



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 5:00 PM

Zoom & Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE

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OPTION 1 -

1. Go to www.zoom.us and download the app or click "Join A Meeting" and use Meeting ID – 837 8418 6531
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For Public Comment:

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [**Approve Minutes of Parks & Rec Commission Meeting – May 28, 2025**](#)
[Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair](#)
[Time Estimate: 5 Minutes](#)

MEETING ITEMS

2. [**Vision & Mission Statement Review \(Update\)**](#)
[Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director](#)
[Time Estimate: 10 minutes](#)
3. **July Parks & Recreation Month (Update)**
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director
Time Estimate: 5 minutes
4. **Mid-Cycle Director's Updates (Discussion)**
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director
Time Estimate: 10 minutes

5. **Staffing Update (Update)**

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

6. **Leadbetter Walk & Roll Event (Discussion)**

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 10 minutes

PROJECT UPDATES

7. **Parks Projects Updates (Discussion)**

Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks & Recreation Director

Time Estimate: 20 minutes

OTHER ITEMS

8. **Commissioner's Updates**

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

CLOSE OF MEETING



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Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 5:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting - Zoom & Council Chambers

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 previous 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

Irving reviewed a variety of alternative funding options for the Parks & Recreation Department. Witkowski stated that he wants to gather data and track park usage. He spoke about the financial benefits of efficient park design/layout and would like to research city asset data for long-term financial predictions. 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 Crown Park Project is in the final stages and provided updates on the ramp at Scout Hall, tennis courts and restroom installation. The Splash pad is projected to open in 2026. The restrooms will arrive on Thursday for 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 including 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, viewing accessibility, digital maps, adding trail distance and difficulty levels, more inclusivity.

7. COMMISSIONERS UPDATES

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair

Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

The Parks Commissioners provided positive feedback on the city parks.

CLOSE OF MEETING


The Meeting closed at 6:58 pm.

Parks & Recreation Vision & Mission

From 2022 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan (PROS):

- **Vision:** We envision Camas as a thriving, cohesive community that honors a unique legacy of coordinated parks, trails, natural areas and diverse recreation opportunities highlighted by our lakes, rivers and streams. Stewardship and thoughtful enhancement of these assets ensure a safe, healthy, active and balanced lifestyle for all.
- **Mission:** Camas Parks and Recreation promotes a healthy and sustainable community by listening and responding to the community's needs and desires, protecting and preserving its natural spaces to improve ecological health, and developing and maintaining parks, trails and recreation programs that are welcoming for all.

City of Camas 2025-2030 Strategic Plan




Strategic Plan 2025 - 2030

Mission Statement


The City of Camas commits to preserving its heritage, sustaining and enhancing a high quality of life for all its citizens and developing the community to meet the challenges of the future. We take pride in preserving a healthful environment while promoting economic growth. We encourage citizens to participate in government and community, assisting the City in its efforts to provide quality services consistent with their desires and needs.

Values


At the City of Camas, our values guide every decision, action and relationship. Rooted in **livability**, **community**, and **service**, our values define who we are and how we build trust, together.



Service
Prioritizing excellence, empowerment, and innovation



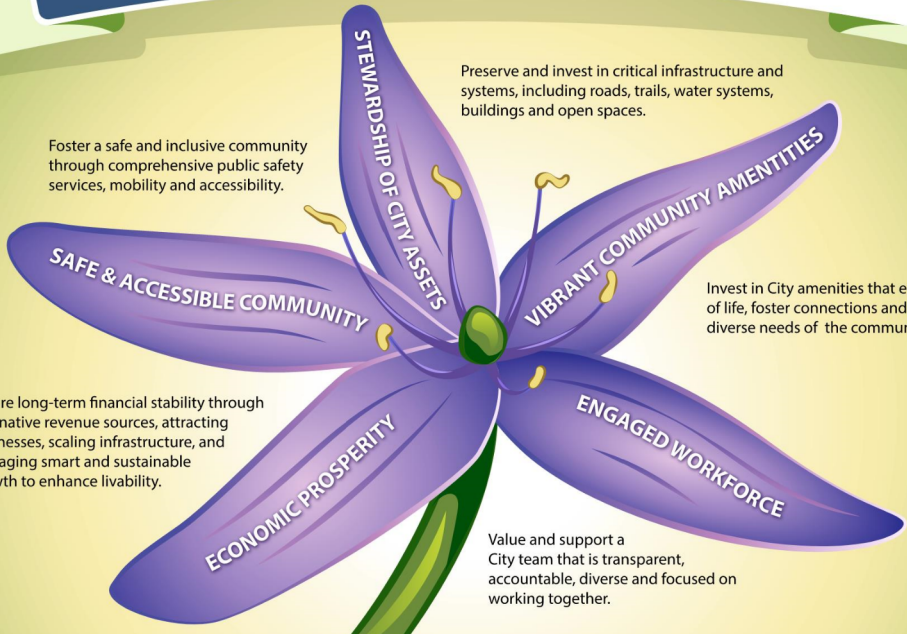
Livability
Enhancing quality of life, promoting sustainability and ensuring a safe, vibrant, resilient city



Community
Fostering a sense of belonging and collaboration

5-Year Vision

Camas is a welcoming and thriving city that values its environment, sense of community, and quality of life while promoting innovation, sustainability, and prosperity.



Preserve and invest in critical infrastructure and systems, including roads, trails, water systems, buildings and open spaces.

Invest in City amenities that enhance quality of life, foster connections and meet the diverse needs of the community.

Value and support a City team that is transparent, accountable, diverse and focused on working together.

Ensure long-term financial stability through alternative revenue sources, attracting businesses, scaling infrastructure, and managing smart and sustainable growth to enhance livability.

Foster a safe and inclusive community through comprehensive public safety services, mobility and accessibility.

The Camas Lily holds deep cultural and historical significance in the Pacific Northwest and is the namesake of the City of Camas, symbolizing the region's heritage and enduring connection to the land.

Leadbetter Walk & Roll

Proposal:

- One Sunday afternoon in Sept/Oct; three hours
- Close Leadbetter Rd from Boat Launch to Camp Currie
- Open road to bikes and pedestrians only
- Experience the potential of a north shore trail
- Actualize concept from Legacy Lands Master Planning
- Road will be open to emergency vehicles, City vehicles, residents within the closure limits

