



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 5:00 PM
Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Press: Kelly Moyer, Post Record

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF PARKS & REC COMMISSION MEETING – Dec. 5, 2024

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Time Estimate: 5 Minutes

A motion was made by Daane, seconded by Brazington, and approved unanimously to approve the minutes from December 5, 2024, as written.

MEETING ITEMS

2. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR UPDATE

Presenter: Bryan Rachal, Interim Parks and Rec Director

Time Estimate: 20 minutes

Rachal stated that the Parks & Recreation Director position opening was posted at the beginning of January, the city has currently received about 15 applicants. The job posting closes on January 31, 2025.

3. BUDGET UPDATE

Presenter: Bryan Rachal, Interim Parks and Rec Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Rachal provided an update on the Parks & Recreation Budget for 2025, which includes a 2% increase. The Recreation Coordinator position will be hired once the Parks & Recreation director is hired.

4. ALTERNATE FUNDING DISCUSSION

Presenter: Bryan Rachal, Interim Parks and Rec Director

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

Rachal stated that the budget plays a big part in alternate funding and added that the city lacks the funding for maintenance of projects, but not funding for capital projects. Rachal spoke about costs associated with projects like Legacy Lands.

Discussion ensued by all Parks Commission members on a variety of ways to help with funding of Camas Parks & Recreation fees.

PROJECT UPDATES

5. PARKS & REC PROJECT UPDATES

Presenter: Bryan Rachal, Interim Parks and Rec Director
Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Rachal provided updates on the following: sport fields; plumbing for the splash pad at Crown Park; Easter Egg Hunt alternate location; bathroom still has not arrived for 3rd Avenue trailhead; Legacy Lands project and open house this summer; Forest home drainage; Cemetery expansion; Council Retreat on January 24 & 25.

OTHER ITEMS

6. PARKS RELATED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Presenter: Bryan Rachal, Interim Parks and Rec Director
Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Several classes are currently taking place at Lacamas Lodge. Krista Bashaw is leaving in May, which may impact the events for this year. Several comments were made about the incredible work done by Bashaw over the years.

7. COMMISSIONERS UPDATES

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair
Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

Brazington and Burton spoke about the heavy usage at all parks during all seasons of the year.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6:20 PM.