

Friends of Highland Park and Parks of Cosmopolis

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members.

Friends of Highland Park is a non-profit group that continues to cultivate and maintain a sense of community within our community through our parks. We have partnered with the Lions Club Organization and the City of Cosmopolis to revitalize the Lion Park community playground and field that it boasts. To ensure it will be a park for individuals and groups, regardless of ages, economic status, and those with physical limitations through inclusive elements. The park is utilized by our citizens, youth, day cares, youth groups, baseball, and soccer teams from all over Grays Harbor.

As you are aware, the Lions Club is located on the right side of the main corridor when you enter Cosmopolis. It is a very visual park and is used by many. However, the park is dire need of updates and repair. A risk assessment of the playground assessment showed that the equipment needs to be removed and replaced.

The Friends of Highland Park and Parks of Cosmopolis is excited to partner with the Lions Club. Much like our non-profit group, the Lions Club is a non-profit organization. Their motto is "Serve". Individuals (Lions) come together to give valuable time and serve their communities. The Lion's Club was established in 1917 to volunteer and improve the health of those who are visually impaired or blind. They give countless hours giving back to their communities throughout Grays Harbor and the world making a difference. We feel honored to partner with them in making a difference for our citizens and those of Grays Harbor.

At this time, Linda Springer, Board Chair of the Friends of Highland Park, is writing a grant to be submitted upon approval from the council. The grant will be submitted to the Grays Harbor Community Foundation for the sum of \$34,000.

The cost will cover a new and much needed communal area with ADA access, and a new swing set with 4 belt swings, an ADA swing, and an infant bucket swing providing play for all age groups and abilities. The cost will include install. The city will provide ground prep. This has been reviewed and discussed waiting for council approval.

Friends of Highland Park and the Lion's Club will be seeking additional funding in the future for two to three ADA picnic tables, a new climbing toy and basketball hoop, and boarder. At that time, we the Friends of Highland Park and The Lions Club, will come before the park advisory board and council for approval to move forward for completion of project. ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE INSTALL OF EQUIPMENT. SAVING TIME AND COST TO THE CITY.

The City of Cosmopolis will be responsible to schedule and inspect all work being done by the city, volunteers, and contractor. There are no permits required for this project. The city has waived all permits that would otherwise, be charged for construction on private land.

Thank you,

Linda Springer

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