



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 28, 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: Chair Ellen Burton, Katy Daane, David Dewey, Bud Henson, Vice Chair Jason Irving, Jenny Wu

Excused: Alicia Brazington and Council Liaison Tim Hein

Staff: Susan Palmer, Bryan Rachal, Chris Witkowski

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF PARKS & REC COMMISSION MEETING – April 23, 2025

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

A motion was made by Daane, seconded by Henson, and carried unanimously to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission minutes of April 23, 2025, as written.

MEETING ITEMS

2. CHRIS WITKOWSKI INTRODUCTION

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Ellen Burton introduced Chris Witkowski, the new City of Camas Parks & Recreation Director. Witkowski gave a brief history of his past work in Parks & Recreation.

3. PICKLEBALL COMPLAINTS/COURT DISCUSSION

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director, & Bryan Rachal, Communications Director

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

Witkowski suggested the idea of keeping Crown Park courts as tennis courts and turning Grass Valley Park courts into Pickleball courts only. Discussion ensued.

4. ALTERNATIVE FUNDING DISCUSSION

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair, & Jason Irving, Vice Chair

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

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Irving reviewed a variety of alternative funding options for the Parks & Recreation Department, which included volunteer maintenance, Internships, sponsorships, MPD, picnic shelter reservations, out of state usage and more. Witkowski stated that he wants to gather data and track park usage. He also spoke about the financial benefits of efficient park design/layout and would like to research city asset data for long-term financial outlooks. Discussion ensued.

PROJECT UPDATES

5. PARKS PROJECTS UPDATES

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Rec Director, & Bryan Rachal, Communications Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Witkowski stated that the city is in the final stages of the Crown Park Project and provided updates on the ramp at Scout Hall, the tennis courts and restroom installation. The Splash pad is projected to open next year. The restrooms will arrive on Thursday at Lacamas Creek trailhead. Rachal stated that the cove will be closed at Lacamas Lake for Clark County algae testing. Witkowski provided a department staff update and updates on summer special events.

OTHER ITEMS

6. TRAIL MAPS

Presenter: Jason Irving, Vice Chair

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Discussion ensued on new trail map recommendations. Suggestions included increased signage, rating criteria, QR codes, more viewing accessibility, digital maps, adding trail distance and difficulty levels, making it more inclusive.

7. COMMISSIONERS UPDATES

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

All Parks Commissioners provided positive updates on the city parks.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 6:58 pm.