



City of Poulsbo Community Services Committee Virtual Meeting

Subject	Meeting Minutes	Date	May 12, 2021
Recorder	Pat Hightower	Start Time	4:04 pm
Committee Chair	Connie Lord	End Time	4:58 pm
Committee Members	Britt Livdahl, Connie Lord, Andrew Phillips		
Staff Present	Dan Schoonmaker, Rachel Cornette, Pat Hightower, Parks & Recreation; Mayor Erickson; Kathi Foresee, Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce; Katie Stuart, NKHS		

Meeting Video: <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/poulsbo-city-council/city-council-watch-recorded-city-council-committee-meetings/>

No.	Topic	Action/Recommendation/Discussion
1.	Questions and Concerns of the Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended to Council <input type="checkbox"/> Further Action Requested: None.
2.	Approval of Minutes: 4/14/21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended to Council <input type="checkbox"/> Further Action Requested: M/S/A BL/AP
3.	Play for All – Grant Funding Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended to Council <input type="checkbox"/> Further Action Requested: <p>Both the \$370,000 Federal and \$500,000 State grants have been approved. The Rotary Club and the Play for All at Raab Park foundation have raised close to \$80,000 more. Each grant will apply as matching funds to the other grant. The design portion can start before the agreement is received and will be billed toward the grant monies. Dan thinks we can update the start date so that the project will be completed by May or June 2022 in time for summer use. The total budget for the project was \$750,000. The city council had committed \$100,000 towards the project, but it may not be needed. The additional funds raised could go towards other features, additional equipment, or a sensory garden. Dan credited Mary's excellent grant writing ability and said she is still very involved in the project. Connie added that the project is near and dear to her heart.</p>
4.	Rec Programs and Special Events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended to Council <input type="checkbox"/> Further Action Requested: <p>Rachel reported that the Virtual Viking Fest Road Race is being held this week. About 150 participants can run as they choose and post their pictures on the event page showing their shirts and medals. A Viking Scavenger Hunt is also being held at the waterfront park and along the boardwalk. In June, there will be a StoryWalk at Fish Park. The poem-themed book encourages kids to learn what a poem is, and the goal is to have them write and submit their poems. The department has been busy with registrations for classes, with many of them full and having</p>

		<p>additional classes added. There are many summer camps and programs coming up. Rachel is excited to add an E-Sports tournament and club to engage teens, youth, and young adults for social emotional learning. Two kid-friendly tournaments will be held online. It will be an opportunity for inclusion, and people of all abilities. Rachel is setting up rules and will monitor all comments. She mentioned that there is a federation of educators that work with esports teams and would love to get involved with that. Andrew mentioned there are a lot of adults that play games as well, including he and Dan. Katie feels many of the high school kids will be interested. Rachel wants to be the trendsetter for this type of program in the county.</p> <p>Discussion was also held about reopening the Learn & Grow Preschool at the Recreation Center. The Preschool was shut down for Covid and parents are calling to find out if and when it will reopen. Dan recommended not bringing it back due to not knowing when the building would be sold, as well as liability issues. Connie asked if the PERC doesn't fly, what the plan is to find another home for the department. Becky said she has no plan.</p>
5.	PROS Plan Update- Community Survey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended to Council <input type="checkbox"/> Further Action Requested: The PROS Plan was last updated in 2015, and the current update will take us out to 2027. The community survey has received just under 300 responses, with a week and a half to go. Many comments have been received regarding parks and recreation programs. Dan's goal is to get the survey wrapped up and work with Nicole to prepare a draft for the Park Commission workshops in June, July and maybe August.
6.	Parks Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended to Council <input type="checkbox"/> Further Action Requested: Dan recently attended an informational meeting by the NW Trolls Project, sponsored by ScanDesign. They have invited Danish artist Thomas Dambo to build 10 trolls that will be placed around the Puget Sound area. The ten trolls will tell a story that will bring awareness of water conservation, beginning in Seattle and moving further out. It may have a book to go with it as well. They want them in family-oriented places where families can grab and ice cream and walk through the park and find the troll. They are interested in placing one in Poulsbo. They will be in town scouting areas June 5-18. Dan will prepare an info sheet and video with parks that would be good locations and encourage them to select Poulsbo. Dan hopes to have a committee meet them when they are here, including members of the Fish Park Steering Committee, Park Commission, Council and both Tribes. Connie and Britt said they'd love to be a part of the welcoming committee. Dan is working on what costs there might be. The trolls are generally made of recycled materials. Britt will have some salvaged cedar over the next few months. If the group decides on Poulsbo, Dan would like to have the artist choose the more specific location.
7.	Mayor/Council/Other Reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended to Council <input type="checkbox"/> Further Action Requested:

		<p>Katie will be graduating soon and is going to be attending college in California. She will talk to the ASB and try to find someone to take her place. She hopes to get them to commit to either the June or July meeting. Dan offered to come by an ASB meeting to help recruit someone.</p> <p>Kathi reminded the committee that the golf tournament will be July 16 and to watch for more details on the Chamber's website. There will also be mini cornhole tourneys.</p>
8.	Adjournment.	Next Meeting: 6/9/21 M/S/A AP/BL