



City Council Committee Meeting Agenda

Parks and Trails Advisory Committee

This meeting will be conducted in person at Stanwood City Hall with an option for participants to join by telephone or online as well.

Connection information will be posted on the City Website

<https://www.stanwoodwa.org>

Monday, March 20, 2023, 3:00 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Citizen Comments
3. Approval of February 2023 Meeting Minutes
4. New Member Introduction
5. Downtown Park Narrative/Naming Update – Patricia Love
6. Public Farm Project Update – Andrew Davis
7. Skatepark Design and Contract
8. Park/Trail Updates
 - Pickleball construction
 - CCP baseball field improvements
 - Hamilton Park construction
 - Heritage Park covered dugouts
9. Committee Member Comments

Zoom Information:

Parks and Trails Advisory Committee

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**CITY OF STANWOOD
PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE: March 14, 2023
SUBJECT: PTAC Meeting Agenda Topics
FROM: Carly Ruacho, Parks Planning Manager

Item 4 – PTAC Membership Opening Update

Meagen Watne appointed to position 7 by City Council on February 23. See attached letter for more information.

Item 5 – Downtown Park Narrative

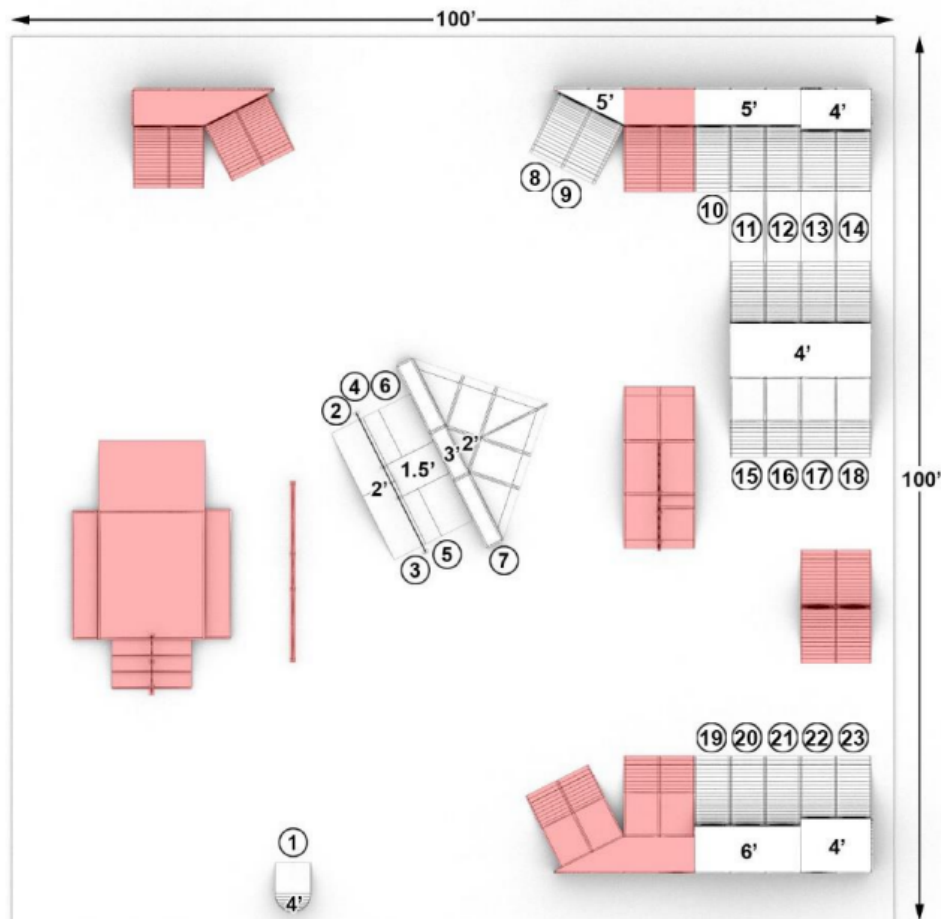
See attached document for more information.

Item 6 – Public Farm Project Update

See attached documentation for more information.

Item 7 – Skatepark





*Note – Existing equipment is highlighted in red.



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CUSTOMER APPROVAL	DATE

PROJECT NAME

Stanwood Skate Park

Item 8 – Park Updates

Sport Court Construction (Church Creek Park/Heritage Park)

Soil has been cement treated and cured. Pavement scheduled for next week weather dependent.

Church Creek Park Baseball Field Improvements

New benches (including additional bracing) installed in dugouts
Infield graded and resurfaced with new infield material (matching Heritage Park)
Outfield leveled with new topsoil and reseeded



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Call to Order: 3:08 call to order

Roll call:

Cathy Wooten
Matt Withers
Lisa Bruce
Dave Hall

Staff Present:

Carly Ruacho
Kevin Pellham
Lisa Sokolik

Absent: Gordy Holmes, Judy Williams

Citizens Present: Neal Donham, Josh LaVelle, Peter Kamb, Meagen Watne

Citizen Comments:

Neal and Josh were present at the meeting on behalf of Stanwood Camano Select Soccer. They are asking to use the vacant property (a currently farmed field recently purchased by the City known as the Josephine property) for an additional soccer field. They understand that the vacant land is just a field that is currently leased for hay and is not an actual soccer field. They asked how they would go about volunteering their time to get the vacant field usable for a soccer field. One of the concerns was irrigation and Carly let them know they needed to provide a plan for that. Carly explained that the Parks Department could begin to maintain that property if directed to do so by City management. Carly explained the process to them to begin that conversation, and they will be continuing with the next step of going to City Council on February 23rd, 2023 to see if they have their support.

Approval of January 2023 PTAC Minutes: Minutes approved as written

Lisa Bruce moved to approve the January 23, 2023, meeting minutes as written, Second by Matt Withers. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4: PTAC Membership Opening Update

Four applicants applied for the opening. The Mayor selected Meagen Watne, and her appointment will be going to council on February 23, 2023 for confirmation.

Item 5: Downtown Park Naming

Possible names for the new Downtown Park (Sebranke property) were submitted by Community Development Director, Patricia Love. She has requested PTAC to choose their top 3 to submit back to her for final decision.

The Committee overwhelmingly recommends their first choice and only provided a second option as very distant choice.

1. Railroad Park
2. Train Park

Item 6: Volunteer Project List:

1. Paint Goose Footprints for Lindstrom Walking Trail



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2. Weed the SR532 berm
3. Ivy Cleanup at Church Creek Park
4. Paint picnic tables, and other structures in the parks
5. Paint Heritage Park backstops
6. Landscape under the wayfinding/welcome signs (specifically by McDonalds)
7. Plant bulbs in landscape areas

Item 7: 2023/2024 Budget and Work Plan

Carly went over the 2023/2024 budget that was approved by council. The budget was reduced from what was requested, therefore some proposed projects will not be continued in the next 2-year term. The committee discussed the budget.

Item 8: Park/Trail Updates

The committee discussed parks and trail updates.

Item 9: Committee Comments

A committee member mentioned citizens have reached out to her regarding concerns over the city putting the new sports courts so close to the skate park. She reiterated that she had brought this concern to the committee prior to finalizing the project, and she had no backing. She suggests bringing projects to the community in the future.

Adjourn: 5:04PM

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To whom it may concern:

I would be very pleased to volunteer my time by serving on the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee for the City of Stanwood. Both my personal and profession life have allowed me opportunities to participate in various aspects of parks and rec from planning to use. Since moving to Stanwood, kids' sports, adult sports, birthday parties, BBQs, disc golf, and hiking have all been part of our family's outdoor activities. This has given me a personal familiarity with our various public spaces in their current forms. I have recently also had an opportunity to volunteer with the city's municipal efforts for growth, allowing me better insight into the code and funding constraints faced by the Parks & Trails team. Lastly, I am also serving on the Stanwood Camano Little League board which gives me a very direct and personal desire to ensure we have the best facilities we can for our kids.

On the professional side of the meter, I have been in the commercial construction and development field for 15 years. Projects under my belt related to this topic include a couple of stadiums, some rec centers, and even a sports field complex itself. Understanding maintenance needs for facilities, renovation costs, and having insight to the supply chain related to parks and recreation facilities are assets I believe I can offer to the committee. My background in multi project-management will also be an asset in helping determining project priority and assessing town needs vs wants for yearly funding draws. Even though I come from that background, sustainability has always been a passion I follow, so I am also able to offer insight into green building opportunities and native planting rehabilitation.

We have some amazing facilities and plans in place to keep improving. I would be happy to be part of a team to help keep moving those goals forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Meagen Watne



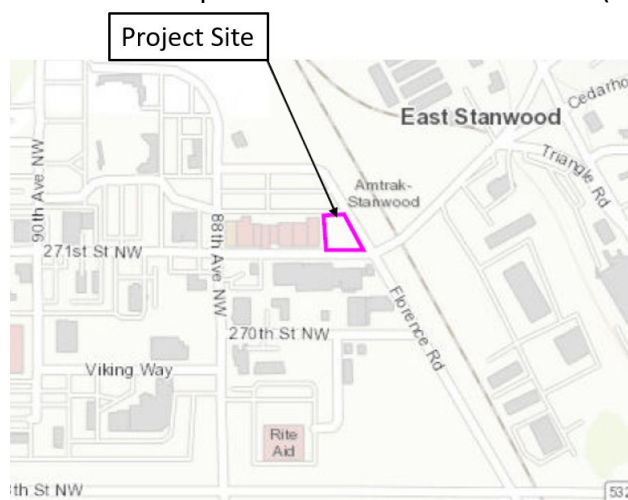
City Beautification Action Plan Downtown Park Project Narrative

INTRODUCTION:

The City of Stanwood purchased a 0.11-acre parcel on the eastern edge of Stanwood's main street business district and near the Amtrak train station for an urban business district park and entry point for visitors arriving by train. The City has planted trees and placed a "Stanwood Home of Scandinavian Hospitality" sign at the edge of the lot as gateway feature into the historic downtown area. The City plans to redevelop the site as a small public park that will enhance the experience of visitors on main street, supplement special event space and provide a small outdoor space that complements the architectural building design of downtown.

PROJECTION LOCATION:

The downtown park is located on 84th Avenue (Florence Road) next to the Amtrak Station.



SITE BACKGROUND:

The site is bordered by historic commercial buildings on the west side of the property and the railroad line used by Amtrak and general freight to the east. During the 1950s, an auto repair and parts buildings, a filling station, and an area for auto grease and oil storage were located on the site. During the 1980s and early 1990s, an antique business and later a hair salon operated on the Site. During the early 1990s, buildings on the site were destroyed by a fire and the site has since remained a vacant, undeveloped lot.

In 2022 the City began the downtown revitalization project referred to as the Twin City Mile. The City spent nearly 20 years planning for a vibrant and economically robust downtown. Applying "complete streets" concepts the City is reimagining how main street could look and function by connecting City Hall to the Train Station: The Twin City Mile.



The City purchased the downtown park site as part of the Twin City Mile downtown revitalization project. 271st Street project elements include improving pedestrian safety and comfort, reconfiguring travel lanes and parking, building wider sidewalks and plaza areas, improved street lighting, adding wayfinding signage, building park areas and gateway features, and installing street trees, art, and other curb appeal amenities.



Due to the past use of the site, petroleum products, solvents, and related contaminants associated with the gas station and auto repair activities were released to soil and/or groundwater on the site. With grant support from the Department of Ecology and the Washington State Department of Commerce, the site was cleaned up in 2022. Ongoing monitoring of the site is required.

DESIGN INSPIRATION:

The City envisions an urban, hard surface downtown park, that can be used by shoppers and tourists as a place to stop, rest and enjoy the day. It should also be designed to accommodate / supplement the many special events held along 271st Street including art festivals, Twin City Idlers Car Show, Stanwood Camano Fair parade, Touch- A-Truck, National Night Out, Concerts, Ghoul's Night Out (Halloween), Holiday Tree Lighting and Festivities, and potentially the Farmers Market.

Ideas include a gazebo, seating, band stage, hardscape play areas, accessible walkways to the rear parking lot, and/or any combination of public gathering space. The intent of the project is to create a “place” within the downtown area for that promotes a strong business district and useable community space.



Google images for inspirational ideas:

Active “Play” Areas:



Outdoor Seating:



Gazabo / Band Space (Bellingham Barkley Village):



COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

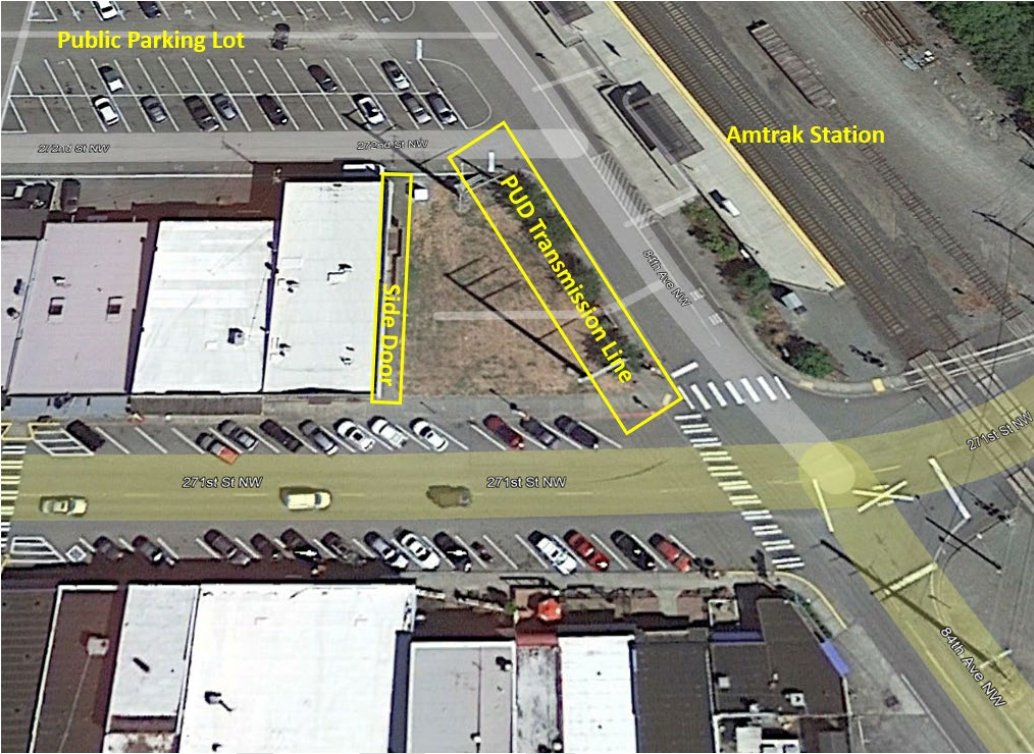
Design work will require four specific phases:

1. Public outreach to the downtown businesses, Stanwood Commerce Alliance, the Park and Trails Advisory Committee (PTAC), and Snohomish County PUD to get their ideas and thoughts on how best to use the space in a complementary manner with the business district.
2. Concept design based on public outreach efforts with review by the PTAC.
3. Final approval of the concept design by the Stanwood City Council.
4. 30% / 75% / Final Design and permitting.



SITE CONSTRAINTS:

Design considerations include:

- Digging is limited to **2 feet in depth** due to the site contamination cleanup actives.
 - There is a major PUD transmission line along the eastern boundary of the property.
 - The building along the western property line includes a side door and stairwell that needs to be accommodated.
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- There are **three (3)** monitoring wells that requires physical access.
 - A park sign will be required acknowledging environmental cleanup grant support from Department of Ecology and Washington State Department of Commerce.
 - A formal survey of the property will be needed to determine the exact property boundaries.

Note: A new park name is currently under review and the actual project name will be changed in the near future.

Stanwood Public Farm Summary of Plan

Summary of Concept

The Stanwood Public Farm will convert Ovenell Park into a vegetable garden. The project will plant, maintain, and make available for harvest a variety of vegetables via free weekly classes which will be held throughout the growing season. These classes will cover all the basic principles of farming and gardening from seeding to harvest. The project will be funded through grants and donations which will cover tool and equipment expenses. The techniques will be scalable so that participants can use the skills and knowledge gained by their participation to grow their own vegetables. The project strives to be run and shaped by community members, but it will be overseen by Andrew Davis.

Plan

Summary

A greenhouse, potting shed, and in ground garden will be created and at Ovenell park for use by participants. They will access the park via lover's lane and Saratoga Drive. The wetland on the south side of Saratoga drive will begin the process of restoration, and the south barn will be converted for use as a potting shed and equipment storage space.

Infrastructure

A 140'x260' in ground garden bed, a 30x90' greenhouse, and a 6x90 foot 'caterpillar tunnel' will be installed at Ovenell park (see attached map) The south end of the South Barn will be used as a potting shed where participants will plant seeds before transferring them to the greenhouse for germination.

The infrastructure constructed at the park is subject to change based on the decisions made by the Parks advisory committee and Stanwood City Council. Plan B outlined in a separate document may be used depending on the outcomes of the discussion.

Water

Water will be drawn from the pump located next to the house and transferred via hose to the greenhouse and garden for irrigation. The garden will be irrigated by self-drive sprinklers.

Equipment

Equipment will include a BCS rototiller for tilling the field, a small spreader, and a

Participants will access the farm via Lovers Lane coming from the east and exit via Saratoga Drive to reduce the traffic burdens on 532. Participants will only be allowed to access the farm on Sundays between the hours of 10 and three.

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Wetland Restoration

The SPF will work to make a wetland conservation plan with confluence environmental company and qualified environmental scientists with experience working in Washington. The intent of the wetland restoration is to improve the ecosystem services provided by wetlands which will be of great benefit to the farm, improve the class of the wetland to a higher status for mitigation purposes. The wetland restoration could be a great opportunity for collaboration with local tribes including the Tulalip and Stillaguamish. Their native knowledge of indigenous plants and planting techniques is valuable and would enrich the participants understanding of the natural history of the area. It also has the potential to promote discussion on the relationship between farming and salmon, which has a long history in this region.

Crop Estimate

Crop Name	Total Plants	Expected Yield (50%)
Corn	3900	1950 ears
Onion	5850	3000 bulbs
Dino Kale	433	500 lb
Green Kale	433	500 lb
Red Kale	433	500 lb
Green Zucchini	433	1000lb
Red Lettuce	5850	3000 heads
Green Lettuce	5850	3000 heads
Romaine	5850	3000 heads
Green Bush Bean	3900	1000 lb
Beet	7020	1000lb

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Values and Goals

The value of agricultural lands has been simplistically reduced to what they can produce for sale. Farms here in Stanwood and across the United States are far more valuable than what they produce. These places are essential to the wellbeing of the community; they are educational resources, environmental service providers, community leaders, and much more. This project aims to realize the value of agricultural lands more fully by attempting to incorporate the unaccounted-for market externalities in agricultural production. To do this, the project will actively engage the community and attempt to educate participants on how to create an environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable agricultural system.

Alignment with City Park Goals

The goals of the project are in line with the original plan for Ovenell Park entitled:

***A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, SNOHOMISH COUNTY,
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE OVENELL PARK AND HAMILTON LANDING
MASTER PLAN.***

In the top fifteen uses, five are directly supported by the goals of the Stanwood Public Farm. Specifically,

#3 is Informational displays and signage that shares the story of (the natural history of the area),

#4 is venue for local events,

5 is Future Farmers of America (FFA)/4H program space,

6 is an education Center, and

#9 is wetland restoration.

The project directly supports all of these goals and indirectly supports other goals by encouraging the public to access the space and begin the process of opening it to the public.

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In addition, the goals of the SPF are in line with the goals outlined in the resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE PARKS RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN.

The City prioritized the five following guiding principles for investment in the parks and recreation system as follows.

1. Finance/Economic Development: ensure that parks & trails are financially sustainable and generate economic development for the community
2. Maintenance: invest in our existing parks – starting with Heritage Park and Church Creek Park
3. Trails: make progress on near-term improvements and selective longer term improvements
4. Waterfront Access: realize connections to the waterfront – via Hamilton Landing and Ovenell Park improvements
5. Parks System: prioritize improvements for existing parks, while recognizing that acquiring new properties will need to be considered at the appropriate time

Outreach

The success of the project depends on its level of community involvement. In support of this goal, the project will strive to create a space that is open and welcoming for all. To accomplish this goal, the project will use social media, flyers, and emails. To reach members of historically marginalized communities such as LGBTQ+, minorities, tribes, and others, the project is in communication with some of the local organizations representing these groups. Their involvement is critical for crafting an effective diversity statement and strategy for employing equitable solutions that lower barriers to access for their members. These organizations have a broad reach and will be essential in creating a space that welcomes a diverse set of participants.

In addition, the resolution regarding Ovenell Park lists a number of partner organizations that expressed interest in participating and potentially funding the park. These organizations will be contacted as part of the outreach plan.

SPF would also like to acknowledge the history of the park space through signage and classes. A sign detailing the history of the farm and the use by native persons should be installed at the park.

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Opportunities for Expansion

The first year of the project is intended to be a pilot for a larger long-term project. This project has many opportunities for expansion including increasing the number of acres under production, wetland planting and restoration, a space for live music and other events, and native plant and general botany education to name a few. This project will also serve to incentivize the City of Stanwood to allocate the necessary funding to open the park to the public.

Before increasing the size and scope of the project, it must first demonstrate that it is viable and has a positive impact on the Stanwood community. Metrics for the project include the number of hours participants spend at the farm, amount of food generated from the project, the diversity of the participants, and funding.

Timeline of events

March 2023

Work will be done to finalize the park for use by project participants. There are still a number of identified insurance risks that will need to be addressed, (painting tripping hazards, demolishing an unsafe porch, removing dangerous debris). The project will also construct a greenhouse, soil benches, and contract the services of a portable toilet company.

The park will not be open to the public next year because there is no paved parking lot, something which is required by law, nor an appropriate solution to traffic. Therefore, only participants of the project will be allowed to access the park.

April 2023

Classes will begin in the beginning of April starting with seedling trays of vegetables for germination in the greenhouse. Classes will be held for approximately five hours once a week from April until October, depending on seasonal weather conditions. These classes are drop-in, and the only barrier to entry will be the submission of a waiver and a background check.

May 2023

The project will contract the services for composting and fertilizing the fields as deemed appropriate by soil samples which will be taken with the assistance of a certified agronomist. Andrew will till the land with a walk-behind rototiller which will make the ground ready for transplanting. After field prep is complete weekly transplanting sessions will start.

Summer 2023

The project will use organic practices which do not include herbicides, therefore the majority of the work performed by participants during the summer will be weeding. Participants will be educated on effective manual weeding methods.

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Pest issues will be controlled with certified organic sprays as deemed appropriate by an agronomist. All pesticides will be applied by Andrew. Andrew will also be in charge of watering, which will be done with the use of a self-moving sprinkler system. Water for the project is available on site and will be brought to the field using a hose.



October 19, 2022

Dear Stanwood Parks and Recreation,

I am writing in support of Andrew Davis' proposal for the Stanwood Public Farm. We support Mr. Davis' efforts to provide educational opportunities for the community to learn about agricultural practices through hands on experience. This project has the potential to educate and connect community members from a diverse set of backgrounds and experiences about the valuable work that farmers do.

This project also has the potential to reduce food insecurity by providing community members the opportunity to harvest their own fresh vegetables.

Thank you for considering this project proposal.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Lyshall". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Linda Lyshall, Executive Director

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October 27, 2022

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Dear Board Members,

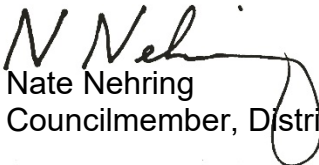
I am writing today in support of Andrew Davis' Stanwood Public Farm proposal. This concept will bring community members together where they can learn about farming through hands-on classes.

Food insecurity is an issue that has become more pronounced since the COVID-19 pandemic. When supply chains were disrupted, many people saw empty shelves at their local grocery store for the first time. The importance of locally sourced food became even more clear.

This project will help residents of Stanwood and the surrounding communities learn how to produce their own food and how to support local food producers in our area. This will be an incredibly valuable addition to our community.

I encourage you to support this project and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nate Nehring
Councilmember, District 1