



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES February 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Hay at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Chair Ashley Hay, Vice Chair Rory Westberg and Commissioners Peter Struck, Sara Marxen, Don Cohen, and Mar Brettmann were present. City Council Liaison Craig Reynolds was present.

Commissioner Jodi McCarthy was absent.

Deputy Director of Public Works Kellye Hilde, Capital Parks Manager Shelby Perrault, Management Analyst Amelia Tjaden, Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

APPEARANCES

John Hamer, MI Resident, addressed the PRC regarding Deane's Children's Park

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

1. Staff Liaison Report & Planning Schedule Update

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly reported on the following:

- Project Updates
 - Super Blue Friday!
 - Gateway Installation Damage
 - Clarke & Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan
 - Parks Maintenance work
- Programs/Events
 - 20226 Lunar New Year
 - Senior Resource Fair
 - MIVAL Art Workshops
 - Open Art Studio
- Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November 6, 2025, Regular Hybrid Meeting and November 12, 2025, Joint PRC/OSCT Special Hybrid Meeting were presented.

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Struck to:

Approve the minutes from November 6, 2025, Regular Hybrid Meeting and November 12, 2025, Joint PRC/OSCT Special Hybrid Meeting.

Passed: 6 – 0

4. PRC 26-03: Planning Update for E-Bike Regulations.

Management Analyst Amelia Tjaden presented. Commissioners asked questions and offered input.

5. PRC 26-04: Deane’s Children’s Park Site Plan: Site Plan Recommendation

Deputy Director Public Works Kellye Hilde and Capital Parks Manager Shelby Perrault presented. Commissioners asked questions and offered input.

It was moved by Hay; seconded by Westberg to:

Recommend the Deane’s Children’s Park Site Plan, as presented, to the City Council for adoption

Passed: 4 – 2

It was moved by Westberg; seconded by Struck to:

To direct the Chair and Vice Chair to develop a hand-off memo to be approved by the Commission during the March 5, 2026, Regular Meeting

Passed: 6 – 0

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Absences and Commissioner Reports

Vice Chair Westberg reported that he will not be able to attend the regular meeting on March 5, 2026.

Commissioner Cohen reported on his recent visit to Groveland Park where he observed multiple bald eagles and deer and it was a strong reminder that Groveland Park and Clark Beach are not only seasonal recreational spaces but also year-round wildlife habitat and important to keep in mind.

Commissioner Struck highlighted the uplifting student input included in the packet, noting the creativity and personality reflected in their responses.

Chair Hay shared the following on behalf of Commissioner McCarthy in her absence: Commissioner McCarthy recently visited First Hill Park and was very impressed with the space, specifically noting her appreciation for the tall play structure and the large slide as a key feature of the previous playground.

Chair Hay asked for a motion to excuse Commissioner McCarthy's absence.

It was moved by Struck; seconded by Cohen to:

Excuse Commissioner McCarthy's absence from the meeting

Passed: 6 – 0

ADJOURNMENT at 8:06 pm