



## LOGGERS RAISE FUNDS FOR NEW MEMORIAL, MUSEUM

Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

A statue commemorates the legacy of local loggers at the memorial and museum at Camp 18.

## Volunteers hope to collect \$3 million to \$4 million

By EDWARD STRATTON  
*The Daily Astorian*

**E**LSIE — A decade ago, a volunteer group of foresters opened a memorial in a small cabin-style building along U.S. Highway 26 just east of Camp 18 Restaurant for those who died while logging.

In a testament to one of the deadliest and most storied local professions, the Camp 18 Loggers Memorial quickly filled up with shrines and artifacts from the woods.

Volunteers are now raising between \$3 million and \$4 million for a new, 7,000-square-foot museum to continue honoring the past while providing a nod to the future.

See *Loggers*, Page A5



Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Mark Standley talks about the effort to raise money for a new facility to house a memorial and museum at Camp 18.



Chadbourne + Doss Architects

Volunteers behind the Camp 18 Loggers Memorial are planning a new 7,000-square-foot hall next to the existing memorial and museum in Elsie.

## Astoria open to homeless drop-in center idea

City councilors believe more can be done

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
*The Daily Astorian*

Several city councilors believe Astoria could do more to support projects that help the homeless.

During an annual goal-setting session Monday, Councilor Joan Herman and Councilor Roger Rocka urged the council to include a daytime drop-in center for the homeless on a draft list of priorities for the year.

Herman said it would be “significant” for the city to make a statement in support.

After some discussion, the City Council settled on an overarching goal that could include projects like a drop-in center.

The council asked city staff to write a goal to continue to help provide services to the homeless, “including supporting the recommendations of (the mayor’s homelessness solutions task force) and other community efforts to alleviate homelessness.”

The statement, and other goals discussed Monday, will come back for final approval at a future meeting.

The Lower Columbia Diversity Coalition hosted a discussion of the drop-in center idea on Sunday, a presentation Rocka and Herman attended.

Interfaith ministers Nelle Moffett and Rick Bowers have formed a loose group that includes members of a homelessness task force created by former Mayor Arline LaMear and others. They hope to create a facility that would give people a place to rest, socialize and access amenities like showers, but would also connect them with social services, classes and other resources.

Astoria has two makeshift drop-in centers now, Moffett told the audience Sunday.

“One is the library and one is the hospital,” she said, “but other than that, without paying money, there’s not a place for the homeless to be.”

Helping Hands, a nonprofit that offers substance abuse treatment and re-entry programs, opened a new facility in Uniontown last year. There are also clinics, food pantries and employment and mental health services located centrally in Astoria.

“But we’re still lacking resources in this community,” said Alan Evans, executive director of Helping Hands, who presented the drop-in center concept with Moffett and Bowers. “We’re still not in touch with the people who need us the most.”

The group behind the drop-in center proposal has yet to formalize.

Moffett and Bowers hope to create a nonprofit, but still need to figure out details like board members and funding. They have done some research into which commercial zones would allow a facility like a drop-in center, but have not identified property or a building.

For now, they are interested in community feedback, Moffett said.

See *Homeless*, Page A5

## Changes proposed to Astoria Column lighting policy

The landmark would no longer be lit for causes

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
*The Daily Astorian*

A new lighting system at the Astoria Column means it now only takes a few keystrokes on a computer to switch the colors projected onto the sides of the landmark. But a new policy may change when and why the Column is lit.

At a City Council work session Monday, Mayor

Bruce Jones discussed a policy proposed by the Friends of the Astoria Column to only light the Column with different colors for federal holidays and occasionally just for fun. The rest of the year, the Column would be lit with white lights.

Under the new policy, it would no longer be lit to draw awareness to causes.

Right now, the City Council’s policy is to allow the Column to be lit for a month twice a year to represent different causes. For example, the Column has been pink for breast cancer awareness, teal for sexual

assault awareness and rainbow for Pride Week.

The new policy will come back to the City Council for a discussion and vote during a regular meeting, but city councilors said they were in favor of taking themselves out of deciding which causes get special lighting.

The new LED lighting system is less onerous and more flexible, allowing for a range of lighting effects not possible when staff had to physically cover lights with colored screens in order to change projected colors.



Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Column reflects the holiday spirit.

See *Column*, Page A5

