

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting minutes

June 26th, 2025 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Mt. Hood Room

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order. Kori Buth conducted the roll call, with the following members present: Melissa Deyoe, Joyce Gifford, Tim Lainhart, Ken Worcester, Tim Wuest, and Emily Lisborg.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

General Business

a. Parks Master Plan & SDC Updates

Scott Archer, Parks and Recreation Director, provided updates on the Parks Master Plan and System Development Charge (SDC) updates. He informed the committee that the Parks Master Plan had been fully adopted and added to the City's comprehensive plan as of the previous week.

Regarding the SDC update, Scott reported that it was presented to the City Commission on June 18th. After robust discussion, the Commission continued the item to July 16th, requesting additional information. The Commission wanted to explore tiered rates for multi-family dwellings and reconsider the inclusion of the future aquatic and recreation center in the SDC methodology.

Tim Wuest asked about comparative SDC charges amongst neighboring cities. Scott confirmed that comparative information had been considered in formulating the SDC rates.

Ken Worcester inquired about the city paying SDCs on its own projects. Scott confirmed that the city does not exempt itself from applicable fees on its own developments.

b. Payson Farms HOA Park Request

Scott introduced a proposal from the Payson Farms Homeowners Association (HOA) to donate their 1.73-acre private park to the city. The park, located near Central Point Road and McCord, is 23 years old and has been maintained by the HOA but is utilized by the public.

Committee members asked questions about the park's location, size, and proximity to other city parks. They also inquired about the number of similar HOA-owned parks in Oregon City.

Scott suggested that staff would conduct further analysis on the proposal, considering factors such as existing service levels in the area, prioritization based on the Parks Master Plan, and the implications of accepting the park into the City's portfolio.

c. PRAC Community Outreach

Tom Kissinger, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, presented community outreach materials to PRAC, including business card-sized handouts and flyers. These materials highlighted upcoming park projects such as the Wesley Lynn dog park, Hillendale restroom replacement, Chapin playground replacement, Rivercrest pathways improvements, and Park Place improvements.

Committee members expressed enthusiasm about the outreach materials and discussed ideas for community engagement, including attending events like Movies in the Park and concerts. They also suggested including maps showing service areas and areas deficient in park services.

Scott mentioned that July is National Parks and Recreation Month, and the mayor will make a proclamation at the upcoming City Commission meeting on July 3rd.

Member Reports

Committee members shared various observations and concerns:

- The chair reported on the success of recent flash fads, park maintenance efforts, and summer camps.
- Joyce mentioned that the pickleball courts at Hillendale Park needed attention, particularly crack repairs.
- Emily inquired about plans for the Singer Creek Annex, particularly regarding trail maintenance and potential off-leash dog areas.
- Ken discussed his observations at Hillendale Park, including the blocked access from the county and the condition of the trail leading to the jail.

Tom provided updates on these concerns, mentioning plans for improvements and potential funding sources such as the Community Choice Grants.

Next Scheduled Meeting - August 28, 2025

The chair noted that the next scheduled meeting would be on August 28th, with July off due to Concerts in the Park every Thursday.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.