



**NISQUALLY TRIBAL COUNCIL AND
LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 29, 2021
City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 7 – Mayor Don Anderson; Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle, Linda Farmer and Paul Bocchi.

Nisqually Tribal Councilmembers Present: 3 – Chairman Willie Frank III, David Iyall, Hanford McCloud.

Renaming of Fort Steilacoom Park

Mayor Anderson provided an overview of the request the City received from a citizen to rename Fort Steilacoom Park after former Mayor Dr. Claudia Thomas. He shared that the city committee rejected the renaming request. Hanford McCloud spoke about the current partnership, future opportunities to working together to share the history of the park.

Partnership Projects at Fort Steilacoom Park

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Dodsworth highlighted locations within Fort Steilacoom Park that have been identified as opportunities for the City and Nisqually Tribe to collaborate on projects. The first project is a plaza seating and gathering area with a kiosk that tells the story of the Nisqually people. The second project is to add the Chief Leschi story to the Discovery Trail sign and kiosk. The third project updates trail markers to include stories and share history on the Nisqually Loop Trail. The fourth project is the restoration of a barn or creation an outdoor interpretive area that can be used for events, activities and to share the history of the site. She shared that all areas can include various forms of art and interpretation. Discussion ensued.

I-5 Mounts Road to Tumwater & Nisqually River Delta

David Troutt, Nisqually Tribe Natural Resource Director, shared that in 1977 the Nisqually Tribe developed a Community Plan of which a key element was to put the Nisqually River back together and restore the habitat. He presented an ariel view photo showing elevations across the Nisqually noting that and the river flows underneath the bridges and is moving out of its natural bed into a new configuration that is causing water quality and salmon issues. For example, in 1987 there was 105 days of fishing a year on the Nisqually River and by 2015 only 8 days. He reviewed habitat zones within the area noting that that are shrinking and impacting the ability for fish to migrate upstream. He then shared imagery of the 1996 Flood where thousands of acres of property flooded for weeks due to water not passing through the dam at the mouth of the river. He shared that the river is forming a large bend, I-5 is not allowing the river to naturally pass through downstream and the river is flowing upstream which is not sustainable. He shared there is an increased flood risk in the area and the possibility of an avulsion event which is a significant threat to the South Sound corridor. He then spoke about requests for state legislative support to fund this project. Discussion ensued.

Cooperative Joint Government Agreements

Mayor Anderson and Chairman Frank III summarized opportunities for future cooperative agreements and partnerships in the area of parks, transportation and expanding businesses. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK