

**City of Battle Ground
Parks and Community Engagement Advisory Board Meeting
May 12, 2021 via Zoom
5:00 PM**

The public meeting of the Parks and Community Engagement Advisory Board was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Josie Calderon via Zoom Meetings.

The following members were in attendance:

Present: Jennifer Rosenberger, Glen Erickson, Josie Calderon, Michelle Yenderrozos

Absent: Evan Bliss, Toni Wise and Shelly Johnson

Staff Present: Kim Cederholm, Recreation & Facilities Manager
Sam Crummett, Community Development Director
Mark Herceg, Public Works Director

Minutes

The board unanimously approved the April 14, 2021 minutes.

Seasons Greeting Sign

Mr. Herceg provided some options for the location of the Season's Greetings sign based on the direction provided by the PACE board on the April 14, 2021 meeting. The location in front of the Chase bank was determined to be the most feasible, but would require obtaining an easement from Chase bank. Discussion also occurred about having the sign remain in front of the Safeway shopping center and having it put into design for the road improvements. This option would also require obtaining an easement from Safeway. The advantages of having the sign in front of Safeway would be more visibility from people frequenting this section of town, however the advantages of the new Chase Bank location is, there are some construction advantages and it is located in a more wide open roadway and the sign may stand out better. No decisions were made about a final recommended location.

If the seasons greeting sign cannot be displayed this year, the PACE board would like to see some of the trees on old town decorated with lights.

Disc Golf at Gardner Oaks Park

Mr. Crummett presented information on a disc golf advocate who approached the City to determine the feasibility of introducing disc golf at Gardner Oaks park. Mr. Crummett recommended this concept be folded into the Parks Plan Update to allow for the needs assessment to occur and solicit public input for the best use of the park. The board supported the general concept of disc golf and mentioned access, parking, wetlands, and the age and condition of the oak trees, are all items that need to be carefully considered. The park may also have other uses such as trails, picnicking, etc

Playground Program

The Summer Playground Program will once again be a virtual program. Packet pick-ups on Mondays in Battle Ground and Tuesdays in Ridgefield. Ms. Cederholm will follow up with an email with a list of themes.

Program Partners

Ms. Cederholm shared that the YMCA agreement was signed and camps are currently open for registration. Both Skyhawks and Soccer Shots have signed the agreements and we are waiting for council's approval on Monday, May 17. Hopes are to open up registration and marketing push Tuesday morning, May 18.

Bricks & Banners Program

Ms. Cederholm gave a quick overview on council's military banner idea and will send out the design that was approved by council via email.

Communications

Ms. Calderon shared a letter from an 8th grade Battle Ground student asking about the lack of swing sets in our city parks. Ms. Cederholm agreed to doing a little research on why that is.

Next Meeting

June 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.