



**NISQUALLY TRIBAL COUNCIL AND  
LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
JOINT MEETING AGENDA  
Monday, November 29, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**



Residents can virtually attend City Council meetings by watching them live on the city's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityoflakewoodwa>

Those who do not have access to YouTube can participate via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86872632373> or dial by telephone +1(253) 215-8782 and enter meeting ID: 868 7263 2373.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Renaming of Fort Steilacoom Park
2. Partnership Projects at Fort Steilacoom Park
  - Plaza Seating and Gathering Area
  - Chief Leschi Story
  - Nisqually Loop Trail
  - Barn/Outdoor Interpretive Area
3. I-5 Mounts Road to Tumwater & Nisqually River Delta
4. Cooperative Joint Government Agreements

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Persons requesting special accommodations or language interpreters should contact the City Clerk, 253-983-7705, as soon as possible in advance of the Council meeting so that an attempt to provide the special accommodations can be made.*

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# Nisqually Tribe City of Lakewood Partnership Projects





# Fort Steilacoom Park Project Areas

1. Plaza Area
2. Chief Leschi Story
3. Nisqually Loop Trail
4. Barn / Outdoor Interpretive area

All areas can include various forms  
of art and interpretation



*Fort Steilacoom Park*



# Fort Steilacoom Park Project Areas

## 1. Plaza Area

- Central location
- Gathering place
- Parking / Restroom
- Trailhead to Nisqually Loop Trail

All areas can include various forms of art and interpretation



*Fort Steilacoom Park*



# Plaza Area Gathering Areas



Engraved benches and seating with native symbols, language, tribal history, stories or beadwork or weaving patterns



# Plaza Area Kiosk

- Location for kiosk
- Trailhead Sign and Maps
- History Information
- Land Acknowledgement
- City logo one side
- Nisqually Logo on the other





# Plaza Area

- Signage
- Totems
- Pictures
- History
- Art
- Stories
- Traditions



## THE SQUALLI-ABSCH, THE PEOPLE OF THE GRASS COUNTRY, THE PEOPLE OF THE RIVER

We Wear Our Name Proudly

By Cecilia Swinth Carpenter 9-18-1993



"Origin of the name Nisqually" The word Squalli is the Nisqually Indian name for the prairie grass that once grew in abundance on the Nisqually Plains. Our river took its name from the prairie grass and became the Squalli River. An Indian place name usually always describes a geographical feature of the area. Our Indian people who have for centuries lived along the Squalli River on the vast prairie lands called themselves The Squalli-absch, the People of the Grass Country, the People of the River. (The ending "absch" means "the people of".) In 1833 when the people of the Hudson's Bay Company established their fur-gathering fort near the mouth of the Nisqually River, they named their fort after our people and added the prefix "Nes" to our name. They called us the Nesqualli. Later, when the American settlers came into our country, the spelling of the prefix was changed to "Nis." Somewhere along the way the "i" at the end of our name was changed to a "y" so that today we are known as the Nisqually. However, in the hearts and minds of our people, we are still The Squalli-absch, the People of the Grass Country, the People of the River.





# Fort Steilacoom Park Project Areas

## 2. Chief Leschi Story



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# Fort Steilacoom Park Chief Leschi Story

## Discovery Trail Sign Location #6 on Map

## Chief Leschi Story from the Nisqually Tribe Perspective





# Fort Steilacoom Park

## Chief Leschi Story

Site redeveloped  
Ready for signage &  
art, maps, displays  
interpretation





# Plaza Area

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## Medicine Creek Treaty was signed

The Medicine Creek Treaty was signed on December 18, 1854, between the United States and the Nez Perce, Shoshone, and Kootenai tribes. The treaty established the Nez Perce Reservation in Idaho and the Shoshone and Kootenai Reservations in Idaho and Montana. The treaty also established the boundaries of the Nez Perce Reservation and the Shoshone and Kootenai Reservations. The treaty was signed at Medicine Creek, Idaho, and is known as the Medicine Creek Treaty.

**December 1854**





# Fort Steilacoom Park

## #3 Nisqually Loop Trail

signs, art and interactive displays along the trail.



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# #3 Nisqually Loop Trail

Nisqually Trail  
Outlined in Orange

1.7 miles

Trail Markers

Tell stories ~ share history





# Fort Steilacoom Park Project Areas

## 4. Barn / Outdoor Interpretive area

- Renovation
- Interpretation
- Outdoor Gathering Event Spaces



*Fort Steilacoom Park*



# Fort Steilacoom Park Project Areas

## 4. Barn / Outdoor Interpretive area

