \$3600 in the bank account and with Martin Howard's help, he had a bid, for, planting only, four trees at \$3475. Mike and Martin need more bids and Ken Lee said he would help. Mike did say that the best time to plant trees is in the Fall, yet other times will also work well if careful. Marty Pease brought up the fact that with these funds we could probably plant 2 or 3 trees, instead of 4.
- C. Canoe Club Update-Peter Millington and Brian Porter did not attend today's meeting.

New Business

- A. America's 250 Anniversary, Skagit DAR Plan, presented by Mickey Bambrick-Mickey Bambrick and Shelly Parks explained that they were co-chairs of Skagit County DAR's plan to build and install a free-standing flower display in La Conner that spells out in red and white flowers a huge 250 celebrating our country's 250 Anniversary. They felt it would be about 4' x 8' painted white with red signage on all four sides that tells the DAR story. They mentioned several sites, yet they thought the best one would be on the water side of Gilkey Square, on an existing 11'x 5' concrete pad on the water side of the Channal Passage walkway. After some discussion. Marty Pease made a motion for Parks to accept the idea and site, with a second from Mike Bucy. The vote was unanimous and it passed. Mickey's husband Cory will build it and help to install it, and DAR will provide maintenance of the flowers and Ollie confirmed with La Conner Chamber they will do the watering. After the vote, Shelly Park brought up that that the DAR also would like to plant a Liberty Tree in one of La Conner's Parks. After a discussion as to where and how it would look, we all thought it would be wonderful in Maple Park on the east side. This, along with the flower display, will be brought up in a future Town Council meeting to get final approval. The tree would have signage explaining why it is there and who was responsible for it.
- B. Marty Pease brought up that La Conner Rotary has yet to approve the grant request funds for either the Bike Repair Center at the Morris Street rest rooms and the rehabbing of Log Park on south First Street. This should happen in the next several weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22