

# City of Olympia

*City Hall  
601 4th Avenue E  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, March 19, 2026

6:00 PM

Room 207

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Vice Chair Jeff Prevost, Committee member Jamie Gerken,  
Committee member Caroline Mellor and Committee member Sare  
Webster

**Absent:** 4 - Chair Alexandria Safiq, Committee member James Goebel,  
Committee member Meg Jones and Committee member Theresa  
Woodward

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was unanimously approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3.A** Approval of January, 15, 2026, Parks and Recreation Advisory  
Committee Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people spoke: Henry Valz, Bill Penn, Bob Jacobs, Marcea Basham and Sharon Cockrum.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) Stipend paperwork should be submitted to Dawn Carvahlo by the end of March.
- 2) This is the final PRAC meeting for Jeff Prevost. Thank you for your service, Jeff!
- 3) Two new PRAC members have been selected by City Council and will join the committee in April.
- 4) The bid package for the Yelm Highway Community Park is under legal review and should be sent out to bid the last week in April.
- 5) Parks Stewardship is hosting the annual Earth Day at Squaxin Park Saturday April 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**6.A** Parks Plan Public Engagement Discussion

**Attachments:** [PRAC Draft Parks Plan](#)  
[Parks Plan Project Timeline 2026-28](#)

Laura Keehan, Director of Parks Planning and Maintenance, and Sarah Giannobile, Associate Parks Planner, led the Parks Plan public engagement discussion.

**Discuss ideas for public engagement in development of the 2028 Parks Plan**

**7. REPORTS**

There were no reports.

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

There were no follow-ups, questions or future agenda items.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**Upcoming**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

**Accommodations**