



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

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [Approve Minutes of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – August 26, 2026](#)
[Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair](#)
[Time Estimate: 5 minutes](#)

MEETING ITEMS

2. [Emerald Ash Borer \(Update\)](#)
[Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director](#)
[Time Estimate: 15 minutes](#)
3. **Racquet Sports Open House (Discussion)**
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director
Time Estimate: 15 minutes
4. **2027-28 Budget (Update)**
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director
Time Estimate: 10 minutes

5. Special Events (Update)

Presenter: Jacquie Hill, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

6. Commissioner Expiring Terms (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

PROJECT UPDATES

7. Parks Projects Updates (Update)

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 15 minutes

OTHER ITEMS

8. Commissioners Updates

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

CLOSE OF MEETING



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 5:00 PM Fallen Leaf Lake Park

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, Alicia Brazington, Bud Hensen, Jason Irving, Jenny Wu

Absent: Katy Daane, Adam Stadlander

Staff: Chris Witkowski, Jacquie Hill

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelly Putney, Vancouver.

Bob Siston, Vancouver.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – June 24, 2026
Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair
Time Estimate: 5 minutes

It was motioned by Henson, and seconded, to approve June 24, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

MEETING ITEMS

2. City of Camas Naming Policy (Update)
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Witkowski presented the new naming policy.

3. Status of Parks Grants (Update)
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Witkowski presented information on the status of current parks grants.

4. Parks & Recreation Levels of Service (Discussion)
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Witkowski gave an update on maintenance needs and current levels of service.

5. Special Events (Update)
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Witkowski and Hill gave an update on special events for the remainder of 2026.

PROJECT UPDATES

6. Parks Projects Updates (Update)
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director
Time Estimate: 15 minutes

This item was for the Parks and Recreation Commission's information only. Witkowski gave an update on Oak Park playground, County PROS planning and workshops and Emerald Ash Boar planning.

OTHER ITEMS

7. Commissioners Updates
Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Commissioner Wu gave an update on the Clark County Council meeting she attended.

Commissioner Burton gave an update about signage she saw on the Moose Loop trail she visited in Anchorage AK and potentially sponsorship opportunities.

Commissioner Brazington gave an update on signage that she appreciated on a recent trip to Bend.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Burton adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM

Emerald Ash Borer Update

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

Background

Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive pest that destroys Ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.)

Native to East Asia; discovered in US in 2002 (Michigan)

Beetle is ½" long; bright, metallic green

Kill rate of 90-100% of Ash trees



Concern for Camas

Strategic Priority: Stewardship of City assets

Washington's first confirmed identification occurred in Vancouver in August 2026

Most Ash trees are in significant decline within 2-7 years of infestation

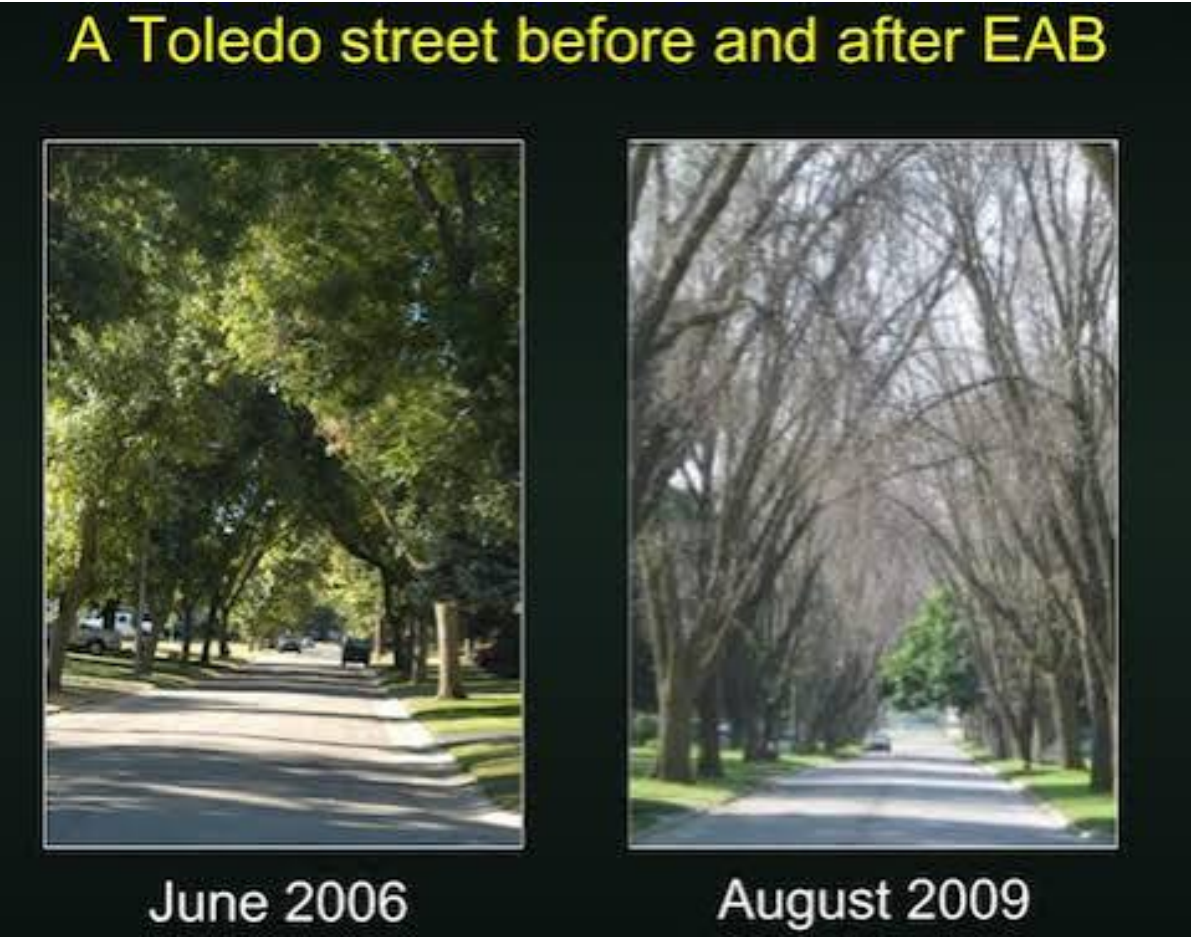
Infestation rate is 90-100%

343 publicly-owned & planted Ash trees

Unknown number of private or native trees



EAB – Before & After



EAB – Before & After

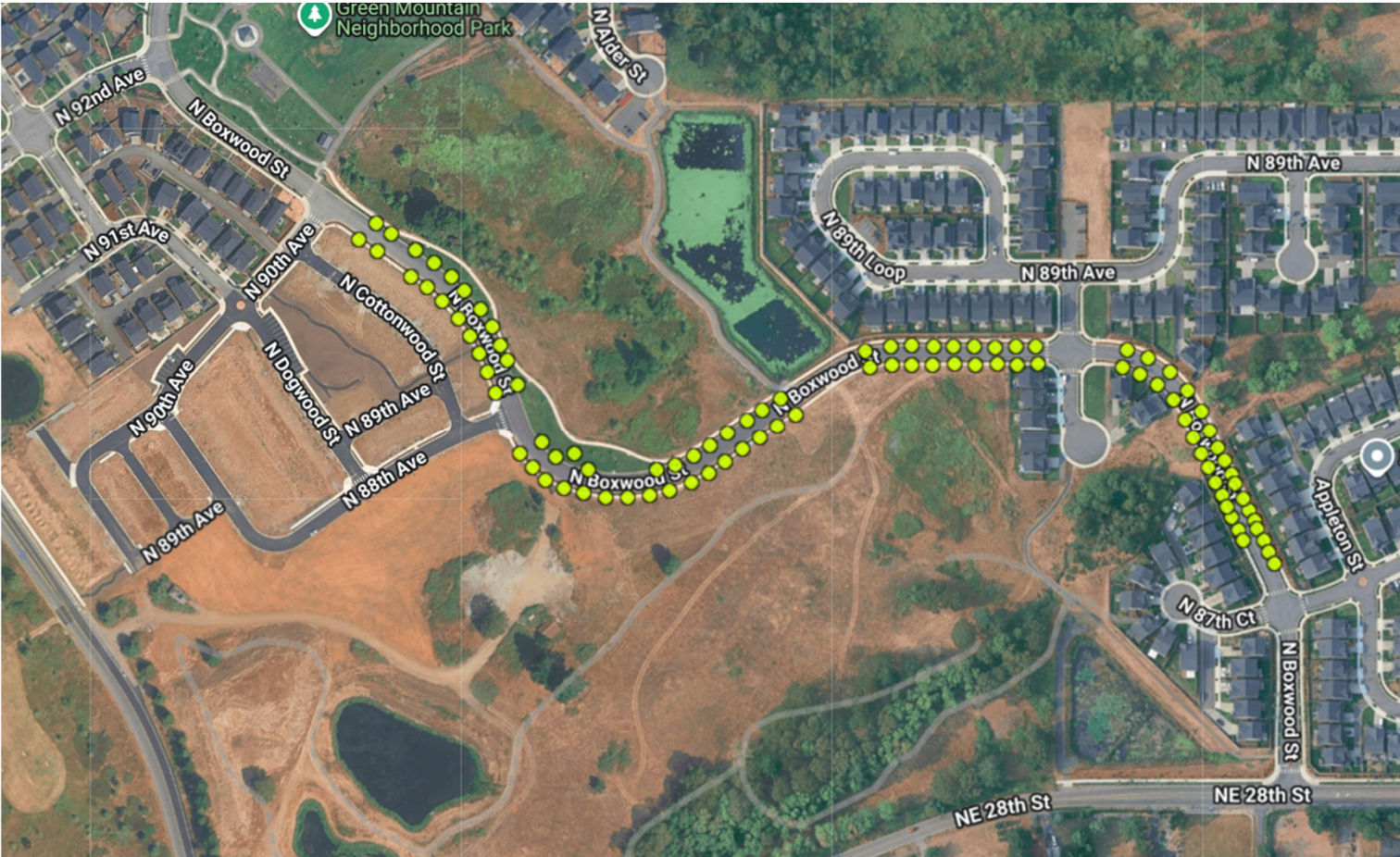


Primary Area of Concern - Downtown



Approx. 75 Ash in
Downtown Core

Primary Area of Concern – Green Mtn



100 Ash along N Boxwood St
Only species along the road

DNR Recommendations

Department of Natural Resources Preparedness Recommendations:

- Inventory Urban Forest
- Establish a Tree Replacement Program
- Inject select Ash trees with EAB insecticide

City of Camas completed these recommendations from 2023-26 to prepare for EAB arrival



EAB Solutions & Costs

There are no known methods to deter EAB

Solutions & Costs (approximate):

- Inject trees with insecticide = \$500/tree (lasts two years)
- Remove Ash trees = \$1,800/tree
- Plant non-Ash trees = \$1,300/tree

Total cost to remove Ash trees = \$617,000

Total cost to replant = \$446,000



Next Steps

Visual inspections on Ash trees (downtown completed in Sept 2026)

Place beetle traps in spring

Begin Ash removal & tree replacement

Prioritize removal of weakened and damaged Ash

Funding strategy

Applied for DNR grant

Communications strategy

Prepare for Dutch Elm Disease

