



**Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 5:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting - Zoom & Council Chambers, 616 NE
4th AVE**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alicia Brazington, Ellen Burton, Katy Daane, David Dewey, Bud Henson, Jason Irving, Jenny Wu, and Council Liaison John Svilarich.

Staff: Susan Palmer, Bryan Rachal

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A public comment was made by Lindsey Clark regarding concerns at Crown Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING ON AUGUST 28, 2024

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair
Time Estimate: 5 minutes

A motion was made by Brazington, seconded by Henson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting of August 28, 2024 as written.

MEETING ITEMS

2. PICKLEBALL DISCUSSION

Presenter: Bryan Rachal, Interim Parks & Recreation Director
Time Estimate: 40 minutes

Bryan Rachal stated that the Commission was given the current ordinance 9.32.050 on Public Disturbance Noises and referred to Pickleball courts and decibel limits.

Discussion ensued on: noise reducing paddles and balls; schedules; fencing and trees; maintenance/replacement of netting; reviewing other city ordinances; costs.

3. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION BUDGET LETTER

Presenter: Jenny Wu
Time Estimate: 30 minutes

Rachal provided an update on the budget for 2025 and reviewed possible cuts for the Parks & Rec Department. Dewey stated that not filling the Parks & Recreation Director position is not a good idea. Burton stated that our community values parks, recreation, and open space so we need the city to fund and hire a Parks & Recreation Director in early 2025.

Burton stated that the Commission writes a letter to council each year regarding the P&R budget. Henson, Brazington and Wu wrote a letter to the mayor for this upcoming budget. Wu reviewed the letter and Discussion ensued. Burton acknowledged the three Commissioners for their hard work on the letter.

4. COMMISSIONER TERMS

Presenter: Bryan Rachal
Time Estimate: 5 minutes

Rachal reviewed Commissioner's terms.

PROJECT UPDATES

5. SOUTH LACAMAS TRAILHEAD AND CROWN PARK UPDATE

Presenter: Bryan Rachal, Interim Parks & Recreation Director
Time Estimate: 10 minutes

Rachal stated that they are still waiting on bathrooms for the Lacamas Creek trailhead. Rachal did a recent walk-thru at Crown Park and provided updates on the project; pathways, concrete wall removal, mulching, chain link fence removal along Everett, ADA ramp for Scout Hall, sport court area, cherry tree replacement along Everett Road.

OTHER ITEMS

6. COMMISSIONERS UPDATES

Presenter: Ellen Burton, Chair
Time Estimate: Remainder of Time

Daane provided an update on Dorothy Fox Park and says that it gets used frequently; Irving attended the downtown advisory committee meeting; Brazington spoke about the importance of having city central parks like Crown Park; Wu stated that her neighborhood adopted a bench at Crown Park, she feels that trail maintenance is lacking; Dewey stated that Grass Valley Park can use some maintenance, the dead bushes were removed but not replaced, playground equipment needs maintenance; Burton stated that Klickitat Park needs weed control, green mountain trails have a lot of noxious weeds.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6:56 PM.