

WHITTIER PARKS & REC

REGULAR MEETING

July 7 2026 6:30pm

MINUTES

Assign recorder: Heather Brazelton

Attendance: Victor Shen, Heather Brazelton, Aubrey Jurgerson, Ben Derting

Meeting Begins: 6:52 pm

New Business

- **Parks:**
 - Park updates
 - No updates from city representation.
 - Two new wells needed connected further south than existing, needs electrical and ground work, lot cleared.
 - City park by the waterfall has also been cleared, updates are in planning stages.
 - Firepit at Lu Young has been moved, one replaced because of rust. No further updates are planned at this time.
 - AARP grant
 - WFD worked with volunteer group to clear by the passenger dock
 - Cleared, gravel laid, kayak racks, picnic tables, benches planned.
 - Smitty's Cove
 - Harbor has been working there.
 - Kayak racks, picnic tables, benches, fire pits planned.
- **Recreation:**
 - Solstice Wishwash
 - Great Whittier has cardboard to donate
 - Date move was noted to be helpful for participation, and weather was not exactly great
 - A ladder to climb on the dock for wishwash, if someone falls in would be handy.
 - Compliments for the trophy's and sticker design.
 - Consider more communication and prior planning.
 - T-shirts for racers? For volunteers?
 - Awards for other things besides winning? Effort? Mayhem Award? Design? Last to finish? Best in show? Most creative? Can they be voted on by the public in some way?
- **Trails:**
 - AHS and Overland groups update
 - Last week and the week before for a total of approximately 730 volunteer hours for trail upkeep. Value added to community is around \$26,000 in labor alone.

- AHS improved a large section of Horsetail Falls. Connector trail clean up and winter repairs. Brushing, repairing, switchback drilling, benches, placing gravel.
 - o Trails Day June 6 recap -
- Excellent help also, worked well and did the same as AHS.
 - o Waterfall overlook spur update
- Connector trail is not completed and will be last.
 - o Alaska Trails in town tomorrow
- Paid contractor in town for three weeks, working on Horsetail Falls Trail. Collaborative effort between volunteers and paid contractor to bring value to the community.
- Shotgun cove trail work is happening and is a work in progress.
- **Other:**
 - o Purchase request – kayak rack, picnic tables, hard hats, work gloves, safety glasses, magnet sweeper, rope puller, basketball backboard decal for the court.
- Still in the works.
 - o Summer Camp concept proposal
- KMTA – 6 participants, for one week, could be affected by cuts and/or interest.
- Can the program be expanded? Are there better/new ways to solicit participation? Can it be a flexible schedule scheduled with the Litter Patrol, Park and Rec, and Adventure days? Ages 10-14, learning opportunities, service options, employment opportunities (expanding job options and opportunities locally), and adventures in the area. 4-6 weeks of programming possibilities
 - o End of season bash
- End of Summer party? Band? Black Water Railroad?
- Memorial Day to Labor Day?
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- 1. **Aubrey will follow up with Jason Cates about “Kids Don’t Float” at Smitty’s and new micropark**
- 2. **Ben will follow up with the Ferry Terminal manager for possible use of covered area in the future.**
- 3. **Trail Day – July 11th, BBQ at 4pm, Aubrey may be able to help, Ben can help set up and grill. Jamie will order food and have it in Whittier.**
- 4.

New Tasks/to do:

Next meeting date: August 4, 2026 6 pm

Adjournment:



