

AGENDA ITEM 2.

Ms. Armstrong discussed the successful Block Party event at the Carnegie, and how the temporary stage used for that might be a better option for the Averill Field Master Plan, rather than a permanent fixture. Mr. Collins mentioned the stage and soundwall were significantly more expensive than thought, and concurred a temporary option may be better suited. The Board discussed waiting on the stage in case construction material costs come down, and whether the infrastructure (power, footings, etc.) could be completed for either a permanent or temporary stage to be installed later.

Ms. Armstrong inquired about the gazebo on Avenue A. Mr. Collins explained his intention to have staff involve the Park Board when discussions proceed on design, funding, etc.

Mr. First wondered if the beach volleyball area at Pilchuck Park was used, where discussions were regarding phone charging stations, possibility of converting tennis courts to pickleball courts, requested a map of the City parks and open spaces, and mentioned being contacted by a concerned citizen about Farmer's Market parking.

Mr. Podoll replied he has seen both the volleyball area and tennis courts being used frequently, and explained his understanding the phone chargers were part of the overall gazebo improvements discussions. Ms. Newkirk reported several comments made at the last City Council meeting regarding the Farmer's Market and staff was involved.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION ITEMS:** Councilmember Ray reported potentially having the next National Night Out event at either Hill Park or Ferguson Park. She also reported on Council discussions regarding the First Street Master Plan process, and asked the Park Board for their thoughts on the removal and replacement of street trees. The Board discussed the overall intention of using ARPA funds for infrastructure, how it related to First Street, and the importance of using the right trees to prevent damaging underground utilities. Several studies had been made on passive design and benefits of trees along sidewalks, such as providing shade to pedestrians. Mr. Patton suggested compiling information from those reports and developing a presentation for Council. Ms. Armstrong and Mr. First volunteered to work do so.
9. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of September, 2021.

Chair