



Meeting Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Thursday, April 17, 2025

6:00 PM

Room 207

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Committee member Jamie Gerken, Committee member James Goebel, Committee member Caroline Mellor, Chair Alexandria Safiq, Committee member Sare Webster and Committee member Theresa Woodward

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Jeff Prevost, Committee member Brent Barnes and Committee member Meg Jones

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [25-0304](#) Approval of March 20, 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Jacobs spoke.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) City Council has approved the sale of the Justice Center property, including the Yashiro Japanese Garden. The City will have 18 months from the time of the sale to divest its operations from the property.

2) Parks will hold a public meeting at the Olympia Center to present the West Bay Park Master Plan on Wednesday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m.

3) The grand opening of the new paved multiuse trail at Grass Lake Nature Park is scheduled for Thursday, June 12th at 4:00 p.m.

4) Parks Stewardship is hosting their annual Earth Day event at Squaxin Park on Saturday, April 19th from 10:00 - 1:00 p.m.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [25-0339](#) 2024 OPARD Year in Review

Scott River, Director of Recreation and Facilities, Laura Keehan, Parks Planning and Design Manager, and Charles Rambo, Operations and Maintenance Manager, presented on the 2024 OPARD Year in Review.

6.B [25-0340](#) West Bay Restoration and Park Master Plan Recommendation

Committee member Jamie Gerken moved, seconded by Theresa Woodward to recommend approval of the West Bay Restoration and Park Master Plan to City Council.

Aye: 6 - Committee member Gerken, Committee member Goebel, Committee member Mellor, Chair Safiq, Committee member Webster and Committee member Woodward

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Prevost, Committee member Barnes and Committee member Jones

7. REPORTS

There were no reports at this time.

8. FOLLOW-UP ON PRAC MOTIONS, QUESTIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no follow-ups at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Upcoming

Accommodations