

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE  
MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020**



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**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING – 6:00 PM**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – At this time, the public may address the Council on any topic whether on the agenda or not, except those scheduled for public hearing.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Resolution Renaming Stokely Square Park to the Mike Bren Memorial Park – Councilmember Brewer 1-2
  - B. Palacios Parkway Pedestrian Bridge – Councilmember Brewer 3-5
  - C. Ambulance Utility Fee – Councilmember Everett
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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The City of Grandview Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting & Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm will only be available via teleconference.

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## Anita Palacios

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**From:** Gay Brewer <dancefunproductions@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 4:14 PM  
**To:** qplant@mjbe.com; Anita Palacios  
**Subject:** Grandview Mayor and City Council,

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Grandview Mayor and City Council,

I request staff prepare an appropriate resolution to rename the Stokely Square downtown park to honor the memory of Mike Bren. Mike grew up, attended school, and raised his family here in Grandview. Mike served on the City Council and as Mayor. Mike and his wife Carolyn have been an inspiration to many of us. Even while suffering from his painful and fatal illness, he still was a courageous supporter of Grandview, his Church, family and those he knew and served. The name could be Mike Bren Memorial Park, or even another appropriate name that would honor him. I would ask this resolution be placed on the next Committee of the Whole agenda for action.

Thank you,  
Councilman, Gaylord Brewer

Sent from my iPad

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRANDVIEW, WASHINGTON,  
RENAMING STOKELY SQUARE PARK TO THE MIKE BREN MEMORIAL PARK**

**WHEREAS**, Raymond "Mike" Michael Bren, a long time Grandview resident and former Councilmember and Mayor of the City of Grandview passed away on February 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council wish for the City of Grandview to honor and memorialize Mike's spirit by formally renaming the Stokely Square Park as the "Mike Bren Memorial Park,"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANDVIEW, AS FOLLOWS:**

The Stokely Square Park is hereby renamed the Mike Bren Memorial Park.

**PASSED** by the **CITY COUNCIL** and **APPROVED** by the **MAYOR** at its regular meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**MAYOR**

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**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**CITY ATTORNEY**



# Memorandum

**To:** Councilman Brewer

**From:** Mayor Mendoza

**Date:** May 11, 2020

**Re:** Pedestrian Bridge

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Please consider this memorandum as my formal response to your concerns regarding the pedestrian walking bridge located on Wine Country Road east of the rose garden.

## **YOUR PERSONAL OPINION:**

You claim that this bridge is unsafe but you have not provided any documentation and/or reasons to support your concern as to what is unsafe. Keep in mind, that as an "elected official" you must choose your words wisely and statements of this nature should be supported with facts. Each one of us can bring up concerns but must do so in a manner that will not place us in a position of potential liability.

## **HISTORY OF THIS BRIDGE:**

This bridge has been in place for over 20-years and it was installed by Yakima County. This is a U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service standard trail design and is classified as a "Glulam Stringer Trail Bridge". (Drawing included) This is an engineered bridge and when it was installed it had to meet all of the safety regulations in place for that time. I know for a fact, that our staff does annual inspections and also provides a wood preservative to the wood every spring.

I am aware that Todd informed you that there was nothing unsafe with this bridge. Todd is the appropriate person to provide this information because he is the one who is responsible for the maintenance of this bridge. In addition, I also told you that I had met with the City Administrator and that he also is not concerned with the condition of the bridge. I was with the City Administrator when he spoke with the Police Chief and was told that the Police Department has never had any calls and/or concerns with the safety of the bridge. Our City Code Official also inspected the bridge and he supported the others that the bridge is safe as constructed. The City Code Official's

only comment was to consider adding one more board at the bottom of the rail, four-inches off the ground, but other than that, he has no other suggestions.

### **CONCLUSIONS:**

I appreciate your concern for safety and I assure you that we are concerned about safety too. As you know, our City Administrator is information-driven and he will not make up an answer unless he has the facts to support his determination. I have met with him, I have been included in his fact findings, and I agree with the facts that this bridge is "safe" based on the following:

- This is an engineered design plan.
- Staff provides annual maintenance, inspections, and treatment of the wood.
- We have no reported concerns from the Public.
- The Police Chief has no concerns regarding the safety of the bridge.
- The Code Officer inspected the Bridge on May 11, 2020, with no real concerns.
- I inspected the bridge myself on May 11, 2020, and personally observed staff performing annual maintenance.
- I denied the City Administrator's request of hiring a Professional Engineer to provide an inspection just to satisfy your concerns based on the estimated cost of \$2,000 for an opinion.

I have gone through all of this information and the bridge is safe; therefore, we are bringing this concern to a closure unless you can provide me with some items and/or facts to change my mind. Staff is very busy and I do not want to continue to waste their time, and our taxpayer's money, on personal opinions.

For example; when Todd told you, the bridge was safe that should have been the end of it, but you called me again and I, again, told you the bridge was safe. Now here we are again for a third time.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

In the future, submit your comments in written form so that I and/or staff will actually know what the concerns are. This communication method, will help staff eliminate the guessing game and most importantly, it will provide us with the ability to expedite a repair and/or response without creating any hard feeling towards anyone.

## Anita Palacios

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**From:** Public Works2 Grandview <carteaga@grandview.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** Anita Palacios  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mayor Mendoza

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**To:** Cus Arteaga <carteaga@grandview.wa.us>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mayor Mendoza

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I will be responding to him shortly.

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**Date:** Tue, May 26, 2020, 5:53 PM  
**Subject:** Mayor Mendoza  
**To:** <[gmcmendoza@gmail.com](mailto:gmcmendoza@gmail.com)>

Mayor Mendoza

Canal bridge

My concern with the canal bridge itself is the possibility that a small child could fall or climb through the guard rails, but even more concerning is the very short wings that flank both ends of the bridge. They look far too short in my opinion. If the mayor, council members, along with the City Supervisor, believe I am wrong, State it on the public record. If the mayor wants to go with me, I will point out my concerns to her, Cus and/or a representative from the Insurance Authority. The letter I received today, leads me to believe that you think my concern is nonsense and is a waste of time. Is that the case? You asked be to present my feelings in writing.

Councilman, Gaylord Brewer.

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