

Legislation Text

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HARLIE'S HOOPS - INSTALLATION OF A COVERED BASKETBALL COURT ON LAKE SACAJAWEA NEXT TO ELK'S MEMORIAL BUILDING

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Council Initiative: Address Quality of Place Issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Jennifer DesArmo from Harlie's Angels addressed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in October of 2017 and talk about her partnership with The Boulevard, Longview Parks and Recreation Teen Program. Harlie's Angels is a non-profit organizations based on equipping and empowering teens to grow into God-love, responsible, caring, young adults through sports, service and fellowship. (www.harliesangels.com <<http://www.harliesangels.com>>) Jennifer and her volunteers have been working hard to improve the lives of the community and specifically the lives of the teens at the Longview Center.

At the October P&R Board Meeting, Jennifer announced her concept to gift a covered basketball court located next to the Elks Memorial Building by donating the time, services, and materials needed for installation. After talking with the teens, they wanted the ability to play court sports and run around outside year round and that is where Harlie's Hoops dream was formed. The Board agreed that the concept had merit and supported the idea of the project knowing that Historic Preservation, City Council, City Staff, and the Community would need the opportunity to weigh in on the decision to approve the project.

Jennifer addressed the Historic Preservation Board in November of 2017 to discuss the concept of the basketball court against the approved Lake Sacajawea Preservation Plan. The plan does call for a tennis court in the area that Jennifer is providing and there was discussion regarding the addition of a "recreation element" to adjust for changing community needs. The Historic Preservation made a motion to agree with the concept and would need future involvement to provide a certificate of appropriateness. The board also looked to Adam Trimble, City Planner, to work with Jennifer and the Parks and Recreation Department to work together what further steps such as shoreline permits and mitigation/variance requirements would be needed.

Jennifer DesArmo and Jennifer Wills met with Adam Trimble on January 22nd to discuss the needed requirements to apply for a Shoreline Permit that included an ecological land study along with potential mitigation requirements and height variances. After further review and additional conversation, Jennifer and Jennifer would like to begin discussion with Council and the Community before additional time and revenue has been expended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to direct staff to bring back to Council an agenda item to approve project concept and begin work on next steps for including community involvement and the environmental process.

STAFF CONTACT:

Jennifer Wills