

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 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: Alicia Brazington, Chair Ellen Burton, Katy Daane, David Dewey, Bud Henson, Vice Chair

Jason Irving

Excused: Jenny Wu, Council Liaison Tim Hein

Press: Kelly Moyer, Camas-Washougal Post Record

Staff: Susan Palmer, Chris Witkowski

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Camas resident Cassi Marshall provided an update on the Camas Parks Foundation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes of Parks & Rec Commission Meeting – May 28, 2025

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair Time Estimate: 5 Minutes

A motion made by Dewey, seconded by Henson, and passed unanimously to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of May 28, 2025, as written.

MEETING ITEMS

2. Vision & Mission Statement Review (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Witkowski reviewed the current Parks & Recreation Vision & Mission Statement. Discussion ensued.

3. July Parks & Recreation Month (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

Witkowski stated that July is Parks & Recreation month and is sponsored by NRPA. He has asked a few Camas Parks Foundation members to attend the City Council meeting on July 7th when the mayor presents the proclamation. Discussion ensued.

4. Mid-Cycle Director's Updates (Discussion)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Witkowski stated that Trang Lam provided updates to the Parks Commission every month, and he would like to continue this tradition by providing updates bi-weekly. Discussion ensued.

5. Staffing Update (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Witkowski stated that we have hired Metro Watch Security to monitor the Heritage Park parking lot for this summer. They will be at the site every weekend through Labor Day weekend. The Recreation Coordinator position is in process and interviews will be in August.

6. Leadbetter Walk & Roll Event (Discussion)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Witkowski presented his proposal for a Leadbetter Walk & Roll Event in mid-September on a Sunday afternoon. Discussion ensued.

PROJECT UPDATES

7. Parks Projects Updates (Discussion)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 20 minutes

Witkowski provided an update on the Legacy Lands open house, Crown Park project, the 3rd Avenue trailhead bathrooms, sport fields assessment, summer special events, Hometown Holidays. Discussion ensued on tree pruning at Crown Park.

OTHER ITEMS

8. Commissioner's Updates

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

Brazington provided an update on Grass Valley Park, Jason Irving provided an update on Louis Bloch Park, Burton provided an update on the Ostenson Canyon trail. Dewey stated that GV Park needs some maintenance. Burton stated that a dead tree was removed at Klickitat Park near restroom.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6:26 pm.