



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.