



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES June 4, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

With the Chair position vacant following the conclusion of the previous Chair's term, the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by City Staff at 5:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Ashley Hay, Peter Struck, Sara Marxen, Don Cohen, Mar Brettmann, Jason Sanio, and Damon Jacobson were present. City Council Liaison Craig Reynolds was present.

Interim Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities Ryan Daly, Recreation Coordinator Jeremy Jasman, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

APPEARANCES

Lauren Alexander, President of the MI Rowing Club, addressed the PRC regarding the Mercer Island Rowing Club.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. PRC26-10: Commission Officer Elections

Struck nominated Hay for Chair. There were no further nominations.

Staff cast a unanimous vote for the nomination of Commissioner Hay for Chair.

Passed: 7 – 0

Commissioner Hay was elected Chair.

Hay nominated Marxen for Vice Chair. There were no further nominations.

Staff cast a unanimous vote for the nomination of Commissioner Marxen for Vice Chair.

Passed: 7 – 0

Commissioner Marxen was elected Vice Chair.

Following the elections, Chair Hay took the chair.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 26, 2026, Special Hybrid Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Cohen; seconded by Brettmann to:
Approve the minutes of March 26, 2026, Special Hybrid Meeting.

Passed: 7 – 0

3. PRC 26-11: 2025 Recreation Division Annual Report

Interim Parks, Recreation, & Facilities Director Ryan Daly and Recreation Coordinator Jeremy Jasman presented. Commissioners received the report, asked questions, and provided feedback.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

4. Staff Liaison Report & Planning Schedule Update

Interim Parks, Recreation, & Facilities Director Ryan Daly reported on the following:

- Irrigation Systems Upgrade
- Millfoil/Aquatic Weed Removal
- Luther Burbank Park Waterfront Improvements – Milestone Reached!
- New History Tour in Luther Burbank Park
- New Dog Stick Library at LBP
- Playground Updates
- Letterboxing Program returns!
- Welcome to Summer!
 - Mercer Island Summer Camps
 - Shakespeare in the Park
 - Summer Celebration
 - Mostly Music in the Park
 - Pride Night in the Park
 - SummerDeal26 promo code for 20% off on rentals at the MICEC & Athletic Fields
 - FIFA and the MICEC
- Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Absences and Commissioner Reports

No future Commissioner absences were reported.

Commissioner Brettmann reported attending the Bike to Work tabling event with Staff and others, congratulated staff on the successful outreach effort, and noted the importance of promoting participation in the e-bike survey.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:20 pm