



**Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 5:00 PM  
Zoom and Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Ellen Burton**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Ellen Burton, Jenny Wu, Jason Irving, Bud Henson, Alicia Brazington, Adam Stadtlander, Tim Hein

Absent: Katy Daane

Excused:

Staff: Jacquie Hill, Chris Witkowski

Presenters: Emily Mills and Juanita Rogers of Mackay Sposito

Public: Randy Curtis, Jaycop Collins, Camas Little League Representatives

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A public comment was made by Randy Curtis regarding naming the Mill Ditch trail after Virginia Warren an avid hiker and longtime Camas resident.

Jaycop Collins with Camas Washougal Babe Ruth commented on the field at Louis Bloch Park and expressed his desire for updates and partnerships for the field.

Representatives from Camas Little League commented on the state of the fields at Forest Home Park, and would like updates to restrooms, lights, and playable fields and are asking for a more buy in as they look to host the Majors State Finals in 2027.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve Minutes of Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting – December 10, 2025  
Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair  
Time Estimate: 5 minutes

A Motion was made by Brazington, seconded by Henson, and approved unanimously to accept the Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of December 10, 2025, as written.

**MEETING ITEMS**

2. Sports Fields Assessment Report (Discussion)  
Presenter: Juanita Rogers & Emily Mills, MacKay Sposito Inc.  
Time Estimate: 30 minutes

Juanita Rogers of Mackay Sposito began the discussion of the sports field assessment report and answered Commissioner questions that were submitted prior to the meeting. Rogers clarified how the data was gathered and how it was scored. Witkowski clarified how the report was used for funding opportunities as well as how visitor data is gathered.

Additional comments were made by Wu regarding volunteer hours and engagement, Brazington regarding the report being well written and understandable. In response to Henson's question about funding systems and how it relates to field fees, Rogers stated that many stakeholders are in favor of field fees with the stated updates but expressed that more research is needed. Stadlander asked about environmental impacts of turf vs grass.

Witkowski stated that the Sports Fields Assessment Report is scheduled to go to the City Council workshop on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

3. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations (Decision)  
Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair  
Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Annual terms are up for both the chair and vice chair. Burton proceeded to take nominations for Chair. A motion was made by Irving, seconded, and passed unanimously to nominate Burton for Chair. A motion was made by Wu, seconded, and passed unanimously to nominate Irving for Vice Chair.

4. Commissioner Committees & Appointments (Discussion)  
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director  
Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Witkowski stated that he would like the Commissioners to be more involved in committees and appointments as well as the commission and offer a bit more support for the Parks & Recreation Department as a whole.

Committees are a max of 3 people. The desired committees and project support are:  
Heritage Park project- Brazington and Henson are helping with this project  
RCO Grant (2-year cycle) opens in Feb 11 – April 30 Irving and Burton have offered to serve  
Policy Committee focused on vendors, ebikes and memorials – Burton, Henson, Stadlander  
Special Events helping with idea generations- Brazington, Stadlander, Henson  
Year End Report – Wu, Irving and Burton

Witkowski clarified meeting times and commitment and stated he would finalize the list and send it out to commissioners.

5. Hometown Holidays Debrief & 2026 Special Events (Update)  
Presenter: Jacquie Hill, Parks and Recreation Coordinator  
Time Estimate: 20 minutes

Hill provided an update on the success of the 2025 Hometown Holidays event. An event she had less than three months to plan. Hill shared the 2026 event schedule, the new sponsorship booklet and her plans to bring in revenue to offset the cost of these community events.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

6. Parks Projects Updates (Update)  
Presenter: Chris Witkowski, Parks and Recreation Director  
Time Estimate: 20 minutes

Witkowski provided an update on Crown Park; All back-ordered parts are in, County Health inspection for splashpad was passed and is on schedule for a spring opening, playground safety audit, timeline is waiting on a fabrication of a special part by the contractor. Scout Hall ramp is under construction now and the Scouts will be using the facility again beginning on Monday.

Witkowski provided an update on the NRPA benchmarking project. Data was submitted today, and the report will compare Camas to other municipalities of our size. The full report is expected in June.

The Legacy Lands master plan is in the final stages and will be presented to the commission in February. Then it will go to the Clark County parks commission and then to City Council in May for final adoption.

A request has been made by Public Works for the commission to draft and sign a letter of support for a construction grant to update the Everett Street Corridor for safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists. A motion was made by Henson, seconded by Stadtlander, and approved unanimously in signing the letter in support of the grant process

## **OTHER ITEMS**

7. Commissioners Updates  
Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair  
Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

Stadtlander inquired about consideration of QR codes and donations and Witkowski spoke about the role of the Camas Parks Foundation for ideas like this.

Burton shared about getting more speed limit signage on Camas multi-use trails.

Wu asked about how the community can volunteer to help clean up open space, trails. Witkowski stated that he will work on setting up a conversation with Operations.

The newest member of the commission, Adam Stadtlander, gave a brief introduction and explained why he wanted to be on the commission. Commissioners then went around the table to do brief introductions. Council member Tim Hein also gave a brief introduction.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING –**

Burton adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.