



The Disney Wonder, operated by Disney Cruise Line, stopped in Astoria Tuesday on its way to San Diego.

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A WONDER ON THE RIVER



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LEFT: Cliff Larson pulls on his Mickey Mouse gloves to greet passengers arriving at the Port of Astoria on the Disney Wonder. MIDDLE: Tourists arrive at the Port of Astoria onboard the Disney Wonder cruise ship. RIGHT: The Disney Wonder looms large in the background as passengers arrive in Astoria.

Designs emerge for Scandinavian monument

Project at Peoples Park

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
The Daily Astorian

A park celebrating Astoria’s Scandinavian heritage will emphasize what the early immigrants had in common — and might come with a troll.

The Scandinavian Heritage Park Committee unveiled two designs for the park at a community meeting Tuesday. The feedback from the dozens of people who attended brings them one step closer to a final design, said committee chairwoman Judi Lampi.

A number of hurdles remain before Scandinavian Heritage Park can become a reality, but park planners say they want to create a space that is able to meet a variety of needs, providing a place for contemplation and reverence, but also somewhere for children to play and

families to relax.

The Scandinavian Heritage Association received permission from the City Council to design a monument at Peoples Park downtown in 2017. The heritage association, the group behind the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, has long sought a monument that celebrates their ancestors’ contributions to the city and the stories of their arrival. Plans for the park have been three years in the making, said Janet Bowler, vice chairwoman of the park committee.

The park committee still needs to secure permits and will need to coordinate with nearby private property owners and businesses. Fundraising efforts are ongoing, but the park committee estimates enhancing Peoples Park could cost between \$650,000 and \$900,000.

The committee hopes to have a final proposal ready by October and in front of the City

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People reviewed designs for a proposed Scandinavian Heritage Park in Astoria on Tuesday.

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Fresenius Kidney Care’s new center along the Astoria Riverwalk will include board and batten siding reminiscent of the No. 10 Sixth St. commercial waterfront complex that used to be located over the water to the north.

Kidney center construction planned south of Riverwalk

Dialysis center could open by next fall

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Construction is set to start in October on Fresenius Kidney Care’s new kidney dialysis center in Astoria, with an expected opening date next fall.

Ownership of the kidney center’s site, in a parking lot just south of the Astoria River-

walk and former No. 10 Sixth St. commercial waterfront complex, was recently consolidated under No. 10 Medical Ventures, led by local accountant Stephen Allen and developer Chester Trabucco.

The two secured around \$3.2 million in funding to construct the 7,100-square-foot building and will rent it to Fresenius, one of the largest kidney dialysis companies in the U.S. Fresenius currently rents space in the Park Medical Building.

The development was approved by the Astoria Plan-

ning Commission and the Historic Landmarks Commission, which had jurisdiction because of the proximity to the historic Fisher Bros. Building. The last step for the project moving forward is getting a building permit.

The new center will use board and batten siding, along with beadboard paneling reminiscent of No. 10 Sixth St., Trabucco said. The covered pickup area will include a more metallic look.

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