

**PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes**

October 2, 2025

City Hall Executive Conference Room 141

Present: Alan Ewert (Chair), Peter Gassner, Eve Ponder, Brad Porterfield, Shawna Hicks
Council Liaison: Shannon Wedding (Absent)
Absent: Erin Trimble (Vice Chair), Jeannie Cote-Lashonse
RAPRD Ex Officio: Katie Hammer
Youth Ex Officio: Alison Aguilar (Absent)
Staff Present: Special Projects and Natural Resource Manager Maria Ramirez, Planning Manager Kyle Roberts, Parks/Facilities Division Manager Dusty Hood, Recorder Lorelei Williams.

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Chair Alan Ewert called the meeting to order at 3:35PM. A quorum was established.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Water-wise Project Survey: Maria announced the water-wise projects survey was sent to the committee and thanked everyone for their feedback. Will get final results of the survey from the Communications Director when she's back in the offices. Survey provided the opportunity to rank the projects from 1 – 5 and provide comments on the aesthetics. Overall, there were 61 recorded responses, so far. Parks Committee discussed the qualitative data received, how the survey is made available to the community, and the extension of the closing date for the survey.

Chair Alan Ewert asked if Redmond would have an ice rink this winter season. Not this season, but plans are in discussion. More information will come to the committee on this topic in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- September 4, 2025, minutes. Shawna motioned to approve the minutes, Peter seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

DISCUSSIONS/ ACTION ITEMS

- Land Use of Elkhorn Property (Kyle, 30 minutes)
 - Provided a high-level overview of the land use process to bring the Elkhorn property into the Urban Growth Boundary, so that it can be annexed into city limits and subsequently developed into a City park.
 - Discussed the Pershall property, which is already within the Urban Growth Boundary. The committee discussed the pros and cons of the City's plans for this property in the future, namely the extension of NW Pershall Way through the property.
 - Maria shared the park acquisition map that demonstrates the City's level of service, from the 2018 master plan. The committee discussed the opportunities for the future.
- Heritage Tree Selection (Avery, 10 minutes)
 - At a previous meeting, Avery asked the committee to meet with him if they'd like to submit an application for the Heritage Tree Selection. Richard Lance and Brad Porterfield met with Avery and they submitted the application to the State of Oregon for the Stack Park Grove. The committee reviewed the application together.

UPDATES

- Maintenance & Operations updates – Dusty reported the following,
- Prepping to wind down irrigation season, blowing out sprinklers, closing the bathrooms in mid-late October dependent on weather, freezing temps.
 - Brad asked if there is a possibility of youth helping with restoration of burnt areas. Dusty asked him to reach out to him with ideas.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER & CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Peter Gassner requested an update on the Redmond Wetlands Complex. Maria shared that they are projecting the site to be open in 2027. Sub-surface and earth moving work will continue for approximately a year, after which the Parks Committee will be able to provide input on the project plans.
- Interested parties can visit www.redmondwetlandscomplex.com to subscribe to receive project updates.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:

- November – Arbor Day Planning & CIP Education
- December – CIP Project Overview
- January – Cancelled Due to Holiday
- Topics to be discussed at November, December, February or March meetings as time allows
 - Future Access to Pershall Property
 - E-bikes & Police Enforcement
 - Park Signage (February)
 - BPRD Park Volunteers Program (March)
 - RAPRD's New Recreational Facility
 - Katie Hammer provided a brief update on how the project construction is progressing.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 4:54PM.

APPROVED by and SIGNED by me this 10 day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:



Alan Ewert
Parks Committee Chair



Maria Ramirez
Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager