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

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

Absent: Camille Stephens

Staff/Other: Rob Ferrier, Deputy City Manager; Alisha Smith, Communications Manager/PIO; Joanna Martin, Recreation & Facilities Manager; Sean Janson, Development Director with the Clark County Parks Foundation, and Kelly Jensen, Executive Assistant.

Minutes:
There were two scrivener's errors in the minutes. Ms. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026, PACE meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brooks. The minutes were approved unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Ferrier asked Sean Janson, Development Director with the Clark County Parks Foundation, to introduce himself. Mr. Janson provided a brief introduction and provided informational fliers from his organization.

City of Battle Ground 75th Anniversary Planning:
Communications Manager/PIO, Alisha Smith discussed the press release that she issued regarding the 75th Anniversary Planning. Ms. Smith stated she was going to work on swag for the event. Ms. Smith asked that committee members help get the word out requesting community involvement on social media. Ms. Smith shared a handout of some of the pages that she created for the City coloring book. She asked for ideas for the story board on the last page of the handout. The pages in the book need to be divisible by 4. Some ideas that were mentioned were Battle Ground Skate Park, Kiwanis Park, Anderson Dairy, Mt. St. Helens erupting, Battle Ground Lake, Population Growth Chart, Fire Department, Police Department (when they were established), Town Marshall, Tukes Mountain, Battle Ground Library (history of naming), Old City Hall, and Lewisville Park. Discussion was held. Ms. Smith stated that if there were any additional ideas for the coloring book to email her. Ms. Olson stated that it would be nice if we could have Bennie the Bee stickers or pins at the events related to the 75th Anniversary for any children that attend the events. Ms. Smith walked the committee through the 75th Anniversary page on our website.

Mr. Brown asked what the committee can do to get the word out. Ms. Smith said to get the word out on social media. Share the link to our website page for the 75th Anniversary. She also said

that there will be opportunities for the committee to volunteer. Mr. Brown suggested Ms. Smith reach out to the School District for additional history and photos.

Preview of Parks and Recreation Spring/Summer Events:
Recreation & Facilities Manager, Joanna Martin provided fliers for the Busy Bee Craft Fair scheduled for March 21, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Battle Ground Event Center. She also provided a flier for the upcoming Spring Events. Ms. Martin discussed the Busy Bee Craft Fair and provided a Power Point presentation for the upcoming events. Joanna said that they are still looking for a food vendor for the Busy Bee Craft Fair that can serve lunch items.

Other upcoming events are:

- Blood Drive on April 6.
- Park Appreciation Day on April 18 (Central Park, Fairgrounds Park, Florence Robison North and South). Ms. Martin is going to check with our Parks Department to see if Kiwanis Park would be on the list for this year.
- Kate's Yoga Classes every Tuesday. Registration goes through Kate's Yoga website.
- Skyhawks Hoopster Tots, Wednesdays 2/18 through 3/18

Ms. Martin also discussed the progress of the online booking site for the Battle Ground Event Center.

Communications:

Mr. Ferrier shared that the Remy letter was distributed to state legislature

City Council approved a 2-year extension of the lease agreement with Battle Ground Little League for the use of the baseball fields at Fairgrounds Park. This is the second of three 3-year extensions.

City will be considering Code Amendments at an upcoming City Council Meeting. We will be drafting language to up the maximum age of our PACE youth member from 18 to 21.

Mr. Brown asked if the PACE Board would be affected by the discussion regarding the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) advisory committee appointments that were had at the last City Council meeting. Mr. Ferrier affirmed there would be no changes to the PACE board.

Ms. Waters asked if we were sending our fliers for upcoming events to the schools. She added that the CASEE Center required volunteer hours for their students; she suggested staff check with the CASEE Center to see if there would be interested volunteers for the kid's events.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.