PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA

Online via Zoom and In Person at
Tumwater Fire Department
Headquarters, Training Room, 311 Israel
Rd. SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Changes to Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
   a. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting 09-16-2026
5. Public Comment
6. Recreation Division Report
7. Tumwater Valley Golf Course Report
8. 2025/2026 Projects
9. Next Meeting Date - 11/18/2026
10. Adjourn

Meeting Information
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Public Comment
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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

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director

DATE: October 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Recreation Division Report

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1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion Item

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2) Background:

The Recreation Division manages the City's recreation programs, classes, athletics, special events, Tumwater Youth Program, senior services, volunteer programs, and arts programs.

Funding for the Recreation Division is provided through the City's general fund, the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District, user fees, donations, sponsorships, and grants.

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3) Alternatives:

Information item.

Charlie Groth, Recreation Supervisor, will be providing the Commission with an overview of operations and programs in 2026.

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4) Attachments:

None

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director

DATE: October 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Tumwater Valley Golf Course Report

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1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion Item.

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2) Background:

The Tumwater Valley Golf Course serves over 50,000 people a year and provides both recreational and competitive golf opportunities to our community and region. In addition to daily golf, Tumwater Valley provides programming for youth with the First Tee Program, Tumwater Valley Golf Academy, First Green Program, Family Golf, and is the home course for both high school and SPSCC golf teams.

The Valley hosts numerous competitive tournaments each year for local and state school competitions, traveling tournaments, fundraisers and clubs. It is also the site for multiple community events offered through the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

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3) Alternatives:

Information item.

Tyler Trimble, Golf Operations Manager, will provide the Commission with an overview of golf operations in 2026. Eric Thompson, Golf Course Superintendent, will also discuss maintenance operations at the course.

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4) Attachments:

None

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director

DATE: October 21, 2026

SUBJECT: 2025/2026 Projects

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1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion on the Commission budget. Funds may be allocated to projects/supplies/equipment.

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2) Background:

- The Parks and Recreation Commission has a budget of $20,000 per year to allocate to park projects, recreation programs, special event support, or other items of importance in the department.
- Staff submits items for consideration and the Commission can also suggest expenditures for discussion.

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3) Alternatives:

The Commissions allocation of funds for the biennium is $40,000. Commissioners may approve funding requests through the end of 2026. Funds are traditionally held until later in the biennium but must be allocated by the November Commission meeting.

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4) Attachments:

A. Staff Funding Submittals

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TUMWATER PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Funding Options – 5/20/2026

Fund Balance: **2025: $20,000**

2026: $20,000

Total: **$40,000**

FUNDED ITEMS :

Special Event Trailer Wrap: **$5,773**

Volunteer Tumwater Trailer Wrap: **$2,715**

TYP Trailer Wrap: **$2,715**

Special Event Signage: **$1,850**

Special Event Gate Improvements: **$4,700**

Golf Spec Event/Tournament Tent: **$2,200**

Isabella Bush Park Table/Bench/Pads: **$2,300**

$22,253 **Funded**

Options for Consideration:

A

Remaining Balance: **$17,747.**

Shade Structure/Surfacing (Lodge): **$6,200**

Park Signs: **$3,500/$2,500 each**

Replace park signs with old City logo:

- Historical
- Barclift
- Overlook
- V Street (smaller sign)
- Palermo (smaller sign)
- Parks & Facilities Maintenance Building
- 5th and Hayes

(total signs: $21,500)

Solar LED flood lights **$1,200 (5)**

Drinking Fountain **$7,200**