



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 5:00 PM
ZOOM and Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE

NOTE: Please see the published Agenda Packet for all item file attachments

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Commissioner Burton.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ellen Burton, Katy Daane, Bud Hensen, Jason Irving, Jenny Wu

Absent: Alicia Brazington, Adam Stadtlander

Staff: Chris Witkowski, Jacquie Hil

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approve Minutes of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – August 26, 2026**
Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

It was motioned by Irving and seconded, to approve August 26, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

MEETING ITEMS

- 2. Emerald Ash Borer (Update)**
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Witkowski gave an update on Emerald Ash Borer.

- 3. Racquet Sports Open House (Discussion)**
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Witkowski shared information about a planned Racquet Sports Open House to gather community feedback on October 14.

- 4. 2027-28 Budget (Update)**
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Witkowski shared where the city is in the biannual budgeting process.

5. Special Events (Update)

Presenter: Jacquie Hill, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Hill gave a recap on Leadbetter Walk & Roll, updates on Zombie Dash, Pumpkin Party at Boo Bash and Hometown Holiday planning.

6. Commissioner Expiring Terms (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Witkowski shared who has expiring terms and what next steps and application deadlines look like.

PROJECT UPDATES

7. Parks Projects Updates (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Witkowski shared about the RCO rankings, information about a regional trails development workshop he attended, and information about new lots that the city acquired to move closer toward the around the lake loop.

OTHER ITEMS

8. Commissioners Updates

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Commissioner Henson updated the commission about Crown Park and Oak Park.

Commissioner Wu gave an update on the ALD run that she attended and the Leadbetter Walk and Roll event.

Commissioner Irving offered an update on Louis Bloch Park.

Commissioner Burton gave an update about her work with the Friends of Alan Thomas group and a tour that she took of the new downtown Washougal park.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Burton adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.