



Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Commissioner Absent (excused): Chair Aram Wheeler

Commissioners Absent (unexcused): Aryan Kumar

3. Land Acknowledgment

Vice Chair Davies read the land acknowledgment.

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of the Agenda

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

B. Approval of March 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the minutes. Commission Fosbre seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

Two (2) written comments were received.

Four (4) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Ron Marco, Tumwater resident, commented on the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design.

Hannah Hart, Lacey/Olympia resident, commented on the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design.

Rebecca Perlman, Olympia resident, commented on the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design.

Bruce Conklin, commented on the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design.

6. Business Items

A. Aquatics Program Updates

Scott Carter, Recreation Supervisor

Recreation Supervisor Carter provided an update on the Aquatics Program.

B. Public Art Donation Policy

Shanelle Pierce, Special Projects Administrator

Special Projects Administrator Shanelle Pierce presented the Public Art Donation Policy.

Commissioner Roth moved to recommend the Public Art Donation Policy to Lacey City Council. Commissioner Larson seconded. Motion carried.

C. Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design

Bogdan Tirtu, Project Manager

Senior Parks Planner Wilson and Project Manager Tirtu presented the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design.

Commissioner Larson moved to recommend approval of the Rainier Vista Park Improvements Concept Design to the City Manager. Commissioner Roth seconded. Motion carried.

D. Naming Rights and Sponsorship Agreement

Sue Falash, Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Sue Flash presented the Naming Rights and Sponsorship Agreement.

Commissioner Dykstra moved to recommend approval of the Naming Rights and Sponsorship Agreement, with additional terms, to City Manager. Commissioner Fosbre seconded. Motion carried.

7. Reports

A. Commissioners

Commissioner Roth reported on the process to appoint a Poet Laureate for Lacey.

B. Chair

No report.

C. Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Falash reported that the .5 FTE marketing position vacancy has been filled, Rainier Vista hosted the USSSA Softball Kings of the Northwest Tournament, summer camp registration is open, and Recreation Supervisor Sieler is retiring in June.

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 the Council Chambers now has assisted listening devices available as needed; the City accepted bids on March 25, 2026, for the removal of the structures next to Long Lake Park; the City Council approved the demolition of the McKinney Building; the grand opening for Bush Park will be May 27, 2026; Greg Cuoio Park obtained substantial completion; City Manager Walk intends to provide a *State of the City* address in April.

F. Director

No report.

8. Adjourn

Vice Chair Davies adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.