

Parks and Events Commission: Purpose and Scope

The Parks and Events Commission is an advisory body established to provide advice and recommendations to the City Council through the Mayor regarding City parks, recreational facilities, programs, and events. The Commission's scope is established by Chapter 2.08 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code.

Within this scope, the Commission may identify issues and opportunities, consider community perspectives, ask questions, and develop recommendations regarding City parks and recreational facilities and City programs and events.

The Commission's role is advisory and is distinct from the administration and operation of City parks, facilities, programs, and events. The Commission does not manage City parks or events, direct City staff, establish staff work priorities, or make operational or administrative decisions. Those responsibilities rest with City staff under the direction of the Mayor and City administration and within policies and budgets established by the City Council.

Commissioners are encouraged to listen to residents and bring community perspectives into Commission discussions. The Commission provides an important forum for resident input, but it is not an elected representative body or the exclusive voice of City residents. Commission recommendations are one source of input considered alongside broader public engagement, adopted City plans and policies, professional expertise, legal requirements, available resources, and City priorities.

The Commission acts as a body. Advice and recommendations are developed through Commission discussion and action and are provided to the City Council through the Mayor. Individual commissioners do not speak for the Commission unless authorized to do so and may not direct City staff.