

## LA CONNER PARKS COMMISSION

October 9th 2019 9:15 AM

### FIRESIDE ROOM MAPLE HALL

Meeting called to order at 9:17 with a quorum, Martin Howard, Marty Pease, Annie Taylor, Ken Lee and Ollie Iversen. Also present were Scott Thomas, Town Administrator, Mary Wohleb, Town Council Member and Bo Miller, Architect, and former Parks Commissioner. Bo was asked to move his presentation to the first item on the agenda due to an issue of timing for him.

1. Ongoing project updates
  - a. Waterfront Park
  - b. Fish Restoration-*The entire fish slide has been sealed for the winter, although some areas which had some issues were ground down and sealed, yet not repainted. This will be completed next spring with better weather.*
  - c. Rock Wall Permit-*All the paperwork is with the Corps of Engineers and it is now in the Comment Stage. After this stage and when all the comments have been addressed we will work towards a permit which should be spring of 2020. After that we will go out to bid and hopefully we will be able to complete this part of the project in the fall, after the fish window. Due to running heavy equipment on the Park to armor the wall, the pavilion will also have to be built in the fall of 2021 when all this work is completed.*
  - d. Fiddler Crab Placement-*The donor of this artwork, Janna Gage, has agreed the crab should be placed at Washington Park street end in an existing unused planter area. The raised bed will be redecorated with beach rocks and beach grasses like a beach setting and the crab sculpture will be placed in the center. When finished we will add a sign showing her as the donor along with the name of the piece and the artist.*
  - e. Final Park Survey Comments-*We had 74 returned surveys and as we saw this information for the first time that morning, we felt we needed time to process the information, read the comments and think about priorities. It was decided we should take it home for review and then address all of this in our next meeting.*
  - f. After School Fund, Artwork Placement Decision-*After hearing where the Art Commission and the artist would like the artwork, we accepted their placement. I took a motion from Marty Pease to place the artwork on the NE corner of the patio at Maple Hall, Annie Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously*
2. Presentation by Bo Miller Concerning Gilkey Square Bandstand Ideas-*Bo gave us a fresh and strong presentation of a bandstand/icon to further enhance the "Music in the Park" during the summer months. What he proposed was a covered band area with clear moveable doors for weather protection, along with a roof which will make it useable almost year around. Above the roof is a Rainbow Bridge replica, which will be visible when coming into Town driving west on Morris Street. There will be covered areas for sitting along the sides which will be great for sun/rain protection in the summer months while listening to the music.*
3. New Business-*Scott Thomas brought us up to date on the Kirsch property saying the Town put it back on the market for another six months. There have not been any offers at his time and he*

*stated that some felt it was overpriced due to uncertainties. Also Scott told us Jordon Street will be put off and not set for anytime in 2020 due to a manning issue of the Port, our one-half partner is this project. Also under new business Martin Howard brought up the lack of Park signage when driving into or around town. We will bring our ideas about this to Public Works for sign making and final placements.*

Adjourned at 10:48