



# Meeting Minutes

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Thursday, October 17, 2024

6:00 PM

Olympia Armory

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Olympia Armory (use front center door for entry), 515 Eastside St SE,  
Olympia, WA

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Chair Alexandria Safiq, Committee member Brent Barnes, Committee member Candace Bock, Committee member Daniel Farber, Committee member Jamie Gerken, Committee member Meg Jones, Committee member Jeff Prevost and Committee member Theresa Woodward

**Absent:** 1 - Committee member Caroline Mellor

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.A** [24-0804](#) Approval of September 19, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Jacobs spoke.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**6.A** [24-0848](#) Public Hearing for Park Facility Naming of “The Olympia Armory”

Armory Building Manager Valerie Roberts presented information about the naming process as well as some background information about the Armory Arts Center planning

process.

The public hearing opened at 6:18 p.m. The following people spoke: Janet Charles, Mark Foutch, Bob Jacobs, Nylan Woods and Sam Hunt. The public hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.

**The public hearing was held and closed.**

- 6.B**     [24-0849](#)     Public Hearing for Park Naming of Property known as “Yelm Highway Community Park”

Parks Planning and Design Manager Laura Keehan briefly provided background about the property and planning process at Yelm Highway Community Park.

The public hearing opened at 6:34 p.m. No one spoke. The public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

**The public hearing was held and closed.**

- 6.C**     [24-0850](#)     Public Hearing for Park Naming of Property known as “Kaiser Woods Park.”

Parks Planner Sarah Giannobile shared background information about the Kaiser Woods property.

The public hearing opened at 6:39 p.m. The following people spoke: Rita R. Robison, Regon Unsoeld, Sam Hunt and Zach Hudson. The public hearing closed at 6:51 p.m.

**The public hearing was held and closed.**

- 6.D**     [24-0852](#)     Recommendation on Official Name for “The Olympia Armory”

**Committee member Farber moved, seconded by Committee member Prevost, to recommend "The Daley Creative Arts Campus at the Armory" as the official name for "Olympia Armory" to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:**         8 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Barnes, Committee member Bock, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Jones, Committee member Prevost and Committee member Woodward

**Absent:**      1 - Committee member Mellor

- 6.E**     [24-0853](#)     Recommendation on Official Name for the Property known as “Yelm Highway Community Park”

**Committee member Bock moved, seconded by Committee member Woodward, to recommend "Strawberry Fields Community Park" as the official name for "Yelm Highway Community Park" to City Council. Also suggest to**

**City Council to reach out to local tribes to solicit name suggestions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Barnes, Committee member Bock, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Jones, Committee member Prevost and Committee member Woodward

**Absent:** 1 - Committee member Mellor

**6.F**     [24-0854](#)     Recommendation on Official Name for the Property known as "Kaiser Woods Park."

**Committee member Prevost moved, seconded by Committee member Barnes, to recommend "McMillan Trails Park" as the official name for "Kaiser Woods Park" to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Barnes, Committee member Bock, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Jones, Committee member Prevost and Committee member Woodward

**Absent:** 1 - Committee member Mellor

**Committee member Jones moved, seconded by Committee member Gerken, to add an amendment to add the word 'Multiuse' so the name would be "McMillan Multiuse Trails Park". The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Committee member Farber and Committee member Jones

**Nay:** 6 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Barnes, Committee member Bock, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Prevost and Committee member Woodward

**Absent:** 1 - Committee member Mellor

**6.G**     [24-0809](#)     Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) & Capital Asset Management Program (CAMP) - Parks Chapter Recommendation

**Committee member Farber moved, seconded by Committee member Prevost, to have Committee member Farber's letter incorporated into the letter from PRAC recommending the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP). The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Committee member Farber and Committee member Prevost

**Nay:** 6 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Barnes, Committee member Bock, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Jones and Committee member Woodward

**Absent:** 1 - Committee member Mellor

**Committee member Farber moved, seconded by Committee member Prevost, to amend Committee member Farber's original motion to add that the suggestions made in his letter should not increase costs or time burdens on staff for future Capital Facilities Plans. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Committee member Farber and Committee member Prevost  
**Nay:** 6 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Barnes, Committee member Bock, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Jones and Committee member Woodward  
**Absent:** 1 - Committee member Mellor

**Committee member Gerken moved, seconded by Committee member Bock, for the PRAC Chair to write a letter to City Council in support of the Capital Facilities Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Barnes, Committee member Bock, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Jones, Committee member Prevost and Committee member Woodward  
**Nay:** 1 - Committee member Farber  
**Absent:** 1 - Committee member Mellor

**Committee member Farber moved, seconded by Committee member Prevost, to amend Committee member Gerken's motion so that PRAC's support letter includes inflationary increases to CAMP funding. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Committee member Farber and Committee member Prevost  
**Nay:** 6 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Barnes, Committee member Bock, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Jones and Committee member Woodward  
**Absent:** 1 - Committee member Mellor

**6.H**     [24-0851](#)     Tour of Armory Building

**The tour was conducted.**

**7.     REPORTS**

A. Committee member Farber reported the OMPD Advisory Committee meets twice a year and during their last meeting they found that the City of Olympia is in compliance with the interlocal agreement.

B. Committee member Gerken attended the most recent Deschutes Estuary Project Community Sounding Board meeting in August and reported the goal is to rebuild the

estuary as close to its original state as possible.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ON PRAC MOTIONS, QUESTIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS  
- None**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Upcoming**

The next PRAC meeting will be on January 16, 2025.