

PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes

Aug 7, 2025

City Hall Executive Conference Room 141

Present: Alan Ewert (Chair), Erin Trimble (Vice Chair), Pete Gassner, Jeannie Cote-Lashonse, Eve Ponder, Brad Porterfield, Shawna Hicks
Council Liaison Shannon Wedding
Absent: Shannon Wedding, Alison Aguilar
RAPRD Ex Officio: Katie Hammer
Youth Ex Officio: Alison Aguilar
Staff Present: Special Projects and Natural Resource Manager Maria Ramirez, Arborist Avery McChristian, Recorder Brenda Pelly, BPAC representative Sarah Vowell. Public Works Director Jessica MacClanahan, Public Works Operations Manager Josh Wedding.

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- June 5th, 2025, minutes. Jeanie motioned to approve, Shawna 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

DISCUSSIONS/ ACTION ITEMS

- Complete the Joint Committee Work Plan.
 - The committee finalized what they are going to discuss with the City Council.
 - What information does the Council need from the committee to make informed decisions for the Park System in the next 5 years?
 - Let the Council know that the Parks Committee would like to be a part of the discussion of the next big park development.
 - When and what is the best way for the Committee to engage with the Council?
 - What are the expectations of the Parks Committee by the Council?
 - Track Trails Program
 - Maria discussed that the program will be put on hold. When the new streamlined signage and management structure by the City is determined for the Dry Canyon Park, it will be reviewed again.

UPDATES

Maintenance & Operations updates – Josh explained what projects they are working on.

- Beat last July's water consumption by 3 million gallons.
- Water efficiency is a top priority, replaced sprinkler heads that were broken, scheduling of timers to maximize reduction. They are at a 7% reduction of water so far for this irrigation season.
- Irrigation & landscaping on-going.
- Construction in dry canyon on-going.
- June asphalt & seal coating at Fairhaven Park, American Legion, Pump track completed, and the cemetery.
- Josh met with the Fire Chief, State Fire Marshal, and Deschutes Co Natural Resources, to look at the entire canyon for an assessment for fuels mitigation and possible restoration, looking for an active plan for the Canyon.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER & CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Katie Hammer wanted to express appreciation about the communication from the City for the project on Rimrock and the Dry Canyon.

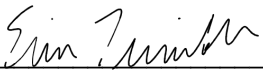
UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:

- August – Joint Council meeting 8-18-25.
- September – Review of Joint Council meeting, Redmond Wetlands Complex.
- October – CIP Discussion.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 4:45PM.

APPROVED by and SIGNED by me this _____ day of 09 / 12 / 2025, 2025.

ATTEST:



Erin Trimble
Parks Committee Co-Chair

Maria L. Ramirez

Maria Ramirez
Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager

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