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## Sound Transit scraps elephant sculpture idea

Arts will go back to 'square one' for Federal Way Link Extension project.

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After pressure from the community and unanimous disapproval from the Federal Way City Council, Sound Transit has decided to scrap the proposed elephant sculpture idea from the Federal Way Link Extension plans.

Sound Transit Chief Executive Officer Peter Rogoff wrote a letter to Mayor Jim Ferrell on Nov. 6 announcing the decision of developing a new art concept idea. Ferrell sent a letter to Rogoff the previous day stating the city does not feel the elephant sculpture concept reflects Federal Way in a positive light.

"As I stated in our phone conversation yesterday evening, Sound Transit has no interest in installing a work of art that the community does not believe is appropriate to their city or

representative of its potential," Rogoff wrote in the Nov. 6 response letter. During the phone call, Rogoff asked Ferrell what he would like to do and Ferrell suggested restarting the artwork design process.

In agreement with Sound Transit Board Chair Kent Keel, Rogoff said artist Donald Lipski will go back to "square one" of the art process and engage with the community in developing a new concept "that inspires joy and spurs conversation as all public art should," he said.

The proposed — and now scrapped — sculpture concept featured a tree as a base, drawing inspiration from Federal Way's logging town heritage. A spritely elephant is balanced on top of the tree on two front legs with a native great blue heron bird sitting atop the elephant's trunk, looking at one another.

The sculpture would have been three-and-a-half stories tall (approximately 30 feet), about the height of passengers on the future light rail platform.

Sound Transit presented the

selected artists and artwork concepts to the Federal Way Arts Commission on Oct. 1, but the commission did not have enough members to form a quorum. The board was never asked to, and never did, vote to approve the artwork concepts, said Vice Chair Vickie Chynoweth.

Somewhere in the last two weeks, the miscommunication began that the Arts Commission was responsible for the elephant artwork's approval, but "we

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Left to right: Mayor Jim Ferrell, Sen. Claire Wilson, former mayor Jeanne Burbidge, Councilmember Greg Baruso, Councilmember Linda Kochmar, Councilmember Leandra Craft, Councilmember Martin Moore, Councilmember Hoang Tran, Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, King County Council member Pete von Reichbauer, 30th Dist. State Rep. Jesse Johnson, Mary Gates, and former mayor Michael Park.

## Hello from 2020: Federal Way's time capsule to be buried soon

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Pieces of Federal Way's history from 2020 will soon be buried in Town Square Park, where they will remain in the city's time capsule for 30 years.

Mayor Jim Ferrell hosted a dedication ceremony for the time capsule on Nov. 6. The outdoor ceremony welcomed more than

50 community members, politicians, local leaders, contributors and more.

"On the 30th anniversary of the City of Federal Way, it is only fitting to not only reflect and document the last 30 years of our city, but to also communicate with our future residents 30 years in the future," Ferrell said.

The time capsule is a 5 foot-long and 22.5 inch-deep cement

vault that will soon be filled with artifacts from the city, such as the first-ever Pride Flag, a construction helmet from Sound Transit, the Federal Way Mirror's Nov. 6 front page, along with notes and donations from local residents and dozens more contributions.

Friday's dedication ceremony was held on the plaza outside of the Performing Arts and Event Center near the Town Center Steps, which

will also be the site of the capsule's plaque. The capsule itself will be buried in an undisclosed location in Town Square Park below.

The time capsule can also be considered a time machine, Ferrell said, and will be "an enthusiastic 'hello,' from 2020.

A key force behind the "time machine" is Diana Noble-Guilford, president of the volunteer-run Federal Way Historical Society. She

helped advocate for and organize the local groups to be represented, along with assembly and preservation of artifacts.

"Our mission statement is to preserve our history for future generations, and that is exactly what this time capsule does," Noble-Guilford said, noting the importance of documenting the year 2020 — already a historical year in itself.

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## Federal Way couple's love story inspires new Hallmark Channel movie

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Tucked away in a Federal Way neighborhood lives a decades-long romance that bloomed out of a reunion on a California freeway in the 1970s.

Now, the love story between local residents Pat and Margery Godfrey has inspired a new Hallmark Channel movie: "A Godwink Christmas — Second Chance, First Love," premiering at 7 p.m. PST/10 p.m. ET Sunday, Nov. 22.

In Los Angeles in the late 1970s, Pat Godfrey was in the process of his second divorce, taking custody of two kids and battling his alcoholism. He had resolved to never marry again

and ultimately, had given up on love.

One night, he was going over photo albums with his mother and came across a photo of him and his on-again, off-again high school sweetheart, Margery. He was a basketball player, Margery was a cheerleader.

Pat said the first day he had met her in seventh grade was "the end."

"I didn't think of it as 'you captured my heart and I'm never going to get it back again,'" he said with a laugh. "But it was. I was just so attracted to her. She was such a pistol. She was somebody to watch and pay attention to."



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Margery and Pat Godfrey.

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