

2015



Longview Parks and Recreation Department Neighborhood Park Grant Application

Application deadline: February 5, 2014

Date 2/3/2015	Project Name Shay Engine Protective Fence	Project Location Library Park, 1700 Olympia Way
Before proceeding further, please review the definition and requirements of capital improvement projects found in the first paragraph in the application process and instructions: is your project a capital improvement project located in a City of Longview park? If not, do not complete this application - it will not be eligible for funding.		
Applicant (organization) Friends of Longview, a subentity of Longview Public Service Group, a 501(c)3 org.		Contact Person and Title Barry J. Dahl, Chair
Are you a non-profit organization? ☒ Yes ☐ No		If yes, what is your IRS Tax ID#? 91-1821761
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Project Description. (Applicants are encouraged to attach additional pages including schematic drawings, site location drawings, maps, pictures, and photographs.)

The Shay Pavilion is a project started by the City of Longview in October, 2013, to provide shelter for the restored Shay logging locomotive. Many, many long term residents have fond memories of climbing on the Shay when they were children; they are pleased to have it back to enjoy sharing with their grandchildren. The Pavilion is planned to not only protect the Shay, but also to provide public access to it. Already several hundred children, attending programs at the Public Library, have been given the opportunity to look around the cab, ring the bell, sit in the engineer's or fireman's seat and to learn about steam locomotion. At Squirrel Fest, 2014, children and adults, alike, visited our Shay, read the draft interpretive panels and reminisced about Grandpa's stories of working for Long-Bell. Families were overheard discussing the history of Longview. The Shay is accomplishing just what Long-Bell wanted it to do when they gave it to the City in 1955; that being, to remind folks of the beginning days of Longview and the importance the timber industry and locomotives played in its development.

Construction of the Pavilion has progressed steadily. Many hours of volunteer labor from individuals, businesses and organizations have reduced potential costs, as well as caused delays in the projected time frame. Phase 1, construction of the shelter, is nearing completion. Phase 2, site improvements, is ready to begin; this includes land restoration, drainage, ADA standard sidewalks, four interpretive panels, two sitting areas with six park benches, and a multi-component security system. We are indebted to Brian Magnuson, our VOLUNTEER general contractor.

Unfortunately, Longview has a huge problem with vandalism and theft. Since its return, the Shay has been a frequent target. The construction fence has not deterred the numerous attempts to get into the cab. (Other obstacles have, however.) With this knowledge, the Pavilion work group has planned a multi-component security system. It will include several cameras, lighting inside the shelter, lighted sidewalks and sitting areas, a protective wrought-iron fence and problem notification to the police department.

This application is requesting assistance to pay for a six-foot wrought-iron fence to surround the Shay. (Attachment 1 shows the location of the fence.) This fence is planned to be decorative as well as protective. It will have solid wrought-iron spears with tapered pointed ends. There will be a gate on each side of the engine for people to enter the fenced enclosure on special occasions. The gates are bi-fold so as to minimize their intrusion into the opening of the fence. This design will also allow families to stand in front of the cab to have their pictures taken without the fence gates being in the photo.

Project Relationship to Grant Rating and Instruction Criteria. (Explain how this project responds to the eight rating criteria listed in the application process. Answering those eight questions will enable the parks board to evaluate the importance of the project against others that request funding.)

NEED: There is no similar display within the city or county. The closest Shay display is 44 miles from Longview, a substantial barrier for the low-income, disabled and elderly. The City of Longview is fortunate to have had the Shay restored with private funds and many, many hours of loving volunteer labor. Now, the City has the responsibility to do all it can to protect this asset. Unfortunately, due to the extensive problem with vandalism and theft in the City, a protective fence, to discourage entry into the engine area, is an essential part of the security system. Prior to restoration many parts from the Shay had been removed and sold to collectors. Some members of the planning committee sought an eight-foot fence, but the City's Risk Manager recommended a fence no higher than six-feet.

COMMUNITY IMPACT: As completion of the Pavilion nears, more and more people are seen enjoying the Shay, wandering around it, taking photos, celebrating birthdays, and enjoying picnics. Groups will be able to reserve the area for special gatherings. The library will continue to use it as a special attraction for its children's events. Because there is never any charge, at any time, it is an especially important place for low income individuals and families to enjoy.

ACCESS: The area is always open to the public; this means 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 52 weeks a year! It is within a designated Historic District and will always be available for public use. Access will be greatly improved with new sidewalks built to ADA standards. Steps will be constructed to allow children to safely reach the cab at special events.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: The life span of the project is projected to be fifty years. Of course the fence will need some maintenance to avoid rust damage. One of the restorers has committed maintain the Shay for ten years and has established a trust fund for the City to cover these costs after ten years. A tangible return will be the tourist attraction, and when train lovers come they will enjoy meals in local restaurants and peruse community businesses. Intangible returns are already occurring (Attachment 2, Letter to Editor); those being the pride of the residents, and the joy given by this beautiful park.

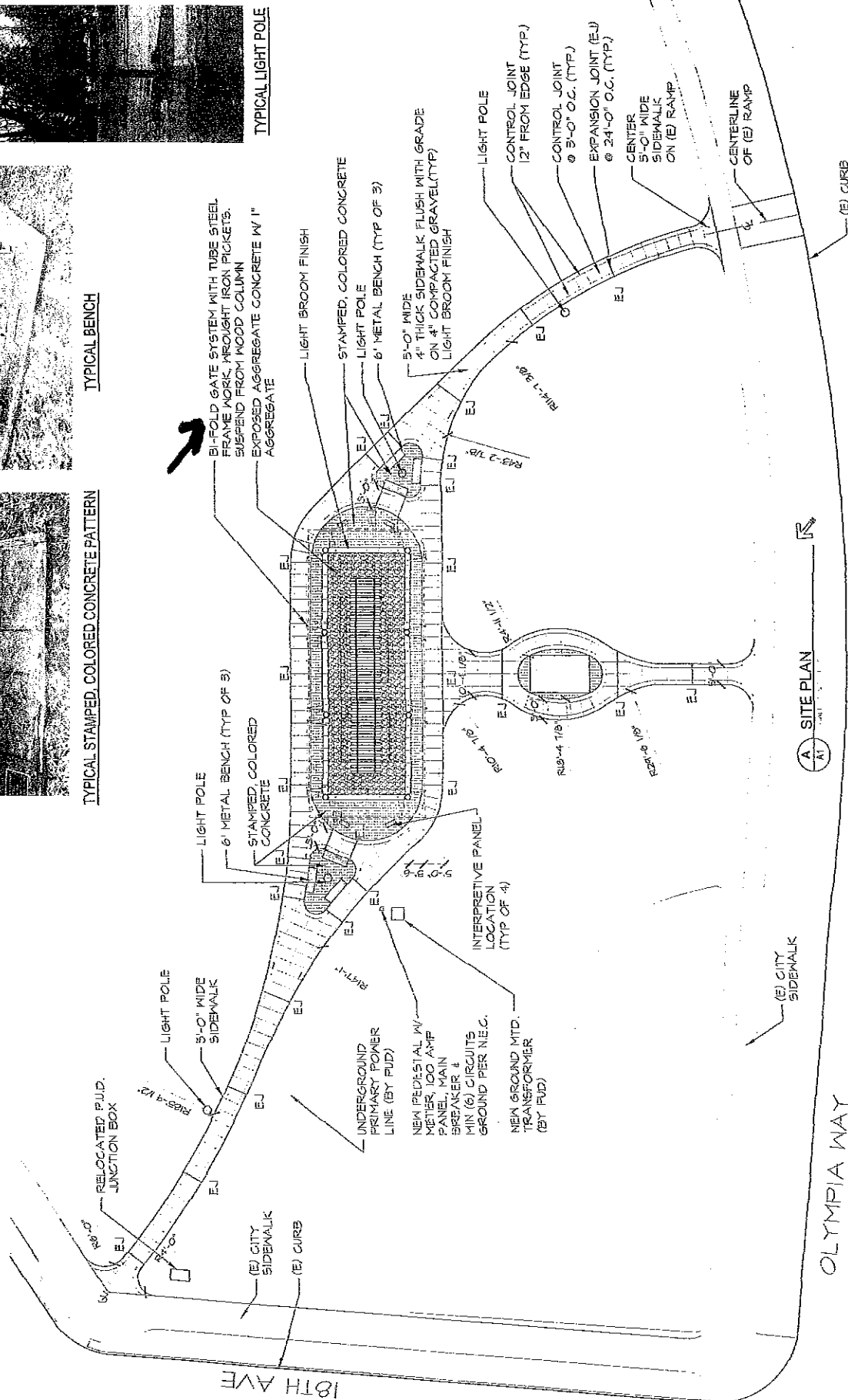
COST BENEFIT: The City has already benefitted from the huge contribution made in dollars and volunteer hours given for restoration of the engine, and construction of the shelter. Thus far, the over \$200,000 project has cost only \$50,000 because Longview people and businesses are contributing supplies, and labor. The fence will assist in the protection of the investment while contributing to the attractiveness of the Pavilion. The Shay will continue to add to the Library's and Schools' education for children about the early history and development of Longview.

COMPLIANCE: The Historic Preservation Commission approved the six-foot wrought-iron fence at their August 25, 2013, meeting. (See Attachment 3.) In addition, this project supports the 2012 Initiative of Preserving and Enhancing Neighborhoods and Quality of Place Issues.

READINESS TO PROCEED: The fence spears have been completed and are paid for. The gates and frame are under construction and nothing has been paid for these. Installation will occur after the concrete around the Shay is poured. Currently the Friends of Longview has begun the final fund raising blitz for the site improvements and the security system.

FUNDING: Craig Collins, the architect who designed the Pavilion, estimated the cost of this fence to be \$16,992 (includes sales tax and installation). In 2014, a \$5,000 grant was awarded toward the costs of the fence, by the Cowlitz Community Foundation. To date, \$1,940 has been spent for a blacksmith to make the spears. Therefore \$11,992 is remaining. Friends of Longview is requesting \$5,000 from the Neighborhood Park Grant. The match will be paid from the balance of community donations received in 2014. The remaining \$1,992 may be reduced by volunteer labor and will be paid by community donations paid to the Shay Pavilion.

Project Budget and Funding		
APPLICANT: cash	\$6,992	% 40
APPLICANT: in-kind donations (labor and materials)*	\$unknown*	%
OTHER: identify source(s)	\$5,000	% 30
CITY OF LONGVIEW: cash	\$5,000**	% 30
TOTAL:	\$16,992	100 %
Will fees be charged in connection with using this project? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
* List donated labor and materials anticipated in lieu of or in combination with cash (letters of commitment from donors should be included.) * Throughout the Pavilion construction we have been unable to anticipate or predict the donations of cash, supplies and in-kind labor. Even though the information is requested, we learn of labor and supply contributions when we receive a bill that is less than the projected costs, or do not receive a bill at all.		
** If \$5,000 is not available, any amount of assistance you can allocate will be appreciated!		
What steps must be completed or accomplished prior to this project being ready to proceed? Construction of the fence gates and frames need to be completed; this is anticipated to be completed by April 1, 2015. The redesigned platform around the engine needs to be completed before installation of the fence can be accomplished.		
Date project is to be completed September 30, 2015.	Multi-year project? ☐ Yes ☒ No (if yes, please describe)	
Application completed by (print and sign name) <i>Karen G Dennis</i>	Title <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Date <i>2/6/15</i>
All applicants will be invited to make presentations about their projects to the parks board. You will be notified of the date and time.		
Please return this application by February 5, 2014, to: City of Longview Parks and Recreation Department 2920 Douglas St. Longview, WA 98632		
* In-kind labor is service provided that accomplishes work that otherwise would be provided by contractors or other paid individuals in order to complete any portion of this project. It also must relate to this specific project only. General duties of the organization that occur on a regular basis or other volunteer work that has occurred prior to the initiation of the identified project do not qualify as in-kind services. Volunteer labor is calculated at \$10 per hour.		



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trucks clogging Nichols Boulevard

I have been on the City of Longview and the police chief for more than two years to ticket overweight semi-trucks driving on Nichols Boulevard, where trucks over 14,000 pounds are not permitted, and to lower the speed limit to 25 mph. The fine for an overweight truck is \$416. Multiply that by 10 trucks per day for two years, that could pay for a lot of things. Here is what the law says:

■ 11.68.010: Load restrictions upon vehicles exceeding 14,000 pounds gross weight. (1) ... gross weight exceeding 14,000 pounds will cause serious damage to such streets. (2) All such shall use the streets designated in LMC 11.68.020. Ocean Beach Highway; 38th Avenue; Industrial Way; Third Avenue; Tennant Way; West Side Highway ...

■ 1.68.030 Truck access routes designated. All trucks exceeding 14,000 pounds. ... The following streets, designated as "truck access routes ...

■ 1.68.070 Restrictions upon use of streets by certain vehicles. (2) ... no person shall disobey the restrictions stated on such signs. RCW 46.61.400 Basic rule and maximum limits. (2) ... no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of such maximum limits. (a) 25 mph on city and town streets;

■ RCW 46.61.440 Maximum speed limit when passing school or playground crosswalks ... 2) it is unlawful for a person to operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of 20 mph.

City, do your job.

Robert Klinefelter
Longview

Beware the perils of propane

Beware. I went for propane on Jan. 16. After complaining the tank wasn't completely empty, a man proceeded to fill it. On the way home, the odor of propane was so unbearable, my friend and I had to open the windows wide open. Upon getting home, we discovered the bleeder valve and the main valve both were not completely shut.

I am not in great health, am almost 70 years of age and I dread to think what could have happened to us. They also overcharged the amount on their tank and refused to give me a receipt. Needless to say, I will not do business with someone who would do that, and I don't think you would want to, either.

Barbara Nicholas
Longview

Enhancing the library lawn

This letter is in response to a recent letter about the path to the squirrel statue at the Longview Public Library:

Our entire area is very proud of our library and the restoration of the Shay locomotive. All the restoration work on the Shay has been done and has been generously donated by the community for this fine piece of local history.

A group of community-minded people is now raising funds to get the required match for a grant to further enhance the park-like area. So if you or any member of the community would like to contribute, any amount — no matter how large or small — will be greatly appreciated and also tax

deductible. Checks may be mailed to Friends of Longview, P.O. Box 1042, Longview, WA 98632.

JoAnne Baker
Longview

Stolen lawn art

To the person or persons who came on our property and stole our 8-foot, inflatable Valentine bear, we want you to know that not only did you take some joy from us but also our neighbors and those who just happen to drive down our street.

Just because you want or desire something someone else has and had earned the dollars to pay for does not give you the right to take it. This act was truly a violation and most definitely a lack of respect.

**Margaret Lederer
and Dolores Fowler**
Longview

Dear and departed

I ended my year attending a memorial service for Joe Titus, a great service. Joe and I attended leadership academy and I worked with him on some projects. His service was unique, a great Native American presentation. Then I started my year attending "Mr. Magic" Don Shelton's memorial service. A great job by Mr. McClelland on Don's life. I watched him doing magic programs growing up. These folks will be missed. I went to a lot of services last year. Lots of classmates passing away.

Ray Van Tongeren
Longview

ATTACHMENT 2.



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February 4, 2015

Friends of Longview
Doris Disbrow, Vice Chair
PO Box 1042
Longview, WA 98632

Hello Ms. Disbrow,

You requested a letter of confirmation regarding the review and approval by the Longview Historic Preservation Commission of a wrought iron fence to be installed around the Shay Locomotive shelter. The Commission reviewed the proposed fence and structure design at their August 25, 2013 meeting. The group approved the wrought iron fence described on the plans.

If you have questions about anything in this letter please let me by phone or email:
adamt@mylongview.com or 360-442-5092.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Trimble", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Trimble
Planner

Enclosure: Minutes of the August 2013 HPC meeting.