

City of Olympia

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, February 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Room 207

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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 Alexandra Safiq, Committee member Candace Bock and Committee member Meg Jones

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as amended.

Committee member Gerken moved, seconded by Committee member Prevost, to add Committee member Farber's amendment to the October 17, 2024 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3.A Approval of October, 17, 2024 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [minutes](#)

Attachments: [Farber PRAC motion on CFP October 17 2024](#)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke Holly Gadshaw, Kathy McCormick, Mark Foutch, Bob Jacobs and Molly Ainsley.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) Laura Keehan reminded PRAC members to submit committee stipend paperwork to the Executive office.
- B) Laura Keehan provided a recap on the successful seasonal ice rink season.
- C) Paul Simmons announced he has accepted a position with Parks Tacoma.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A Revisit Park Name Recommendations for the Properties known as “The Armory” and “Kaiser Woods Park”

Attachments: [Armory Naming Criteria Sheet](#)
[Armory Suggested Names](#)
[Kaiser Woods Naming Criteria Sheet](#)
[Kaiser Woods Suggested Names 2019 2024](#)
[Info on Marj Yung](#)

Paul Simmons, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation, presented on the reasons to revisit park name recommendations. Valerie Roberts, Armory Building Manager, presented on the concerns over the recommended name for the Armory. Sarah Giannoble, Parks Planner, presented on the concerns over the recommended name for the Kaiser Woods property.

The committee decided to table their name recommendation discussions for the Kaiser Woods and Yelm Highway properties until the March 20th meeting.

Committee member Mellor moved to recommend the "Daley Arts Center" as the name for the Armory. Committee member Gerken seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

- 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 Olympia Metropolitan Park District (OMPD) Interlocal Agreement Discussion

Attachments: [Interlocal Agreement](#)

Paul Simmons, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation, presented on the history of the OMPD Interlocal Agreement.

6.C Review New PRAC Member Applications

Attachments: [01-PRAC-FullPacket-New Member Apps](#)

Applicants 13, 21, 23 and 37 were forwarded to City Council for interviews.

6.D Review Draft PRAC Work Plan for April 2025 - March 2026

Attachments: [PRAC Work Plan- 2025-26](#)

Committee member Gerken moved, and Committee member Woodward seconded to approve the 2025-2026 draft PRAC work plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

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.E PRAC Chair and Vice-chair Elections and Member Appointment to OMPD Advisory Committee

Committee member Mellor moved, seconded by Committee member Gerken to appoint Alexandria Safiq as PRAC Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Committee member Barnes, Committee member Gerken, Committee member Mellor and Committee member Woodward

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

Abstained: 2 - Committee member Farber and Vice Chair Prevost

Committee member Mellor moved, seconded by Committee member Gerken, to appoint Committee member Prevost as PRAC Vice-Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

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 Gerken, to appoint Committee member Mellor to the OMPD Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7. REPORTS

No reports at this time.

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

No items at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Upcoming

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Accommodations