



CITY OF
TUMWATER

**PARKS AND 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, September 16, 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 - 05/20/2026
5. Public Comment
- [6.](#) Deschutes Valley Trail Update
- [7.](#) Trails End Park Update
- [8.](#) Pioneer Park Play Structure Update
9. Next Meeting Date - 10/21/2026
10. Adjourn

Meeting Information

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Public Comment

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MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

May 20, 2026



CONVENE:	7:00 p.m.
PRESENT:	Chair Erin Carrier and Commissioners Mike Culley, Joe Munro, Shane Harrington, Joel Hecker, and Charlie Schneider. Staff: Parks & Recreation Director Chuck Denney.
EXCUSED:	Commissioner Amy Hargrove
CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:	No changes to the Agenda.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Commissioner Harrington moved, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to approve the minutes of February 18, 2026, as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENT:	No public comment.
PLAY STRUCTURE UPDATES:	Director Denney updated the Commission on the new V Street play structure which opened today. A new play structure to replace the failing toys at Pioneer Park was also discussed. Commissioners liked both options presented. They would like to include sail shades and the jungle bridge; and would like staff to consider using a water or blue-colored theme, adding more platforms, and possibly remove the hammock. Discussion on play structure, design, elements, and costs will continue at the next meeting.
2025/2026 PARK PROJECTS:	The Commission considered funding of several items proposed by department staff. Approved items for immediate funding/completion include: • Trailer wraps for Tumwater Youth Program, special events, and Volunteer Tumwater trailers

- Special event signage
- Special event gate improvements
- Golf special event/tournament tent
- One bench and one picnic table for Isabella Bush Park

MOTION: Commissioner Schneider moved, seconded by Commissioner Munro, to approve funding of these items.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 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: September 16, 2026
SUBJECT: Deschutes Valley Trail Update

1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion Item

2) Background:

The Deschutes Valley Trail (DVT) has been in planning and design for over 20 years. The first phase was completed in 2017 connecting Tumwater's Historical Park with the Brewery Park at Tumwater Falls.

The next phase will connect the Tumwater Valley Golf course with Deschutes Valley Park. Combining grant funding with Park Impact Fees and funds from the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District, this phase will go out to bid later this year.

3) Alternatives:

Information item.

Jared VerHey, Tumwater's Capital Projects Manager, will provide an overview of the trail route, construction details, design and the projected project timeline in 2027.

4) Attachments:

None

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: September 16, 2026
SUBJECT: Trails End Park Update

1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion Item.

2) Background:

The preliminary design of the neighborhood park at the former Trails End site was completed through a public process in 2023. Since that time, staff have worked with design and engineering consultants to refine the plan and create construction documents for future bidding of the project.

The park is funded through the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District and planning is underway to coordinate construction with the City's planned Public Works Operations building and a new roundabout on Hwy 99.

3) Alternatives:

Information item.

Jared VerHey, Tumwater's Capital Projects Manager, will provide information on the current park design and construction elements.

4) Attachments:

None

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: September 16, 2026
SUBJECT: Pioneer Park Play Structure Update

1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion Item. Requesting input on toy design and colors.

2) Background:

Several elements of the Pioneer Park play area have been removed as the wooden posts have deteriorated and become unsafe. Staff is working on a new play toy design and funding through the Metropolitan Parks District.

The Parks and Recreation Commission provided input on the play structure design at the May 2026 meeting and staff will be presenting a new option to include those updates.

3) Alternatives:

Information item. Discussion will include play toy design options, colors, costs, and timelines. This is a project projected to be funded early in 2027.

4) Attachments:

None