



CITY OF OREGON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Building, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City

Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Espe called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 6 – Chair Paul Espe, Vice Chair Brandon Dole, Commissioner Greg Stoll, Commissioner Karla Laws (Virtual), Commissioner Dirk Schlagenhauser, Commissioner Victoria Meinig, Commissioner Bob LaSalle

Staffers: 4 – Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Parks & Rec Director Scott Archer, Parks & Rec Deputy Director Tom Kissinger, Administrative Assistant Kay Neumann

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval for Work session and Regular Meeting Minutes from 4/14/2025

Commissioner Schlagenhauser moved to approve the minutes of 4/14 for the work session and the regular meeting. Commissioner LaSalle seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Yea: 7 - Commissioner Laws, Commissioner Schlagenhauser, Commissioner Stoll, Commissioner Meinig, Commissioner LaSalle, Vice Chair Dole, Chair Espe

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. None.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. GLUA 25-02: LEG-25-01 - Legislative Update to the Parks Master Plan, an Ancillary Document to the OC2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Chair Espe read the legislative preamble, outlining the process for legislative actions and the role of the Planning Commission in making recommendations to the City Commission.

Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner presented background information on the Parks Master Plan. She explained that the City Commission had adopted the plan in June 2024, but the final step was to adopt it as an ancillary document to the comprehensive plan. This step was crucial for legal standing, system development fees, grants, and providing a legal nexus for decisions.

Scott Archer, the Parks and Recreation Director, introduced himself as being in his fourth week back in the role. He deferred to Tom Kissinger, the Deputy Parks and Recreation Director, for the content presentation.

Tom Kissinger provided an overview of the Parks Master Plan, discussing:

- The public outreach process, which began in April 2022 and included town halls, meetings, surveys, and listening sessions.
- High priorities for investment, including multi-use trails, water access, outdoor amphitheater, and various types of parks.
- Level of service analysis for different park types and amenities.
- Current and projected needs for facilities, including 23.1 acres of neighborhood parks needed today and 29 acres by 2032.
- The capital improvement plan, detailing projects, costs, and rationale for inclusion.
- The parks inventory document, created in collaboration with staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Chair Espe asked about relationships with schools for park use. Kissinger responded that there was currently no Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) in place, but exploring such relationships was discussed in the master plan.

Chair Espe also inquired about land acquisition for future parks. Kissinger explained that land acquisition was a key strategy, with the plan identifying general areas for potential acquisition and considering future growth areas.

Vice Chair Dole expressed excitement about the potential for an aquatic and recreation center in the community.

Commissioner Stoll moved to recommend to the city commission approval of GLUA 25-002 and LEG 25-001 parks master plan. Vice Chair Dole seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Yea: 7 - Commissioner Laws, Commissioner Schlagenhauer, Commissioner Stoll, Commissioner Meinig, Commissioner LaSalle, Vice Chair Dole, Chair Espe

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. The climate-friendly and equitable communities code amendments for parking reforms were being forwarded to the City Commission for adoption.
- B. The Community Development Director position job announcement was posted on April 16th.
- C. The city had responded to Senate Bill 1537 regarding the mandatory adjustment section.
- D. The City Commission would be discussing local road volumes at their work session the following day, with plans to conduct traffic counts on 20 local streets.
- E. The second meeting for May was canceled, and the next meeting will be June 9.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Espe adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

