

AGENDA
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, September 6, 2023 - 5:30 PM
Community Rooms

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Parks Commission Minutes - August 2, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Let's Play Downtown Presentation

STAFF REPORTS

1. Parks Division Update – Parks Manager Jennifer Haro
2. City Administration Update – City Clerk Josh Stecker

COMMISSIONER REPORTS & COMMENTS

ADJOURN

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) ACCOMMODATIONS

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MINUTES
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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Chair Ben Coronado called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners Louise Tieman, Doug Smith, Les McCallum, and Stephanie Lile were present. Justin Teerlinck and Stace Gordon were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June 7, 2023, parks commission meeting were unanimously approved.

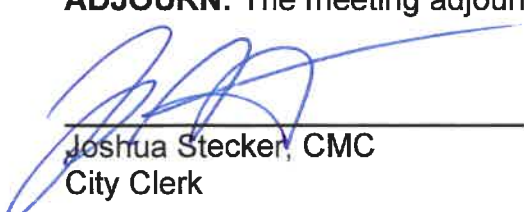
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Harbor WildWatch Lease** – Parks Manager Jennifer Haro presented a proposal to amend Harbor WildWatch's lease of the Skansie House to remove visitor center services. The commission was supportive of the proposal.
- B. Pea Patch Request at Ringold & Woodworth** - Jennifer Haro presented a proposal to create a new pea patch on city property at Ringold & Woodworth.
- C. Sports Complex Project Update** - Jennifer Haro reported on the upcoming open house.
- D. Crescent Creek Park Project Update** - Jennifer Haro reported that the master planning project has been placed on hold.
- E. Crescent Creek Sport Court Resurfacing Proposal from South Sound Pickleball** - Jennifer Haro presented the proposal. The commission was not supportive of the proposal.

STAFF REPORTS:

- 1. Parks Division Update** – Jennifer Haro provided an update on several parks projects and efforts.
- 2. City Administration Update** – City Clerk Josh Stecker reported on activity from city administration and the city council.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

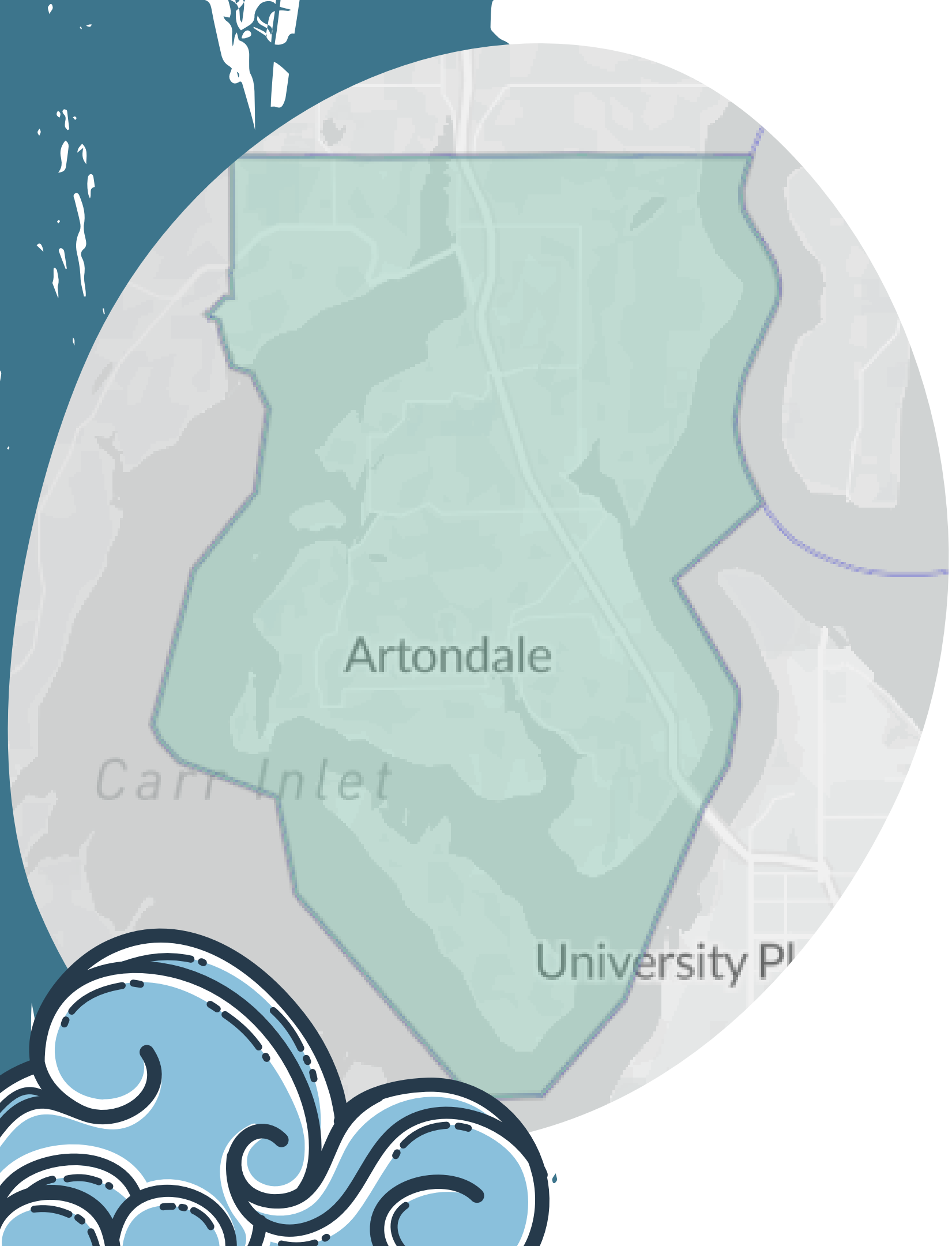


Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk



LET'S PLAY DOWNTOWN





THE PROBLEM

According to censusreporter.org there are approximately 55,890 people in the Gig Harbor CCD area within Pierce County and 22% of that population is under the age of 18 or approximately 12,295 kids.

Outside of specific events there aren't a lot of activities or things to do for kids in downtown Gig Harbor, which means there aren't a lot of reasons for families to bring kids downtown. In order to remain a vibrant, bustling, prosperous downtown, the Gig Harbor waterfront relies on the community's support.

Source:



OUR MISSION

The Gig Harbor Downtown Waterfront Alliance Mission is to bring the community together, encourage economic vitality and preserve the historic character of our downtown.

Our goal is to support local businesses and encourage visitors not only in the summer but all seasons of the year. A lot of those visitors are families with children.





WE BELIEVE...

Community playgrounds provide a positive economic impact with increased foot traffic on the way to and from their location. This could translate into more advertising opportunities and more customers for local businesses.



OUR GOAL IS...

The Alliance is focused on supporting downtown businesses through increased foot traffic, awareness and education. Our goal is to partner with the city to develop a plan for a kids play area somewhere in the downtown district, to encourage families to bring their kids downtown all year long to play, shop and dine.



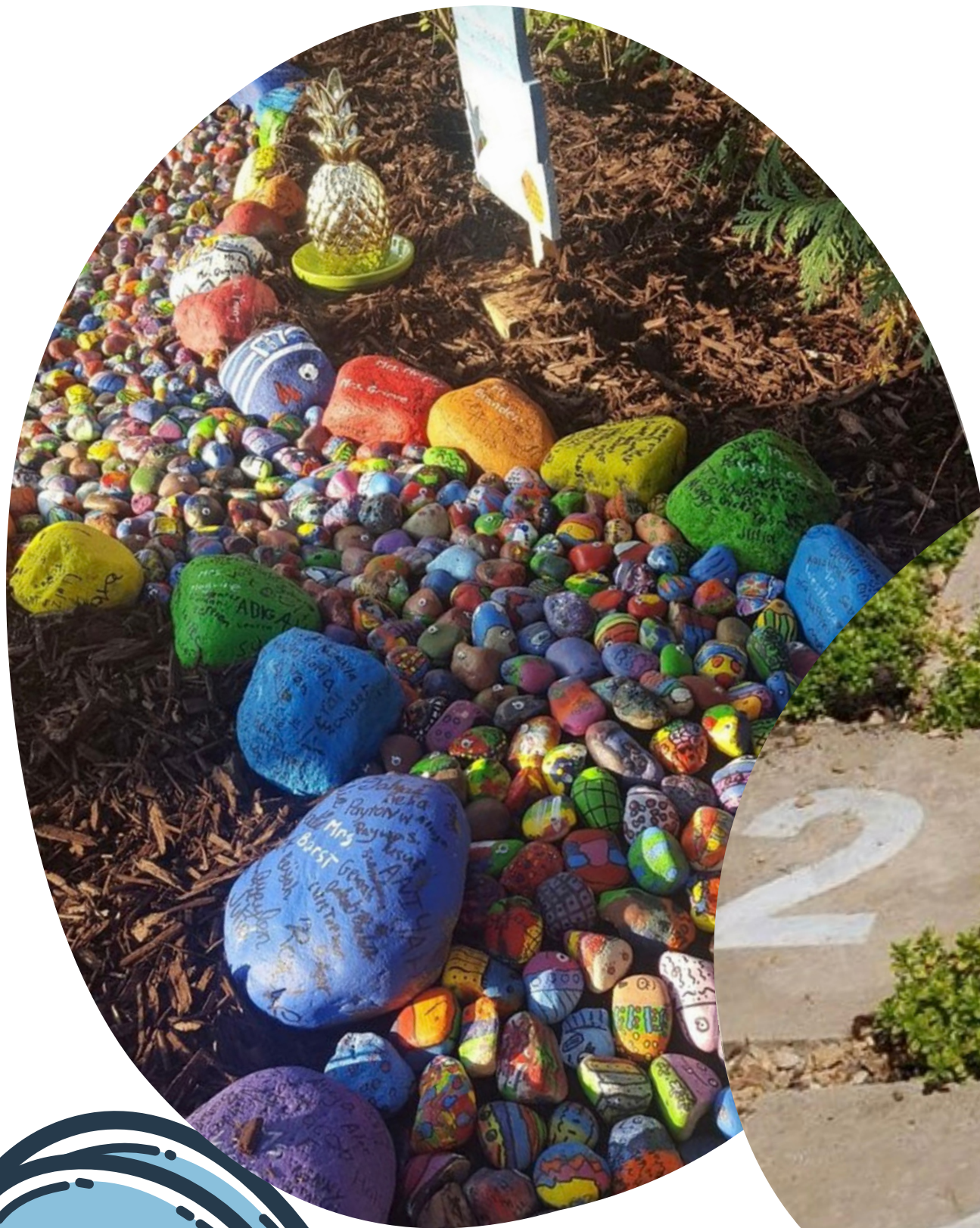
THE IDEA...

It's important to the Alliance that whatever play area is created, blends in with the natural environment and honors our distinct Maritime heritage. Whether it's a designated space, a series of engaging trails or more of a walking play area along Harborview, we hope to provide a fun learning experience for all involved.









IN CONCLUSION...



We hope you'll consider partnering with the Alliance on this fun, creative project! Grant funding is available up to \$50k in order to help make this project become a reality.



GET IN TOUCH

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PARKS COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 2023

Parks Division Updates

Proposed Donations

Ancich View Plaza Fisherman Pavers – The City Engineer assigned a project manager who is familiar with bidding processes and construction management. It is likely that we will be able to “sole source” the pavers, but will need to go out to bid for installation.

Lease Updates

Gig Harbor Sports Complex – The City and the YMCA are revising the lease in order to account for a longer construction window and city donation to the project. The parties will also need to discuss maintenance and operations for the bathroom/concession stand building that will be a part of Phase 1B.

Projects

Commercial Fishing Homeport Design/Permitting – Design and permit for a new float system for the commercial fishing homeport at Ancich Park.

- The contract had to be amended because regulating agencies have added additional mitigation requirements
- The City is working on a draft moorage agreement for boat operators, and a cost structure.
- Meeting scheduled with representatives from the Commercial Fishermen’s Club next week.

Crescent Creek Visioning/Master Plan – Close to executing an MOU with “Museum Group” to come up with floor plan, management plan and funding plan for the Masonic Lodge.

Gig Harbor Sports Complex

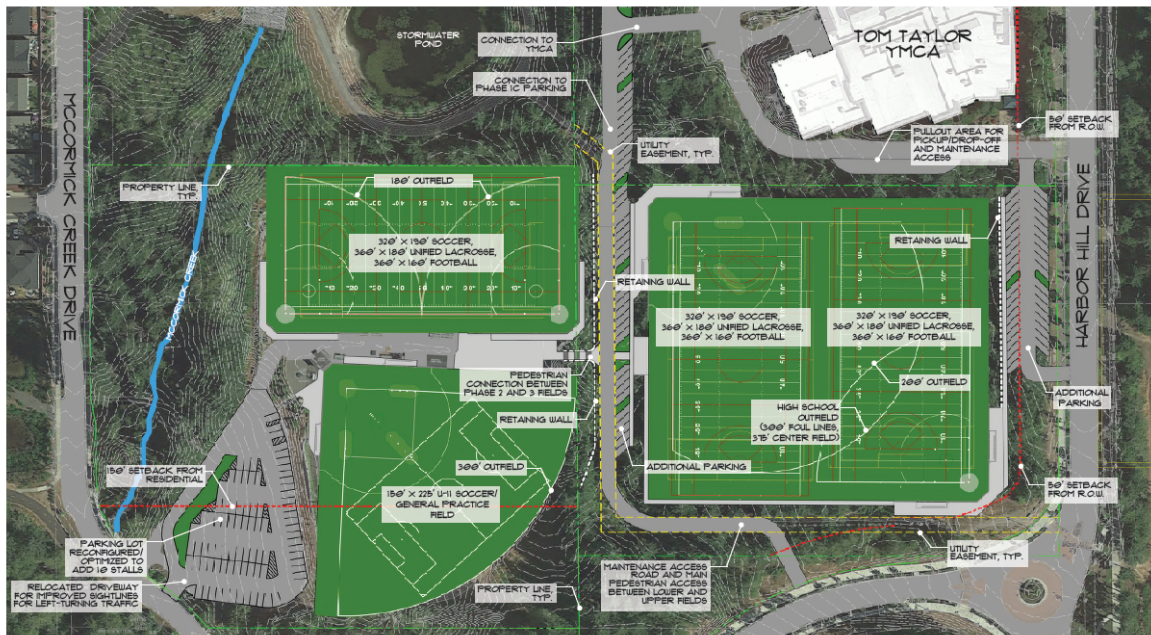
Open House on 8/8 at Pen Light Fields: 5:30-7:00 PM – Approximately 75 people attended and voted on their favorite layouts. We also received 36 comments about the project.

Phase 1B – Land use and building permits are under review at the Planning Department. Permit approval is expected in the next couple of months, and construction should get underway in Spring 2024.

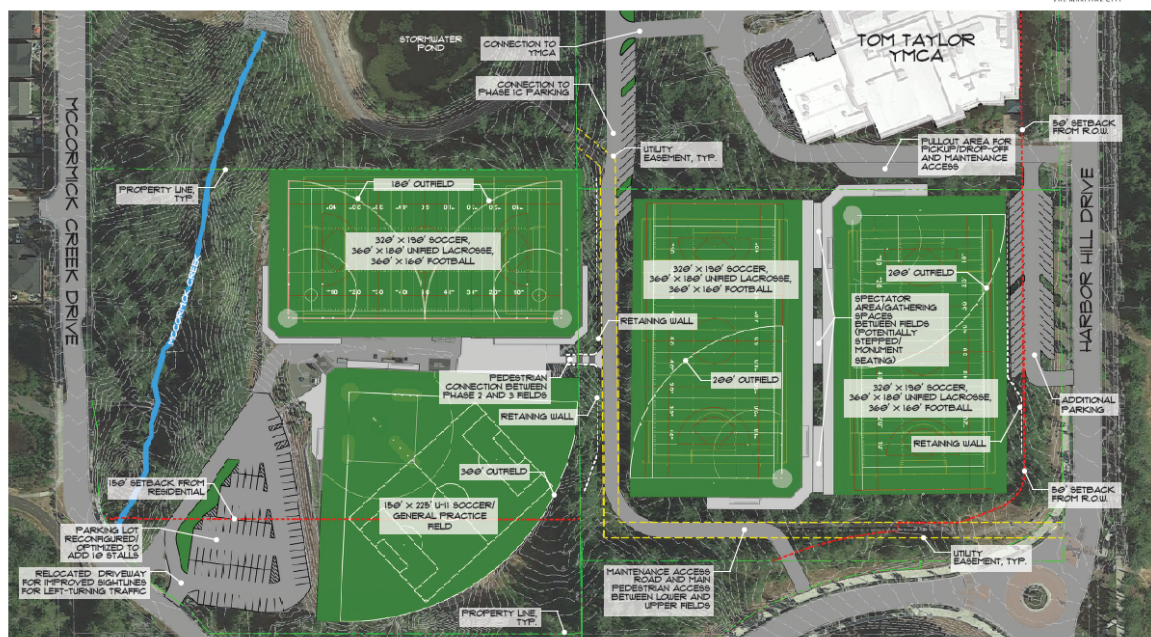
Phase 1A – The YMCA has submitted land use permits to Planning. They still have a lot of money to raise in order to fund construction. The City Council intends to use a councilmanic bond for \$2 million to contribute to the funding efforts. The current lease is being revised to reflect the additional contribution.

Phase 2 & 3 – The City Council considered 3 field layouts that were presented voted on two to be analyzed further, including costs. The two that they selected were D & E – these options both had the same layout for Phase 2, which will still allow three baseball fields at Pen Light Fields. Phase 3 layouts each have two separate multiuse fields, but one option keeps them at the same grade to allow for a high school sized baseball field.

Alternative D
CONCEPTUAL FIELD LAYOUT



Alternative E
CONCEPTUAL FIELD LAYOUT



Skansie Netshed Reroof and Repaint – Still waiting for Historic Preservation Committee approval. Due to delays, construction won't happen until 2024.

Other Park Updates

Finholm Stair Climb – The Finholm Stair Climb is closed indefinitely because of a rotted structural beam that was brought to our attention by a resident. We expect repairs to take several weeks.



tx'aaalqel Conservation Area –

- Negotiations with the owners for a possible Phase IV are ongoing. The City was awarded a Conservation Futures grant for 90% of the cost of the property. The Gig Harbor Land Conservation Fund has pledged to raise money for the remaining 10 percent.
- The City will be hiring a structural engineer to evaluate the bridge, located on the Phase II site, for safety and load rating. This is a first step to be able to open it up to the public.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Public Works Department has requested rezones for all Parks properties, as currently, the inventory of parks contains 11 different zones. We have requested all Parks properties to be zoned Public Institution. We have also added sewer lift stations and well sites to the list to be rezoned.

Bird Houses and Bee Hotels

Second grade students at Pioneer Elementary made some bird houses and mason bee hotels to be placed in parks around the city. There will be eight bird houses going up in a park near you soon. The five bee hotels will be installed next Spring. The locations will be revealed to the teacher so she can create a scavenger hunt for the students.

Crescent Creek Volleyball

A neighbor has repeatedly complained about loud music coming from the volleyball courts. We will be installing a sign reminding players of the noise ordinance, which states that music shouldn't be audible from more than 30 feet away from the source. There was recently a [Gig Harbor Now article](#) about the volleyball courts.

States Organizations for Boating Access (SOBA) Field Trip

The national SOBA Conference was held in Tacoma last week. As part of their program, attendees from all over the country were bussed to Gig Harbor to take a look at our boating facilities on August 31. It was a rainy day, so we opened up the Ancich Netshed for people to listen to presentations and stay dry. About 30 of the attendees then launched kayaks from the community paddler's dock for a kayak tour of the harbor. The rest of the attendees were given maps of the waterfront parks and were able to explore the town and Farmer's Market.

