

FRIDAY WITH *Friends*

MEETING NOTES

Experience Chehalis

May 12, 2023 | 8:30 a.m.

Attendees: David James, Brian Wilkins, Annalee Tobey, Bill Deustcher, Kate McDougall, Mitch Moberg, Andrew Hunziker, Terry Harris, Michael Ervin, Kiera Huntington. Brandon Rakes, Tony Ketchum, Rollin Caryl, Lindsey Senter

Andrew Hunziker, City of Chehalis, Facilities Manager

- There is a continued problem with vandalism at Recreation Park. There is a staff person working at the park full time now. Even with a person stationed at the park the kids committing the vandalism just wait for the person to leave to commit vandalism. The city is exploring closing the bathrooms or maybe installing porta potties
- The city is considering having an article written for the Chronicle outlining the issue.
- Baskets and flowers are going out in downtown for the spring/summer season. The city has new flower baskets that have a reservoir that will allow them less time watering.
- Terry is working with Experience Chehalis and the city to buy new holiday decorations and upgrading others.
- There have been a lot of softball tournaments at the park and the city staff works hard to keep the park in top condition throughout the sports seasons.
- A new parking lot with 58 spots going in across the street from the pool this fall with state funding.
- The plastic grate on pool deck at the Shaw Aquatic Center has been a problem so that is being replaced with new product.
- The spray park is open for the season.
- Online registration is now open for swim. All park and recreation programs are now available online.

Committee Reports

Promotion Committee Report – David James

- The website has been updated. We now have a display on website footer displaying our sponsors
- ChehalisFest planning is going on now. The permit has been obtained by Garbe's. There will be more vendors and additional vendors on Boistfort Street this year.
- Chehalis postcards are printed and will be out in stores soon

Executive Director Report – Annalee Tobey

- Annalee and Jessica worked very hard to get prep work completed so the sidewalk pressure washing could happen.
- The sidewalks have been pressure washed and they look great, but the process has revealed some existing damage that will be addressed by the city. Our thanks to Calypso for a 50% discount on services.
- In addition to sidewalk cleaning, we also paid to have the first-floor windows washed for all areas power washed.
- We are creating a new graffiti removal team for assisting businesses and public spaces when they are tagged.
- A city spring clean-up will take place May 20-21. Dumpsters will be placed in four locations around town for city residents to drop off garbage. Annalee is coordinating 3-hour shifts managing the dumpsters.

For the Good of the Order

Brandon Rakes

- Young Eagles will be taking place again this summer. Flights are free for kids age 8-17. It's a great program introducing kids to aviation. In addition, kids can get free ground school and admission to museums. People come from all over Washington to take part in the program
- The Airport is also putting together meetings for their long-term master plan and would love to have Experience Chehalis as part of the public committee.