City of Battle Ground
Parks and Community Engagement Advisory Board Meeting
July 8, 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, Naomi Waters, and Cindi Olson

Absent: Camille Stephens, Tina Brooks and Ali Baur

Staff/Other: Robert Ferrier, Deputy City Manager, Joanna Martin, Recreation & Facilities Manager; Dan Hollen, Associate Civil Engineer and Kelly Jensen, Executive Assistant.

Minutes:
Ms. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2026, PACE meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rosenberger. The minutes were approved unanimously (4-0).

Summer Update – Battle Ground Park Projects:

Mr. Hollen discussed the Remy Park Improvements – Project Phasing. Mr. Hollen brought a printout. Target main central parking lot first. Phase 1 and Phase 2 we have $2 million in funding. Phase 3 and Phase 4 we are seeking more funding for those two phases. We have archeological consultants on board, Geotech almost on board, we have to have archeological presence on site while Geotech is doing their piece. Council wants the pickleball courts covered. They are doing a noise study on the front end for noise mitigation. Dan said the permitting phase is the longest piece of getting the project going. Summer of 2027 is the target start date. NBA sized basketball court is planned as well as a 64 x 55 foot pickleball court. The in-field sports court will not be as big. Trails will be mostly asphalt/concrete. Dowell is working on the inclusive playground. Accessibility is a huge consideration in this park. Ms. Waters asked about the seating around the park and Dan responded that they haven't worked out the details on the seating. Ms. Olson asked about sponsoring a bench in the park and Joanna said that that is something we can do. We have a policy in the City that allows people to donate to the city. Joanna said the only problem she has seen with the donations is the timing of asking people to donate. Mr. Brown suggested a little amphitheater area near the play structure. Ms. Rosenberger asked if anyone had spoken with WalMart about people using their parking lot to park and then walk to Remy Park. Mr. Hollen said that they had not spoken with the surrounding businesses yet but that they would closer to the time they start working on the park. Mr. Brown asked about nature walkways in the wetland area north of Remy and Mr. Hollen said he didn't know what allowances would be available. Ms. Waters said that the bird blind may not be a good idea next to the pickleball courts as the birds may not come near that area because of the noise.

Florence Robison South – Mr. Ferrier said they still need to do some irrigation work. The playground is open. The contractor has 10 days left to finish up the irrigation work. Mr. Ferrier said sometime in early August we could prepare for a ribbon cutting. Watch emails for notification of the ribbon cutting.

Fairgrounds Park - Bathroom additions. Targeting area behind the existing bathrooms to add some Portland Loos. The design is supposed to start this summer. Building will not be removed it will become ops storage. Going out to bid October of this year.

Mermaids in the Park – From Florence Robison South – Ms. Olson created a bench photo with the Mermaids. Ms. Rosenberger said that a back would likely be needed to go behind the Mermaids. We need to talk to Public Works/Ops to see about doing a bench. Mr. Ferrier stated Alisha brought up putting them on the fence. Mr. Ferrier said anyone wants to come up with some ideas for the Mermaids and bring them back to the group that would be great. Ms. Rosenberger likes the idea of having Ms. Smith make it available on an Instagram for a potential vote. PACE board likes the idea of a plaque and something that could be posted on Instagram. Ms. Olson will bring back a new AI photo of Mermaid ideas. Ms. Rosenberger said maybe with waves as the background or a bench back.

Communications:

Ms. Martin discussed the Summer Playground Program. We are in week 3 of the program. With Flo Ro under construction they switched up the sites. Tue/Thur morning at Kiwanis. Wed morning and Whispering Pines and McConnel in the afternoon. The attendance for the ones in the parks are good they are at about 50 to 100. The afternoon at the event center are typically lower attendance. They moved it there as the afternoons are often warmer. All the staff from last year came back and everything is going smoothly. Ross Hoover is going to be at a future council meeting to share information about the regional parks task force and discuss what the task force is doing, as well as funding for Clark County Parks and the next steps. There is a gap in funding. They looked at budgets and everything is underfunded by a lot. Do we want to take a regional funding approach. Clark County Commission has approved a firm to do a study for what the appetite is for a funding measure. Metropolitan Parks District which would be a ballot measure. They will ask the cities if they want to sign on as a partner.

Mr. Ferrier asked Ms. Martin about Fall projects. Everything we have done in the past will be done again this year. Staff would like to update Pooch Patrol but this may not be the year for that as we have a large Laserfiche Program that Joanna will be working on and it is also not the right time to ask for new sponsors because of the economy. The Bazaar at the Event Center will be on the same day as the Lady Bug Bazaar. The Boo Bash will occur on a Friday this year; next year staff will coordinate with businesses along Main Street to occur Friday, October 30th (as Halloween falls on a Saturday in 2027).

Mr. Ferrier said the 75th pop up birthday party event went well; there was a great turnout and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, August 12, 2026.