



Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

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, Michelle Gipson, Bill Fosbre, , Gary Larson, Annette Roth

Commissioners Absent (unexcused): Aryan Kumar

3. Land Acknowledgment

Commissioner Gipson read the land acknowledgment.

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Roth motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Larson seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of October 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Davies motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Larson seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Business Items

A. Summer Youth Programs Updates

Cody Lee, Recreation Supervisor

Recreation Supervisor Lee provided a recap of the summer youth programs offered by Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation.

B. Regional Athletic Complex Improvements

Brett Boogerd, Capital Projects Engineer

Capital Projects Engineer Boogerd presented the upcoming improvements to the Regional Athletic Complex.

C. 2025 Draft Parks Board Accomplishments

Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner

Senior Parks Planner Wilson reviewed the drafted 2025 Parks Board Accomplishments. The Board will take action on the final draft at the next meeting.

D. 2026 Draft Parks Board Work Plan

Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner

Senior Parks Planner Wilson reviewed the drafted 2026 Parks Board Work Plan.

E. McKinney Building Recommendation

Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner

Senior Parks Planner Wilson shared the history, status, and condition of the McKinney Building. A historic preservation consultant determined the building lacked the structural integrity to convey historical significance and is not eligible for local, state, or National Register of Historic Places. A Critical Areas Assessment identified several sensitive resources surrounding the building. Staff consequently recommend the demolition of the building and installation of a historic interpretive marker.

Commissioner Larson motioned to approve the staff recommendation. Vice Chair Davies seconded. Motion carried.

F. 2026 Presiding Officer Nominations and Elections

Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner

Vice Chair Davies nominated Chair Wheeler to serve as Chair for 2026. Commissioner Davies motioned to elect Chair Wheeler as Chair for 2026. Commissioner Gipson seconded. Motion carried

Commissioner Larson nominated Vice Chair Davies to serve as Vice Chair for 2026. Chair Wheeler motioned to elect Vice Chair Davies as Vice Chair for 2026. Commissioner Roth seconded. Motion carried.

7. Reports

A. Commissioners

Commissioner Larson requested a reader board be added to the entrance of Community Center.

B. Chair

Chair Wheeler reminded the Commission of the upcoming Lacey Holiday Lights event scheduled for December 1, 2025.

C. Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Falash reported the department's 2025 Quarter 3 Program Updates, provided status updates on staff recruitment, and shared that the department is in the process of procuring a fireworks vendor for Lacey Fireworks Spectacular and separately a consultant to assist in obtaining corporate sponsorships.

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 presented construction updates for Greg Cuoio Park, announced that the new Woodland Creek Park bridge is open, shared the 2026 drafted meeting dates for the Board, provided updates to the Bush Park playground replacement project, and reported that the request for qualifications for the Rainier Vista Park improvements has been posted.

F. Director

Senior Parks Planner Wilson provided the Director's report. Senior Parks Planner Wilson shared the demolition plans for the building located on the City-owned property next to Long Lake Park and reported that North Thurston Public Schools named the Young Child and Family Center the *Lacey Education and Family (LEAF) Center*.

8. Adjourn

Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.