

City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, May 21, 2026

6:00 PM

Room 207

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chair Alexandria Safiq, Committee member Emily Boone, Committee member Grace Fletcher, Committee member James Goebel and Committee member Caroline Mellor

Absent: 4 - Committee member Jamie Gerken, Committee member Meg Jones, 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 April, 16, 2026, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) The Welcome Figure dedication at Isthmus Park will be on June 4th at 4:30.

2) The new Senior Park Planner, Joel Sisalek, will attend the next PRAC meeting. He will be the new staff liaison to the committee.

3) Amy Stull will present on the Park Ranger program and would welcome discussion topics.

4) Chair Alexandria Safiq and Vice Chair Caroline Mellor attended the Special Meeting of the Chairs to discuss the structure and process of City of Olympia advisory committees.

5) Parks Stewardship is holding a National Trails Day Pride event on June 6th at

Decatur Woods Park from 10:00am-1:00pm.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A Parks Maintenance Staff Projects

John Wolfe, Parks Supervisor, presented on Parks Maintenance staff projects.

Information only. No action requested.

6.B RCO Grant Applications Letters of Support

Sarah Giannobile, Parks Planner, presented on RCO Grant Applications Letters of Support.

Move to authorize the Chair to prepare letters of support for the 2026 park grant applications. Vice Chair Caroline Mellor moved to write letters of support for the RCO grant applications. Committee member James Goebel seconded the motion. He asked that the letters include PRAC's appreciation that the City of Olympia considers the environmental cost of building materials used and specifically that PRAC appreciates that the Rebecca Howard Park master plan consulting firm and Parks staff thought of the environmental impacts of development. The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Safiq, Committee member Boone, Committee member Fletcher, Committee member Goebel and Committee member Mellor

Absent: 4 - Committee member Gerken, Committee member Jones, Committee member Webster and Committee member Woodward

7. REPORTS

The OMPD Advisory Committee met on May 6, 2026 to review the findings of the 2025 Annual Compliance Report and direct the Chair to write a letter summarizing the findings, which will be posted online for public comment.

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

No follow-ups or questions at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Upcoming

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Accommodations