



Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Meeting **Amended*** Agenda

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for meeting information.

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Land Acknowledgment

We, the City of Lacey, are on the ancestral land of the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek, including the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Squaxin Island Tribe. We acknowledge and remember those Tribal People not recognized today who were absorbed or relocated into other tribes for survival. We recognize the ancestors and their descendants who are still here. We recognize and respect the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek as the traditional stewards of this land since time immemorial and their role today in taking care of these lands in perpetuity. We recognize and have the responsibility to call attention to the histories of dispossession, forced removal, and abridged treaty rights that allowed our nation, state, and city to develop as they have today. We recommend that community members read the [Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854](#).

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- A. Approval of the Agenda*
- B. Approval of May 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes*

5. Public Comment

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for instructions on how to provide public comment.

6. Business Items

A. Recreation Supervisor Retirement

Jeannette Sieler, Recreation Supervisor
Sue Falash, Recreation Manager

B. ~~Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Management Intern~~

~~John Cates, Management Intern~~

~~*Item removed on June 1, 2026~~

C. Regional Athletic Complex Project Update

Jen Burbidge, Director
Brett Boogerd, Capital Projects Engineer

7. Reports

- A. Commissioners

- B. Chair
- C. Recreation Manager
- D. Parks Maintenance Supervisor
- E. Senior Parks Planner
- F. Director

8. Adjourn

*Vote Requested

Attend Remotely or in Person

There are several ways to attend the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board meeting:

- In Person: Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall
420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
- Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U9BEslH8Rj6Q18AOr5-28A
- Website: <https://cityoflacey.org/government/public-meetings/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xp6jOhRzk5w>
- Phone: (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 (Webinar ID 864 2352 0147)

Verbal Public Comment

Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments are welcome on matters connected to City business or specific agenda items.

Prior to starting your comments, please provide your:

- a. Name
- b. City of residence or connection to the City
- c. Topic or subject matter of your comments

The opportunity for verbal public comment is available in person or by Zoom:

- In Person: Use the sign-up sheet at the meeting location.
- Zoom: Preregister using the following Zoom link no later than two hours prior to the meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U9BEslH8Rj6Q18AOr5-28A
Instructions and access details will be provided once registration is complete.

Written Public Comment

Please submit written public comments to PRPublicComment@cityoflacey.org up to two hours prior to the start of the meeting. Public comments received by the deadline will be sent to Commissioners prior to the meeting, but will not be read at the meeting. Emailed correspondence that is received throughout the month will be included in the next available Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board packet under Correspondence.



Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Aram Wheeler, Vice Chair Laurie Davies, Hilary Dykstra, Bill Fosbre, Michelle Gipson, Annette Roth

Commissioners Absent (excused): Gary Larson

Commissioners Absent (unexcused): Aryan Kumar

3. Land Acknowledgment

Chair Wheeler read the land acknowledgment.

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Roth moved to approve the agenda. Vice Chair Davies seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of April 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Davies moved to approve the minutes. Commission Roth seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

One (1) written comment was received.

6. Business Items

A. Regional Athletic Complex Update

Sean Finney, Recreation Supervisor

Recreation Supervisor Finney provided an update on the Regional Athletic Complex.

B. PARC Foundation of Thurston County

Heather Antanaitis, Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer Antanaitis provided updates pursuant to the PARC Foundation of Thurston County's contract with the City of Lacey.

C. Park Trail Maps and Kiosks

Carter Gibson, Executive Assistant

Executive Assistant Gibson provided updates on the Park Trail Maps project.

7. Reports

A. Commissioners

No report.

B. Chair

Chair Wheeler reported having attended the State of the City and Advisory Board Recognition event on April 29, 2026.

C. Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Falash reported the 2026 Quarter 1 Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Program Updates.

D. Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Senior Parks Planner Wilson provided the Parks Maintenance Supervisor report.

Senior Parks Planner Wilson shared a summary of the work that Parks Maintenance staff completed since the previous board meeting.

E. Senior Parks Planner

Senior Parks Planner Wilson reported that the Bush Park Playground Opening will be on May 27, 2026; progress is still being made towards the opening of Greg Cuoio Park; the Rainier Vista Park project is nearing 60% design; the demolition of the house adjacent to Long Lake Park is anticipated to start in May; cameras have been installed at Rainier Vista Park and will soon be installed at the Lacey Depot; Commissioners are invited to be considered for the Thurston County Conservation Futures review committee; the Parks, Culture and Recreation Newsletter will

feature a *Parks Board Member Spotlight*; and staff recently attended the Washington Recreation and Parks Association Conference.

F. Director

Senior Parks Planner Wilson provided the Director report.

Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation presently has a Management Intern through the Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship facilitated by the International City/County Management Association. The Parks, Culture and Recreation night of the Lacey Community Academy will be held on May 7, 2026. North Thurston School District and the Boys & Girls Club are partnering to host a 5th Grade Activity Night in Lacey on May 15, 2026. Commissioners are invited to volunteer at the Lacey Spring Fun Fair. The Museum Grand Opening will be June 13, 2026.

8. Adjourn

Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Parks, Culture & Recreation Correspondence

Correspondence	Response
<p>4.28.26 Ryan B.</p> <p>I hope you are the right person to send my concern/complaint to. On Saturday morning (April 25th), almost 3 days ago, my son was playing at William Bush playground, he put his hand on the ground where there looks like blue and black rubber that lines the ground. He said his hand sunk in it and came up sticky, like a glue was on it. The park looks new like maybe it was just finished? it appears like it wasn't ready for kids to play on it. The stuff on his hands didn't come off, we tried alcohol swabs, olive oil, and today almost 3 days later his hand is really dry and skin is peeling off. His hand is so sore he missed gymnastics. I am attaching a picture. My main concern is what this substance is? It was on the ground just under a platform. Is it used to glue the rubber stuff together? is it used on the playground itself and was dripping? When I take him to his dr i would like to know what it is. I'm not set on legal action but I'm considering it. I don't think it is right that a child could be allowed to play on a public park and be in this condition 3 days later. Thank you, Ryan</p>	<p>Reply from Director, Jen Burbidge</p> <p>Thanks Ryan,</p> <p>We were able to gather additional information from our construction team and our parks maintenance staff regarding this unfortunate situation.</p> <p>It appears that our contractor may have completed repairs to the rubber surfacing last Saturday, using a prime coat of aliphatic urethane adhesive. Our standard process for such a repair would be to close off the affected area to ensure no one uses the equipment. We are very sorry to hear that your son was injured. Safety is always our highest priority, and we are following up with the construction company for additional information.</p> <p>Attached are the product data sheets for the adhesive that was used, per your request. We are also attaching a claim form with contact information for your review.</p> <p>Additionally, we will need to submit an incident report to our risk management team. Could you please provide the following information:</p> <p>First Name, Last Name, Age, Address, and Phone.</p> <p>Thank you, and we hope Quentin feels better soon, Jen Burbidge</p>
<p>4.28.26 Chris</p> <p>I was wondering when Cuoio Park might be opening? We are really looking forward to it opening!</p>	<p>Reply from Senior Parks Planner, Jenny Wilson</p> <p>The park is coming along and we hope to open soon although we don't have a date to announce. As soon as it is open, we will post it on the City of Lacey Facebook page. Please follow us there for the latest information.</p> <p>Thanks</p>

5.13.26 Cathy L. and Sandra

Hi, I'm contacting you as I have a question regarding land I have inherited a percentage of. There are two agricultural parcels totaling 30 acres that border the Greg Cuoio park. I am wondering if the City might be interested in acquiring the properties.

Reply from Senior Parks Planner, Jenny Wilson

Hi Cathy and Sandra, We ran this by our city manager and, unfortunately, need to pass on the opportunity to acquire additional property. We truly appreciate you reaching out and considering us, as well as the possibility of expanding Cuoio Park.

While it is beautiful property and may be a wonderful fit for future park expansion, we are not currently in position to acquire additional land since we do not have funding identified to fully develop the remainder of the existing park property.

A few organizations you may consider reaching out to include:

1. **Capitol Land Trust** – While they often work with property owners on conservation easements and property donations, I believe they also purchase properties in some cases. They typically look for sites with important habitats areas, creeks, and streams. <https://capitollandtrust.org/conserved-lands/conserving-key-habitats/> or info@capitollandtrust.org
2. **Nisqually Land Trust** – Similar to Capitol Land Trust, although their focus may be somewhat narrower and more specific to the Nisqually watershed area. https://nisquallylandtrust.org/about_us/ or staff@nisquallylandtrust.org
3. **Saint Martin's University/Abbey** – I believe in 2024 St. Martin's Abbey purchased 5 parcels North of Cuoio Park Property on the west side of Carpenter Rd. (highlighted in green below). I am not sure what their plans are for those properties, but they may have interest in additional nearby parcels. <https://www.stmartin.edu/directory/offices-departments-directory/saint-martins-abbey>

Thanks again, and best of luck in your sale. I hope you are able to find a great buyer for the property.

5.18.26 Friends of Wanschers Park

Hi Justin,
Thank you for you and everyone's time at the meeting, we appreciate you walking us through the process. We would like to reiterate that we support any option that does not take away public land for use for the lift station. As we discussed, we would like you to proceed **as if Wanschers Park is not an option**. You described the next steps as getting City Manager approval to notify and possibly make offers to private lots surrounding the current lift station location. We request that your notification list include as many houses as possible, down 25th St., Lilac St., and down Hicks Lake Rd. To be considered a good faith effort by the City to locate areas not in the Park, it is important to notify and expand your potential options to as wide as possible, beyond the 3 properties identified in your potential locations slide. Once you have your final list of all of the properties that you plan to notify about possible property acquisition please send us that information and the process for how you document the number of attempted contacts.

Thank you, Friends of Wanschers Park

5.14.26 Initial Message From Justin Knox, Utilities Engineer:

Hi Friends of Wanschers Park members,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us regarding the site relocation process for Lift Station 4. We appreciate the opportunity to share information, learn more about your concerns, and have an open conversation.

As promised, we've added the meeting presentation slides and Q&A to the [project webpage](#).

We will be in contact as we have more information to share. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Thank you, Justin Knox, P.E.

5.18.26 Alan L.

I'm hoping to use Cuoio park this summer? When will it open?

Reply from Senior Parks Planner, Jenny Wilson

Hi Alan, We are working on getting the park open. We don't have a date to announce. As soon as it's open we will post it on our City of Lacey Facebook page.

Thanks