

Commission Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016
Oak Harbor City Hall, upstairs conference room

In Attendance:

Chair: Skip Pohtilla; Commissioners: Rick Lawler, Kit Chistopherson, Nora O'Connell-Balda, KC Pohtilla;

Staff: Cac Kamak

- Meeting Notes – The meeting notes from the February 2016 meeting were approved.
- Oak Tree – Hank Nydam from the Parks Division and Jeff Daugherty attended the meeting to speak to this topic. Due to the thickness of the trunk and long chainsaw will be needed. Steve Backus may have one, who may still be under contract to work on the wood. The thickness of the slab for the timeline will depend on how it will eventually be displayed. Metal braces or plywood backing may be necessary to keep the slab intact over time. The Commission discussed the locations and determined that other than the post office location, the tree ring displays would be inside buildings – treatment plant, schools, library, city hall, senior center etc. Jeff Daugherty's main concern was how the wood will be dried. IT can be done in a kiln. The commissioners were also interested in an acorn. Hank and Jeff thought that there would be enough wood for one. Jeff again mentioned that it would need to be dried. The quality of the wood will need to be examined after the slabs are cut. Any of the wood that would be worked on needs to be dried before a coat of epoxy. Kit mentioned that the schools would be interested in timeline slabs.
- Krakken – Cac provided an update from Bill Hunt on building a bench around it. Bill is suggesting that the commission consider a wood bench. Since one side of the Kraken is close to the street, a bench may be needed just on three sides.
- Autumn Wind Sculpture – Cac shared a couple renderings of the proposal that had two different finishes for the metal pipes that hold the leaves. One was a rusty finish and the other was a metallic grey. The commission liked the metallic grey since it provided contrast to the oxidized leaves. The commission did mention concerns on some of the elements that had an upward curve being hazardous. Hank mentioned that the artist is aware and will try to meet playground type safety standards as much as feasibly possible when constructing the sculpture.
- Ex-officio – Commissioner Kit mentioned that there are some good candidates for ex-officio members and may be able to invite a few for an interview for the May meeting.
- Meeting adjourned.