

RESOLUTION NO. 1039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE PARKS COMMISSION AND ARTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE 'HONOR SALMON' WELCOME ARCH AT AUSTIN ESTUARY PARK.

WHEREAS, the original inhabitants of Gig Harbor were members of the Puyallup Tribe with a longhouse where "Austin Estuary Park" is today; and

WHEREAS, Donkey Creek was named after the Donkey Engine to commemorate Gig Harbor's logging industry; and

WHEREAS, Gig Harbor has a rich maritime history beginning with the Wilkes Expedition and furthered through the local Commercial Fishing Fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe participated in the daylighting of Donkey Creek and performed a historic ceremonial blessing to commemorate the event; and

WHEREAS, a group of citizens approached the City in 2015 with an art project proposal to honor Gig Harbor's Native American history and reliance on salmon at Austin Estuary Park; and

WHEREAS, the project was presented to the City Council and Parks Commission at their May 16, 2016 joint meeting. The City Council forwarded the project to the Parks Commission for their recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the project was presented to the Gig Harbor Arts Commission at their May 10, 2016 meeting. The Arts Commission voted to recommend the project to the City Council; and

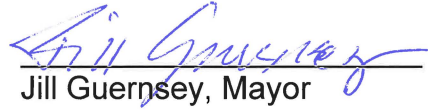
WHEREAS, the project was presented to the Gig Harbor Parks Commission at their June 1, 2016 meeting and the Parks Commission voted to recommend the project to the City Council; Now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Austin Estuary Park-Honor Salmon Welcome Arch. The Gig Harbor City Council hereby adopts the Parks Commission and Arts Commission recommendations to support the 'Honor Salmon' Welcome Arch at Austin Estuary Park. The City Council authorizes city staff to apply for necessary project permits and conduct public outreach. Additionally, the City Council authorizes city staff, along with project stakeholders, to discuss and promote the project with the Puyallup Tribe.

APPROVED by the City Council this 25th day of July, 2016.

APPROVED:


Jill Guernsey, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


Molly Towslee, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 07/18/16
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 07/25/16
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