City of Battle Ground
Parks and Community Engagement Advisory Board Meeting
August 12, 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 4:00 pm by Chris Brown.

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

Absent: Naomi Waters and Camille Stephens

Staff/Other: Robert Ferrier, Deputy City Manager/Acting Interim City Manager, Alisha Smith, Communications Manager/PIO, Joanna Martin, Recreation & Facilities Manager; and Kelly Jensen, Executive Assistant.

Minutes:
Ms. Rosenberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026, PACE meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brooks. The minutes were approved unanimously (5-0).

Florence Robison Park (South) Update - Ms. Smith discussed the hydroseed and fencing. She said that the play structure is being used. We are planning on doing a ribbon cutting but there is a delay because of the road construction on NW 20th Avenue. Ms. Smith shared photos of the play structures. The Board discussed the elements of the play structure. Ms. Smith discussed changing the signage so that it is a City of Battle Ground sign with the bee like McConnell Park's signage. Ms. Smith discussed incorporating the mermaids from the decommissioned teeter-totter. New benches have already been installed so we can't use the mermaids on a bench. Ms. Smith discussed the potential of an interactive sensory board, an Ocean Wave Spinner, or some other options. No budget left from engineering in the Flo Ro account, but we will be discussing options with Finance. Discussion was held about putting them on the top of the peak of the play structure. Ms. Martin stated we need to make sure it wouldn't void a warranty on the equipment. Discussion was held about putting the mermaids on the signage (this was everyone's favorite idea). More shaded seating for parents was suggested. Ms. Martin said she could reach out to her counterparts with ither cities to see about getting input for shading over the parks and how it holds up and what their thoughts are.

Ms. Smith discussed a damaged culvert discovered under NW 20th Avenue so September 7th may be the new date for that project to be complete.

Collaboration Opportunity – Battle Ground Art Alliance – Mr. Ferrier stated that we were approached by the Battle Ground Art Alliance (BGAA) to have a dialogue with them about art in the community. Mr. Ferrier said that he would bring their request to the PACE Board. Mr. Brown

said he would be open to having someone be an unofficial part of the PACE Board to have someone here at our meetings. Mr. Ferrier discussed putting a funding request in the 2027 budget for public art, adding that will be going to council for approval. Ms. Smith said that staff would be happy to extend the offer to the BGAA as an unofficial member to come to the PACE board meetings.

Communications:

Ms. Martin discussed the upcoming events for the Fall/Winter. Ms. Martin passed out a flyer for the events to the Board. Summer camps for Skyhawks and YMCA are done. Summer Playground Program last day is tomorrow (8/13/2026). Our temporary parks employees are coming to assist with National Night Out that was rescheduled to August 25, 2026, due to the smoke from the fires in our area.

Mr. Brown wants to talk to PW about alternates to splash pads like a misting station or something similar in the treed area within McConnell Park but would like to see the pond left alone. He suggested adding natural play features such as wood or rocks or something in that area so kids could play in addition to a misting station there. Ms. Martin said the biggest expense is the water quality portion when it comes to splash pads and misting stations. She added that the cost may be similar because of the water recycling systems they require are also similar, due to stormwater/health department requirements. Ms. Martin said she would reach out to her counterparts and ask some questions regarding these options as well.

Ms. Smith discussed the Clark County Historical Society Walking Tour. She has confirmed people from the 75th Pop-Up Birthday Party. She added that additional spots on the tour will be offered through a social media photo caption contest and asked that Board members share that post once it is published.

Ms. Smith asked for design ideas for a commemorative 75th Anniversary Christmas ornament to give away at the Holiday Tree Lighting event. She asked if anyone has any ideas for the design of the ornaments to let her know.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, September 9, 2026.