

COMMUNITY CHALKBOARD/PARK ENTRY STATUS REPORT

**THIS REPORT HAS BEEN UPDATED MARCH 2020
PLEASE READ THIS COMPLETE REPORT FOR
CURRENT INFORMATION.**

**FOR VASHON PARK DEPT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
ACCESSORY STRUCTURE FOR VILLAGE GREEN PARK**

**THIS BUILDING IS A VOLUNTEER PROJECT,
SPONSORED BY VASHON GROWERS ASSOCIATION
AND VASHON PARKS DEPARTMENT.**

History

Our younger grandson, Dawson passed away suddenly due to complications from Juvenile Diabetes when he was attending Carroll College back in 2016. At the time, he was working on a community chalkboard at a church near campus with a dear friend. His friend continued the project after his death and dedicated it to Dawson.

We wanted to replicate his project here at home in order to honor Dawson's memory and his intent. His mother Kirsten and his Aunt Stacey were raised on the island. We chose to build a Community Chalkboard for Vashon. I asked Vashon Parks if they were interested in having it located in the Village Green Park. The Parks department thought it would be nice addition to the Park and explained the relationship between Parks and VIGA and that VIGA would have to agree to the design and placement.

VIGA thought it was a good idea as well and assigned a two person committee to work out the details with me. My original design was a small kiosk structure, which I would build and install in the park. As we worked on the placement and design, the kiosk evolved into a larger pavilion that the chalkboard would be attached to.

I agreed to do all the management and permit work.

Parks agreed to do all the concrete work and pay the permit fees.

Project Description

The structure consists of a covered pavilion entry from the public sidewalk down a gentle slope to the park level. The current walkway will be included and enlarged from 5 feet to 25 feet wide. Six large open wood trusses will support the roof measuring 22 feet wide and 20 feet long will cover this new walkway.

Four large logs, peeled and turned to 14 inches in diameter will support the trusses. Each log will be anchored into new concrete with four custom built galvanized steel fittings. The concrete imbedded fittings will form the foundation for each log column and anchor the structure. They are designed to hold the log slightly above the concrete and dampness.

The columns will be protected from most of the weather by 4-foot eaves. The roof deck will be 5/8 inch T1-11 plywood, painted on the exposed under side. A pale green standing seam metal roof panels with no exposed fasteners will finish the roof. Gutters, downspouts and flashing will be included. The complete structure is designed for low maintenance and longevity.

CURRENT STATUS AS OF MARCH 2020

-Over the past several months we have agreed on the basic design, size, and placement of the structure.

-Drawings and details have been completed.

-Approval by King County for size and location completed.

An “Over The Counter” permit has been negotiated with the county. It will cost less and has much quicker approval time (about one week) after required submittals have been completed.

The Fulton Family will be donating the entire cost of the chalkboard portion of the project. I have reached out to local businesses who have generously offered to heavily discount and donate materials and labor for the main structure and I have a group of volunteers ready to complete aspects of the project that do not require licensed/bonded workers.

By my best estimate the community needs to raise only about \$15,000 to make this project happen. That is only 35% of the total value of the completed project. The total projects value will be \$43,000.00.

	Main Structure	Chalkboard Element
Cost of Materials	\$22,000	0
Cost of Labor and profit	\$21,000	0
Total Cost	\$36,000	\$7,000
Donated Labor and Materials	\$21,000	\$7,000
Amount to be Fundraised	\$15,000	\$0

Next Steps

We need a public fundraising mechanism with a non-profit organization. I am hoping the members of VIGA will agree to open a bank account to receive cash donations for the \$15,000 that needs to be fundraised.

Arthur Rack of Vashon (who has been donating his engineering services to the project) sent his report to King County in August of 2019 for completion of the permit requirements. We have not heard from King

County since submitting the engineering reports 6 months ago! I am currently trying to get a status report from King County

Lead times for the materials vary from one to three weeks. The lumber for the trusses can be ordered and the trusses can be completed while other materials are delivered. The logs have the longest lead-time.

The steel anchor fittings need to be fabricated and galvanized before the concrete can be started. Then the logs can be mounted. Once this stage is complete the rest of the structure will be erected quickly.

The cost of all the materials would be, at least, double if not for the commitments from our community.

My plan is to acknowledge all the people and companies who have supported this project. We will produce porcelain/steel panels that will be attached to the bottom beam of the trusses listing all the donors.

There are only a few hurdles in our way to making this project come to life. I am committed to seeing this through and with a little more help from the community we can make this happen!

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