

Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 12/7/2022

Subject - Visitors - SHS Future Business Leaders of America - Leah Boles, Lauren Meyer, Sarah Brown - Book Nook at Centennial Park

Synopsis - Seaside High School Seniors Leah Boles, Lauren Meyer, and Sarah Brown, have been working on a project for their school's Future Business Leaders of America program that focuses on children's literacy. They partnered with the Woods program at the high school to build 10 book nooks that they hope to place around the community. They also hosted a book drive and collected over 1,000 children's books. Their hope is to establish book nooks around Clatsop County at public parks, schools, and private residences. They approached City staff in hopes to plant a box at the new park being built in Gearhart at Centennial Park. Staff put the ladies in touch with Councilor Fackerell, who has been working with them on their proposition. They are in attendance tonight and have a slideshow presentation for the Council.

Recommendation: Motion to approve placement of a book nook at the new Centennial Park playground.

Legal Analysis: N/A

Financial Analysis: Students in the FBLA program would help ensure the box is maintained and filled with books. Our book nook is built to withstand the weather of the coast. It has a stainless steel roof and is painted with high-quality paint. If needed FBLA could take care of the logistics of planting the box (digging the hole, filling it with concrete, etc.).

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad