



Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Meeting Amended* Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Aram Wheeler, Vice Chair Laurie Davies, Bill Fosbre, Gary Larson, Hilary Dykstra

Commissioners Absent: Aryan Kumar (Youth Representative)

3. Land Acknowledgment

Chair Wheeler read the land acknowledgement.

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 Amended Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of the Amended Agenda*

Chair Wheeler asked that the agenda be amended so the Director's report would proceed Business Item A. Commissioner Davies motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Larson seconded. Motion carried.

- B. Approval of February 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes*
Commissioner Davies motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Larson seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Business Items

A. PARC Foundation of Thurston County

Ashley Chandler and Jim Kainber

The PARC Foundation of Thurston County presented their 2024 Annual Report, focus areas for 2025, and touchpoints to their contract with Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation.

B. Director's Report

*Item moved during March 5, 2025 Board Meeting

Director Burbidge reported

C. Parks Watch Program

Scott Carter, Recreation Supervisor

Recreation Supervisor Carter

D. 2024 Annual Report Draft*

Sue Falash, Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Falash presented the 2024 Annual Report Draft.

Commissioner Larson motioned to approve the report. Commissioner Davies seconded. Motion carried.

E. Enhancements Program*

Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner

Senior Parks Planner Wilson presented the enclosed enhancement requests.

Commissioner Larson motioned to approve the staff recommendation pursuant to all enhancement requests. Commissioner Davies seconded. Motion carried.

7. Reports

A. Commissioners

Larson inquired about railroad track removal adjacent to a park property and the potential for trail development.

Vice Chair Davies asked for an update on filling the vacancies to the Parks, Culture and Recreation Board. Senior Parks Planner Wilson shared that interviews are being held.

B. Chair

No report.

C. Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Falash reported

D. Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Senior Parks Planner Wilson provided the Parks Maintenance Supervisor report. Parks Maintenance has performed the following since the last board meeting:

E. Senior Parks Planner

Senior Parks Planner Wilson reported

8. Adjourn

Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

***Vote Requested**

Next Meeting:

Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Meeting: May 7, 2025 5:00 p.m., Council Chambers and Online