



Meeting Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Thursday, March 20, 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 Brent Barnes, Committee member Daniel Farber, Committee member Jamie Gerken, Committee member Caroline Mellor, Vice Chair Jeff Prevost and Committee member Theresa Woodward

Absent: 3 - Chair Alexandria Safiq, Committee member Candace Bock and Committee member Meg Jones

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [25-0209](#) Approval of February 20, 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rita R. Robison spoke.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Thurston County's Conservation Futures Program grant ranking meeting will take place in early May. They hope a PRAC member will attend the meeting. Committee member Farber volunteered to attend the meeting.

2) Parks Stewardship is hosting their annual Earth Day event at Squaxin Park on April 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 6.A** [25-0238](#) Revisit Park Name Recommendations for the Properties known as "Kaiser Woods Park" and "Yelm Highway Community Park"

Committee member Gerken moved, seconded by Committee member Mellor, to recommend to City Council that the property known as "Yelm Highway Community Park" be named the "Jolene Unsold Community Park." The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Committee member Barnes, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Mellor, Vice Chair Prevost and Committee member Woodward

Absent: 3 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Bock and Committee member Jones

Committee member Farber moved, seconded by Committee member Gerken, to recommend to City Council that the property known as "Kaiser Woods" be named "Elk Ridge Trails Park." The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Committee member Barnes, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Mellor, Vice Chair Prevost and Committee member Woodward

Absent: 3 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Bock and Committee member Jones

Committee member Mellor moved, seconded by Committee member Woodward, to recommend that City Council strongly recommend honoring Marj Yung during the next naming process. The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Committee member Barnes, Committee member Farber, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Mellor, Vice Chair Prevost and Committee member Woodward

Absent: 3 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Bock and Committee member Jones

- 6.B** [25-0239](#) Recommendation to City Council on Whether to Issue Debt for Yelm Highway Community Park Phase I Construction and the Armory Arts Center Phase I Renovations

Committee member Gerken moved, seconded by Committee member Mellor, to recommend to City Council to issue debt for Yelm Highway Community Park Phase I construction and the Armory Arts Center Phase I renovations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Committee member Barnes, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Mellor, Vice Chair Prevost and Committee member Woodward

Nay: 1 - Committee member Farber

Absent: 3 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Bock and Committee member Jones

7. REPORTS - None

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Upcoming

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.