



## **PARKS COMMITTEE**

June 4, 2026

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**PURPOSE STATEMENT:** To plan, develop, and provide stewardship for City of Redmond's parks and open spaces while preserving natural areas and maximizing public enjoyment.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Erin Trimble  
*Chair*

Peter Gassner  
*Vice Chair*

Jeannie Cote-Lashonse  
*Member*

Alan Ewert  
*Member*

Shawna Hicks  
*Member*

Eve Ponder  
*Member*

Brad Porterfield  
*Member*

Alison Aguilar  
*Youth Ex-Officio*

Katie Hammer  
*RAPRD Ex-Officio*

**JUNE 4, 2026**

**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 March 3, 2026, Minutes

#### **V. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

A. Community Events (Erin — 15 min)

B. UFMP Council Award (6-9-2026, Maria - 5 Min)

C. Summer Projects (Maria - 20 min)

- Touring the Redmond Wetlands with the LWCF/OPRD 6/24/26
- Dry Canyon Plan Scope
- Urban Forestry Management

#### **VI. UPDATES**

A. Park Operations & Maintenance Update (Josh - 15 Min)

#### **VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES / COMMENTS**

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## VIII. ADJOURN

*Meeting documents are available on the City's web site at [redmondoregon.gov](http://redmondoregon.gov)*

## **PARKS COMMITTEE**

**March 5, 2026**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

City Hall Executive Conference Room 141

#### **Present:**

Erin Trimble (Chair), Peter Gassner (Vice Chair) Alan Ewert, Shauna Hicks, Eve Ponder,

**Guests:** John Lickley, Lynette Lickley

#### **Absent:**

Jeannie Cote-Lashonse, Brad Porterfield

#### **RAPRD Ex Officio:**

Katie Hammer

#### **Youth Ex Officio:**

Alison Aguilar

#### **Staff Present:**

Maria Ramirez, Special Projects & Natural Resource Manager; Recorder Brenda Pelly

### **CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

Chair Erin Trimble called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Maria reported she had no new announcements for this meeting. No additional announcements were offered by committee members.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Community members John Wickley and Lynette Lickley attended to introduce an idea for establishing a **control-line model flying club**, including a youth program starting around age five. They described the activity, noted it is electric (not gas-powered), quiet, and beginner-friendly, and expressed interest in identifying future opportunities or property within the city. Committee members welcomed the idea and encouraged them to continue connecting with city staff.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee members confirmed they had reviewed the February minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Peter, seconded by Shawna, and passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSIONS / ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Public Outreach & Community Engagement**

Maria presented a review of the Parks Committee's **roles and responsibilities**, highlighting items related to engaging the public and coordinating volunteer activities. Discussion included:

- Encouraging committee members to increase outreach through personal networks, neighborhood conversations, workplaces, and community groups.
- Examples of committee engagement from prior master planning processes.
- Ways committee members can share information on city projects, park rules, surveys, volunteer events, and capital improvement planning.
- Identifying communities committee members naturally connect with (e.g., college students, families with young children, Spanish-speaking residents, seniors).
- Challenges in some neighborhoods with limited engagement opportunities.

### **2. Upcoming Volunteer & Public Events**

Maria outlined spring and summer opportunities for committee involvement:

- **Arbor Week & Arbor Day Events** (April) – tree plantings, canyon stewardship activities.
- **Music on the Green, Balloons Over Redmond Night Glow, Saturday/Farmers Markets, Día de los Niños**, and National Night Out.
- Committee interest in having a presence at select events; Maria will coordinate booth materials, reservations, and outreach resources.
- Committee members expressed willingness to commit to 1–2 events each over the season.
- Maria will send a sign-up poll for self-assignment.
- Discussion of possible T-shirts, badges, or lanyards for committee identification at events.

### **3. Future Park Amenity Idea – Spruce Park Basketball Hoop**

Residents have moved a portable basketball hoop to Spruce Park, and children are actively using it. Committee discussed process questions about how to formally request new

amenities. Similar inquiry was raised regarding converting Sam Johnson Park's 3-on-3 area into a full court. Topic will be considered for future planning discussions.

#### **4. Chapter 5 Code Review – Dry Canyon Rules & Enforcement**

Eve presented proposed areas for strengthening language in Chapter 5 of city code related to the Dry Canyon:

- Clarifying prohibitions on illegal trail building, fort construction, and removal or disturbance of vegetation.
- Adding references to drone use, dog waste violations, and unauthorized motorized vehicles.
- Updating the Dry Canyon definition to include newly acquired park property at the northwest rim.
- Formatting clean-up and clarity improvements.

Committee discussed process: if the committee supports revisions, Eve will coordinate with Redmond Police Department (RPD), who must lead formal code changes. Edits would return to the committee for approval before proceeding to Council.

A motion to authorize Eve to work with RPD on exploring potential code amendments was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

#### **5. Operations Update**

Maria shared operations updates:

- Irrigation systems, restrooms, and drinking fountains scheduled for reactivation by April 10.
- Continued Dry Canyon maintenance, including significant cheat grass removal on the east side using string trimmers.
- Coordination underway with the Native Plant Society regarding next ecological steps.

Committee requested photos of before/after work; Maria will share them.

#### **ADDITIONAL MEMBER & CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Positive feedback shared on increased usage at Fairhaven Park following installation of new playground equipment.

- Discussion of wildlife presence—including large mule deer—around the Dry Canyon and canyon-adjacent neighborhoods.
- Eve found an 1881 Indian Head penny near the new restroom construction area; the find was reported to staff.

**UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

- April – Arbor Week/Arbor Day updates
- May – Discussion of summer event participation and future code revisions  
(Topics inferred based on current meeting planning, as no formal list was set.)

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

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**APPROVED by and SIGNED by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

**ATTEST:**

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Erin Trimble, Parks Committee Chair

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Maria Ramirez, Special Projects & Natural  
Resource Program Manager