

City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, October 16, 2025

6:00 PM

Room 207

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Alexandrea Safiq, Vice Chair Jeff Prevost, Committee member Jamie Gerken, Committee member James Goebel, Committee member Meg Jones, Committee member Caroline Mellor, Committee member Sare Webster and Committee member Theresa Woodward

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A Approval of September 18, 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments at this time.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Laura Keehan reminded PRAC there will be two seats on the advisory committee for 2026.
2. Sylvana Niehuser is officially the new Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation.
3. City Council recently approved the acquisition of the "Long Property" off Kaiser Road. The Angela J. Bowen Conservancy Foundation provided half of the funds needed to purchase the property.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A Parks Stewardship Program Briefing

Amy Stull, Supervisor III, provided a Parks Stewardship program briefing.

The information was provided.

6.B Rebecca Howard Park Development Plan Recommendation

Attachments: [251006 DRAFT Rebecca Howard Park Development Plan](#)

Sarah Giannobile, Parks Planner, Sylvana Niehuser, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation, and Shawna Hawk with Media Island International presented the Rebecca Howard Park Development Plan.

Caroline Mellor moved to recommend approval of the Rebecca Howard Park Development Plan to City Council. Jamie Gerken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 8 - Chair Safiq, Vice Chair Prevost, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Goebel, Committee member Jones, Committee member Mellor, Committee member Webster and Committee member Woodward

7. REPORTS

There were no reports at this time.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Upcoming

The next scheduled meeting is January 15, 2026.

Accommodations