City of Battle Ground
Parks and Community Engagement Advisory Board Meeting
March 11, 2026, 4pm
Battle Ground City Hall, Suite 154

The public meeting of the Parks and Community Engagement Advisory Board (PACE) was called to order at 4:01 pm by Cindi Olson.

Present: Jennifer Rosenberger, Ali Baur, Tina Brooks, Camille Stephens, Naomi Waters, and Cindi Olson

Absent: Chris Brown

Staff/Other: Rob Ferrier, Deputy City Manager; Alisha Smith, Communications Manager/PIO; Joanna Martin, Recreation & Facilities Manager; Grant Burke, Public Works Operations Manager; Dan Hollen, Engineer and Kelly Jensen, Executive Assistant.

Minutes:
Ms. Rosenberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026, PACE meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bauer. The minutes were approved unanimously (6-0).

Update – Playground Equipment at Horsethief Park:

Grant Burke, Public Works Operations Manager, shared information regarding the new playground equipment at Horsethief Park. Mr. Burke discussed the replacement of the current playground equipment for 2026. Mr. Burke stated that Option 3 had shade elements, but the shade elements wouldn't last as long as the equipment itself. Option 4 has 14 play elements and some shaded areas. There will be wood chips around the play structure hoping to eventually have a safety pad. There will be a cement curb around the perimeter that parents could sit on. There is one bench in the park. Ms. Olson asked about adding benches for more seating for parents. Mr. Burke stated benches are very expensive. Current budget resources allow for improvements to approximately 2 parks per year, depending on the size of the park. The warranty for installation of new park equipment is 1 year. Mr. Burke did not have the additional warranty information. Ms. Martin said that park equipment typically has a 20-year lifespan. In response to a question about natural shade at the park (trees), Mr. Burke stated that he would make a note of this concern and see if the budget allows for adding additional shade and seating. Mr. Ferrier said an option may be an Eagle Scout who needs a project and could make a bench. Future site improvements could include a walkway/additional accessibility. Ms. Brooks requested bucket seats and a circular track for kids to ride their bikes on. Mr. Burke stated that we are replacing equipment on a "like for like" basis. Mr. Burke asked the PACE Board for approval of Option 4.

Ms. Brooks made a motion to approve Option 4 for Horsethief Park. Ms. Rosenberger seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Update – Planning for Remy Park:

Engineer, Dan Hollen discussed the plan for Remy Park. The 1st phase of the project would likely occur in 2027 and would include putting in the rest of the trail system, grading of the pad, a fitness station, a small play area, a central parking lot, and restrooms. Mr. Ferrier explained we still are awaiting word on approval of the state budget regarding our request for funding to move forward with the inclusive playground.

Discussion was held.

Ms. Olson asked if Mr. Hollen would continue to bring updates to the PACE Board as the project progresses and Mr. Hollen said he would. Landscaping was discussed. They are looking to expand the pond areas.

Mr. Ferrier asked Mr. Hollen to give an update on Flo Ro South. Mr. Hollen gave an update on the project. Construction will begin the end of March or beginning of April and should last a couple of months. There will be ribbon cutting ceremony upon completion. Mr. Ferrier stated he would like the PACE Board to attend the ribbon cutting and that we would keep them updated on that.

City of Battle Ground 75th Anniversary Planning:
Executive Assistant, Kelly Jensen, stated that the coloring books and kids stickers are out for print and passed out the examples to the PACE Board.

The PACE Board wanted to make sure we let Alisha know she did a great job.

Communications:

Ms. Martin reminded the PACE Board that the Busy Bee Craft Fair is March 21, 2026, from 10a-6p and asked that the PACE Board share the event on their social media. Ms. Martin said they secured a food vendor, Spudsy's a baked potato vendor.

Ms. Martin briefly shared information on her attendance at Resource Management School, where she helps to coach new parks and recreation practitioners. She has been involved with the program for 15 years.

Ms. Stephens had a co-worker that would like to see a space in Battle Ground for table games (pool, ping pong etc.) in the winter months.

Mr. Ferrier mentioned that we will be hiring 2 more staff members at the Event Center. Interviews are tomorrow (March 12, 2026). Ms. Martin discussed how the Senior Center has become busier since completion of the interior remodel.

Mr. Ferrier said that Park Appreciation Day is next month. He stated that if the PACE Board hasn't signed up to volunteer to please do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.