

PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2025

City Hall Executive Conference Room 141

Present: Alan Ewert (Chair), Erin Trimble (Vice Chair), Pete Gassner, Jeannie Cote-Lashonse, Eve Ponder
Council Liaison Shannon Wedding
Absent: Shannon Wedding, Brad Porterfield (due to technical difficulties), Shawna Hicks
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.

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

- May 1, 2025, minutes. Jeanie motioned to approve, Peter 2nd the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

DISCUSSIONS/ ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consolidate committee comments from individual committee member's site visits to Pershall and Elkhorn Park properties – The committee members took turns discussing their findings.
Review of 2024 Parks Master Plan Five-Year Community Park Plan – Maria discussed the plan and how it relates to the Transportation Master Plan.
Initiative
- B. Complete the Workplan for the Joint Council Committee Meeting – Committee was requested to see the Elkhorn and Pershall properties to determine which park should be developed first. Then to bring findings to the Joint meeting. Vote taken regarding which park to develop. 5 in favor of Elkhorn 1 in favor of Pershall. Next meeting August 7th will continue preparations for Joint Council Committee Meeting.
- C. Track Trails Discussion - Dusty explained the program that Oregon Parks Forever started, wanted to see if there is committee interest in having a kiosk for this in the Dry Canyon.

UPDATES

Maintenance & Operations updates – Dusty explained

- Flower baskets delivered this week
- Highland ADA ramps installation/then flower baskets will be added
- Irrigation & landscaping on-going.
- Construction in dry canyon on-going.
- Down one staff member. Interviews next week.
- End of June asphalt & seal coating at Fairhaven Park, American Legion, Pump track.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER & CITIZEN COMMENTS: Eve asked about SDC fees and how they are used.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:

- July – No meeting
- August – Joint council meeting.
- September - TBD

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

APPROVED by and SIGNED by me this _____ day of 08 / 13 / 2025, 2025.

ATTEST:

Alan Ewert

Alan Ewert
Parks Committee Chair

Maria L. Ramirez

Maria Ramirez
Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager

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