



PARKS COMMITTEE

May 1, 2025

City Hall • 411 SW 9th Street • Conference Room 140

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alan Ewert
Chair

Erin Trimble
Vice Chair

Jeannie Cote-
Lashonse
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Member

Shawna Hicks
Member

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Member

Brad Porterfield
Member

Alison Aguilar
Youth Ex-Officio

Katie Hammer
RAPRD Ex-Officio

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MEETING AGENDA

3:30 PM

I CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

II COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AT THE MEETING

Citizen comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person and will be accepted for a period of 30 minutes. Comments should be focused on City of Redmond business. Attendees are asked to refrain from interrupting, calling-out, or cheering during citizen comments.

III ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of April 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

V DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- a. Joint Council Meeting Prep - (All - 45 minutes)

VI UPDATES

- a. Operations Update

VII COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES / COMMENTS

VIII UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- a. June - Improving volunteerism and community engagement
- b. July - No meeting
- c. August - Trails and connectivity

IX ADJOURN

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PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2025

City Hall Executive Conference Room 141

Present: Alan Ewert (Chair), Richard Lance, Brad Porterfield, Alison Aguilar, Shawna Hicks, Katie Hammer
Council Liaison Shannon Wedding
Absent: Jeannie Cote-Lashonse, Peter Gassner, Erin Trimble (Vice Chair), Shannon Wedding
RAPRD Ex Officio: Katie Hammer
Youth Ex Officio: Alison Aguilar
Staff Present: Public Works Director/ City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, Special Projects and Natural Resource Manager Maria Ramirez, Parks, Facilities & Cemetery Manager Dusty Hood, Arborist Avery McChristian, Recorder Brenda Pelly, Assistant Planner Sarah Vowell.

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Chair Alan Ewert called the meeting to order at 3:34PM. A quorum was established.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Welcomed new committee member Shawna Hicks.
- Richard Lance announced he will be retiring from the Parks Committee after serving for more than 20 years. We've appreciated his insight and depth of knowledge of the history and the parks in Redmond.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Kylie announced that she wanted to visit today to see what the Parks Committee does for the community and to become more involved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- March 6, 2025, minutes. Corrections noted. Richard motioned to approve the minutes after corrections made, Brad 2nd the motion. Minutes passed unanimously.

DISCUSSIONS/ ACTION ITEMS

- Public Works Director/ City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan spoke about the 2024 Parks Master Plan and System development charge sequencing. She would like to ensure that there is not a disconnect between the City Council and the Parks Committee and that there is transparency between the two. She will be our liaison to the City Council to help with the transparency.
- Maintenance and Operations, Parks, Facilities and Cemetery Manger Dusty Hood reported on the work that has been taking place at the Bowlby Park concession stand. It has been completely remodeled and finalized and is up to code now. Irrigation season is underway, employees are doing repairs and charging the systems now before they turn on the timers and begin watering. Restrooms are planned to open April 14th, 2025. A new HVAC system has been approved for the City Hall. The new Police station is ahead of schedule and is planned to open June/July this year.
- City Arbor Month Activities, City Arborist Avery McChristian reported on the planned events. April 9th, the Boy Scouts will be planting trees with the City Arborists. April 14th OSU Extension office will be having a tree pruning course many employees will be attending. April 24th will be the North Dry Canyon Park clean-up with the Heart of Oregon Corps. All month there will be Dry Canyon tree inventory, Herringbone Bookstore will have an Arbor Day display of books. There is a reading list of books at the Deschutes Public Library. And the Redmond Proficiency Academy HS and MS will be having a scavenger hunt. They have maps of trees and items for the scavenger hunt.
- Katie Hammer reported on the progress of the new RAPRD facility. They plan to open early next year possibly by March.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:

- May – Budget
- June – Improving volunteerism and community engagement
- July – No meeting in July

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

APPROVED by and SIGNED by me this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Alan Ewert
Parks Committee Chair

Maria Ramirez
Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager