



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 5:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting - Zoom & Council Chambers, 616 NE
4th AVE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Alicia Brazington, Chair Ellen Burton, Katy Daane, David Dewey, Bud Henson, Vice Chair Jason Irving, Council Liaison Tim Hein

Excused: Jenny Wu

Staff: Susan Palmer and Chris Witkowski

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Laidlaw presented a Washington state flag to be hung up at the Camas Skate Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approve Minutes of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – June 25, 2025**
Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair
Time Estimate: 5 Minutes

A motion was made by Daane, seconded by Dewey, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of June 25, 2025, as written.

MEETING ITEMS

2. **City Council Water Safety Committee & Commission Volunteer Request (Discussion)**

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director
Time Estimate: 15 minutes

Witkowski stated that the topic about water safety and the pedestrian bridge came up at a recent City Council meeting. Discussion ensued.

3. **Parks Usage Counts (Update)**

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director
Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Witkowski stated that the city has a 3-year agreement with Placer Ai to gather Parks usage data history for up to 7 years. Discussion ensued.

4. **National Fitness Campaign (Discussion)**

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director
Time Estimate: 15 minutes

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Witkowski gave a presentation on National Fitness Campaign equipment options and continued with a list of pros and cons for installing this type of equipment. Discussion ensued.

5. Special Events (Discussion)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

The concert in the parks will be held on July 24th & 31st at Dorothy Fox Park. Movies in the park will be held every Friday evening in August at Dorothy Fox Park. The Leadbetter Walk & Roll event will be held on September 14 from 1 – 4 pm. Hometown Holidays event planning is underway. The Parks Commission agreed to not having the Pumpkin Party event this year.

6. Staffing Update (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Witkowski stated that the Camas Parks Foundation held an annual staff lunch at Fallen Leaf Shelter in July for Parks & Recreation month. He stated that the Department coordinators will now be under the title of Parks & Recreation Coordinators.

PROJECT UPDATES

7. Parks Projects Updates (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 20 minutes

Witkowski provided updates on the following projects: Crown Park project, 3rd Avenue trailhead signs, sports field assessment, Legacy Lands open house survey, Columbaria installations at the cemetery.

OTHER ITEMS

8. Commissioners Updates

Presenter: Round Table

Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

Heritage parking lot issues have fluctuated throughout the summer.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6:56 PM.