



**Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 5:00 PM
Zoom & Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Susan Palmer, Chris Witkowski

Presenters: Jeremy Morse, Chris Bloom, Pete Claggett, Dave Kern

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A comment was made by Brad Yeltsin of Camas, Washington in support of bike parks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – March 25, 2026

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

A motion was made by Brazington, seconded by Henson, and approved unanimously to accept the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of March 25, 2026, as written.

MEETING ITEMS

1. Bike Park Partnership (Discussion)

Presenters: Jeremy Morse, Chris Bloom, Pete Claggett, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

Time Estimate: 30 minutes

Jeremy Morse, Pete Claggett and Chris Bloom of the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance did a presentation on securing the goal of making Camas a bike destination. They spoke about activating unused green spaces to build a bike park and the potential community benefits associated with it. Discussion ensued on questions from Brazington, Henson, Stadlander and Daane.

2. Memorial Bench/Plaque (Discussion)

Presenter: David Kern, Chairperson, The Allen "Woody" Thomas Project

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

David Kern did a presentation about Allen "Woodsy" Thomas and to potentially install a basalt column along Lacamas Lake in remembrance of him. Kern described Allen as the voice of the Columbian newspaper and added that he touched a lot of people's lives. Questions were made by Brazington and Burton. Discussion ensued.

3. Commission Presentation to City Council (Update)

Presenter: Bud Henson, Parks & Recreation Commissioner

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Bud Henson spoke about the Parks & Rec Department annual presentation and reviewed the presentation slides. Irving, Stadlander and Wu provided feedback.

4. Staff (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

Witkowski stated that the Parks Maintenance staff will now work under the Parks & Recreation Director instead of the Public Works Director.

5. Parks Projects Updates (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

Witkowski provided updates on the Community Garden, the Clark County Parks Foundation Luncheon, Climate Change grant, RCO Grant process, Oak Park Playground, Heritage parking lot monitors, T3 trail, Spring Bingo and Spring Fest.

OTHER ITEMS

6. Commissioners Updates

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

Brazington gave updates on the Skate Park and Goot Park. Henson provided updates on Crown Park and Oak Park. Daane gave updates on Coopers View and Dorothy Fox Park. Irving gave updates on Louis Bloch Park.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7:04 PM.