MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 16, 2026

CONVENE:	7:00 p.m.
PRESENT:	Chair Erin Carrier and Commissioners Joe Munro, Shane Harrington, Joel Hecker, and Amy Hargrove. Staff: Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Recreation Manager Todd Anderson, and Capital Projects Manager Jared VerHey.
EXCUSED:	Commissioners Mike Culley and Charlie Schneider.
CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:	No changes to the agenda.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	**Commissioner Hecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Harrington, to approve the minutes of May 20, 2026, as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Director Denney read an email that was submitted by Erik Johansen regarding the naming of the park property on 79th Ave SE.
DESCHUTES VALLEY TRAIL UPDATE:	Manager VerHey updated the Commission on the Deschutes Valley Trail project. Discussion followed regarding Trail Segment C that is currently in permitting and design with construction planned to begin in early 2027. Trail Segment C is 1.1 miles in length and the total project cost is $5.5 million with $2.6 million supported by Federal Funding.
TRAILS END PARK UPDATE:	Manager VerHey updated the Commission on the Trails End Park. Design is substantially complete at 90% level. Construction of the park is tied to the Public Works Operations building.

PIONEER PARK PLAY STRUCTURE UPDATE: Director Denney updated the Commission on the new play structures that will be installed in early 2027. Discussion included design options, colors, costs, and timelines. The new play structures will be funded by the Metropolitan Park District at a cost of $516,180.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Chair Carrier adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.**

Prepared by Todd Anderson, Recreation Manager