

## ***Shannon Sessions***

*City Council Liaison Report Nov. 18, 2020*

I continue to serve as the Vice President of the Council for 2020. This leadership position requires an increase of commitment on the City Council during typical years, let alone during this unprecedented 2020. While an extra load and heavy decisions, it's a privilege to support and advocate for our whole council with administration, directors and community in this position.

### **History and Heritage:**

As you can see in the attached photo below, our new, beautiful mural by artist Gabrielle Abbott for the South Lynnwood Park is about complete.



While many things have been set on hold due to Covid19, including all the summer Heritage days and the popular Cookies with Santa in December have been cancelled, this board continues to move forward. We are in process of updating the city's historical site tour program brochure and the Heritage Park brochure.

The cottage along with the Veterans museum were briefly open with safety protocols.

- Love of Lynnwood iconic sculpture is still moving forward and will be placed outside the Lynnwood Convention Center and hopefully we'll be able to have a ribbon cutting on Valentine's day.

- We have named and the historical trolley and painted the name “Walter V. Shannon” on the side of the trolley. We look forward a time in near future to be able to celebrate this with a ribbon cutting and press releases.

**Veterans:** I’m the unofficial liaison to our official Veteran groups.

We were able to celebrate Veterans Day 2020 virtually this year with the traditional ceremony (big thanks to city staff Misty Burton-Burke for all her talent and work on this) and we also taped four interviews with different Veterans regarding their opinion and experience with Covid19. If you haven’t yet, catch these out on our city’s Facebook page.

There was also a safe Veterans drive-thru Dessert on 11 Nov at the NEW location for the Hero’s Cafe: We implemented social distancing.

- Gary Walderman said, “ I would like to honor and thank Myra Rintamaki, her Gold Star Mom's team--our November Sponsor of this event; Donald Lachman, and his Home Depot team, Donna Padilla and her team for making these desserts, and Karin Butler, CEO at Hunniwater by Hunni Co. Edmonds for their superior efforts to make this event happen. So, come to our new Heroes' Cafe location between 1-3pm and get a Drive through dessert, a limited number of gifts from Home Depot will be handed out, and a beverage donated by Karin Butler. The new location of the New Life Church rear parking lot is at 6519 188th St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98037. You can also say hello to some friends you haven't seen in a long while as you drive through. “
- Edmonds College also uploaded a touching Virtual Veterans Day ceremony you can find on their website at [www.edmonds.edu/veterans](http://www.edmonds.edu/veterans)
- Free Veteran's Meals were safely distributed on 6 Nov: I would like to pass on a whole-hearted thank you to Mary-Anne Grafton, Director, Lynnwood Senior Center, Janet Sigler Organizer, Lynnwood Councilwoman Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, her staff/volunteers for passing out 150 delicious meals and Salute to Service pins to local veterans. “A great time was had by all and there is nothing better than saluting a veteran for their unselfish service to our country. Thank you!” said Gary Walderman.

## **Disability Board:**

Council member Jim Smith and I serve on the Leoff I Disability Board: The Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Plan (LEOFF) 1 Disability Board reviews and approves all eligible disability and medical claims submitted by active and retired Police and Fire LEOFF 1 members in accordance with RCW 41.26, WAC 415-105, and the City of Lynnwood LEOFF 1 Disability Board Policies and Procedures. It is a pleasure and honor to continue to serve on this board.

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