City of Battle Ground
Parks and Community Engagement Advisory Board Meeting
May 13, 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 Chris Brown.

Present: Chris Brown, Jennifer Rosenberger, Ali Baur, Tina Brooks, Naomi Waters, and Cindi Olson

Absent: Camille Stephens

Staff/Other: 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. Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, PACE meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Olson. The minutes were approved unanimously (6-0).

City of Battle Ground 75th Anniversary Planning:

Ms. Smith discussed that the coloring book was completed and she brought coloring books and stickers for everyone. 1000 coloring books were ordered we have 250 available now.

Ms. Smith discussed the 75th pop up birthday party at Kiwanis Park on June 18, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Alisha asked for ideas from the PACE Board for the party.

Ms. Bauer brought up the Columbia Play Project they are a non-profit and they are mobile. Hands on activities and a lot of bubbles.

Ms. Martin said we could reach out to the YMCA and Skyhawks.

We have a request in for the ponies that were at the Boo Bash.

Ms. Brooks asked about Curley the Camel.

Mr. Brown asked about the older businesses in Battle Ground to see if they want to be involved (Anderson Dairy). Ms. Bauer asked about Maddox as well.

Ms. Smith said we were discussing an interactive living history with maybe appetizers. We will be doing cupcakes and popsicles.

Ms. Smith discussed potentially doing 75 stories for 75 years – potentially getting a videographer to record peoples stories. Set this up inside Kiwanis. Ms. Martin asked if we had reserved Kiwanis and we had not so she is going to get that reserved for us.

Ms. Smith mentioned we had a local business donate $1,000.00 to use for the birthday party. Ms. Smith discussed that she reached out to Ana the Artist to see if she could do a mural in the park.

Naomi mentioned balloons and balloon animals.

Ms. Smith if anyone had any other ideas to reach out to her.

Mr. Brown suggested a birthday party every year.

Update – Playground Equipment at Florence Robinson Park (South):

Ms. Smith mentioned the poll that we put on social media regarding the color of the rubber base and that we received a lot of responses and the color Cobalt won. Ms. Smith said that the mermaid teeter totter received a lot of response so Ms. Smith made a call and they saved the mermaids for another piece in the park. Ms. Smith asked for ideas from the PACE Board on how to repurpose the mermaids.

Ms. Olson asked about making them part of the sign to the park. Ms. Bauer asked about making them part of a bench. Ms. Brooks asked if they could be mounted on the playground structure somewhere. Ms. Smith said she would get pictures and measurements and send them to the Board.

Letter of Support – Gordy Jolma Family Natural Area:

Mr. Ferrier stated that the County requested a letter be drafted for the Gordy Jolma Family Natural Area. They would like the PACE Board to review and sign the letter.

Mr. Ferrier mentioned that the local Mason's chapter would like to donate a liberty tree to the City of Battle Ground at Kiwanis Park and will be planting the tree around the 4th of July and PACE Board would be invited to the ceremony. Ms. Bauer asked how close to the memorial the tree would be planted and Mr. Ferrier said approximately 50 feet. The species is a Tulip Poplar. Public Works reached out to an arborist and was confident that species of tree would grow well here.

Communications:

Ms. Bauer stated that she follows Harper Playground on FB and she said they are doing an all inclusive workshop and if anyone wanted to go. Ms. Martin stated she had been to the workshop

and she described the workshop. The workshop is June 5, in Portland. Ms. Smith said she would pass the information on to our Remy Engineer.

Mr. Ferrier reminded the PACE Board that summertime is when road improvement projects would be occurring and discussed several projects that would be discussed at the upcoming City Council Meeting on May 18. We are hosting an open house on May 27 to explain to the community what this means for them. The contractors will be there as well to discuss traffic impacts. Ms. Smith stated that she would be putting the word out on social media and if

Ms. Smith mentioned that the Memorial Day Ceremony will be on May 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial at Kiwanis.

Ms. Martin discussed the Summer Playground Program. We have 3 temp employees returning and the lead will start June 1, 2026, and everyone else will start June 15, 2026. Ms. Martin is looking at ways to get more attendance. The program runs mid-June to mid-August.

Ms. Martin stated that the splash pads open immediately following Memorial Day and is open until Labor Day

There was a nice ad in the Reflector regarding Remy Park. Ms. Olson asked about updates to the Pickleball court (noise reduction). Mr. Ferrier said that there was nothing he could report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.