



Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 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, Gary Larson, Annette Roth

Commissioners Absent (excused): Michelle Gipson

Commissioners Absent (unexcused): Aryan Kumar

3. Land Acknowledgment

Commissioner Roth read the land acknowledgment.

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of the Agenda

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

B. Approval of May 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Business Items

A. Recreation Supervisor Retirement

Jeannette Sieler, Recreation Supervisor
Sue Falash, Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Falash celebrated Recreation Supervisor Sieler's tenure with Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation.

B. Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Management Intern

John Cates, Management Intern

This item was removed from the agenda on June 1, 2026.

C. Regional Athletic Complex Project Update

Jen Burbidge, Director
Brett Boogerd, Capital Projects Engineer

Capital Projects Engineer Boogerd and Director Burbidge presented updates to the Regional Athletic Complex Project.

7. Reports

A. Commissioners

Vice Chair Davies inquired about the anticipated ground breaking for the Rainier Vista pickleball court project. Commissioner Dykstra inquired whether staff tracked departmental feedback received by the public; Senior Parks Planner Wilson stated that staff does. Commissioner Larson shared a concern that spray paint was left at Greg Cuoio Park; Senior Parks Planner Wilson reiterated that the park is not open to the public and will check into the concern.

B. Chair

Chair Wheeler shared appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Parks, Culture and Recreation Board over the last nine years.

C. Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Falash reported that Lacey Spring Fun Fair was last month, summer registration generated \$47,079.94 on opening day, recruitment is underway for the anticipated Recreation Supervisor vacancy, hiring for part time summer staff is underway.

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 celebrated Chair Wheeler's tenure on the Parks, Culture and Recreation Board and reported recruitment efforts for the anticipated commissioner vacancy will begin soon. Senior Parks Planner Wilson further reported that a new Youth Commissioner representative will be assigned in September; the Bush Park playground grand opening was last week; the Long Lake property project is underway; work is still being finalized on Greg Cuoio Park; and the Rainier Vista Pickleball project 60% design plans are being reviewed; and a small project to repave a section of trail and the basketball court at Wonderwood Park will begin soon.

F. Director

Director Burbidge reported the Parks, Culture and Recreation edition of the Lacey Community Academy was in May; the 5th Grade Activity Night event hosted by North Thurston Public Schools and the Boys & Girls Club was last month; the background and potential of a secondary public facility district in the region; staff met with neighbors of Wanschers Park in May regarding the replacement of Lift Station 4; and the Lacey Museum and Cultural Center grand opening is June 13, 2026.

8. Adjourn

Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.