



PARKS COMMITTEE

July 2, 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

JULY 2, 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 June 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes

V. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Update on Community Event 6-24-26 (Erin 5 min)

B. Urban Renewal Management Plan (Maria 10 min)

C. Bend Parks & Rec Ride Along Update (Eve 5 min)

D. Redmond Area Park & Rec District (RAPRD) Program Overview (Shawna Hicks 30 min)

VI. UPDATES

A. Operations and Maintenance Update (Dusty Hood 10 min)

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES / COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURN

IX. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- A. August - Tour New Redmond Area Park & Rec Facility (RAPRD)
- B. September - Urban Forestry Tree Inventory and Public Outreach Overview
- C. October - Elkhorn Property Scope Update

Meeting documents are available on the City's web site at redmondoregon.gov

PARKS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2026

City Hall Executive Conference Room 141

Present

Erin Trimble (Chair), Peter Gassner (Vice Chair), Shawna Hicks, Eve Ponder.

Absent

Jeannie Cote Lashanse, Alan Ewert, Brad Porterfield.

Youth Ex-Officio - Alison Aguilar Absent

RAPRD Ex-Officio - Katie Hammer Absent

Staff Present

Maria Ramirez – Special Projects & Natural Resources Manager

Josh Wedding – PW Operations Manager

Brenda Pelly – Recorder

CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **March Minutes:** A motion to approve the March 3, 2026, meeting minutes was made and seconded.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
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DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. Community Events & Public Engagement

Maria reviewed the Parks Committee’s duties outlined in **City Code Chapter 2**, focusing on two key responsibilities:

- Keeping the public informed about park and recreation priorities
- Coordinating volunteer park projects

The committee discussed how to improve visibility and engagement within the community, including participation at summer events and outlining FAQs for consistent messaging.

Upcoming Community Events

Maria and Erin outlined three summer engagement opportunities:

- **Music on the Green – June 24**
 - Staff: Maria
 - Committee: Erin, Pete
- **Music on the Green – August 19**
 - Staff: Maria
 - Committee: Shawna, Pete
- **National Night Out – August 4**
 - Committee: Eve, Allison

Additional opportunities, such as the **Farmer’s Market**, were discussed as potential future locations for committee outreach.

Follow-Up Items

- Staff will provide all event materials (brochures, banners, committee info) in advance.
- Committee will track frequently asked community questions to review at the July meeting and establish consistent responses.
- September meeting will include a full evaluation of whether these events provide value and whether to expand participation in future seasons.

2. 2026 Project Updates

a. Redmond Wetlands Complex

Maria provided an update on funding, development progress, and upcoming site tours. Key highlights:

- LWCF Grant: **\$2 million**
- OPRD Grant: **\$1 million**

- Overall project value: **\$88 million**
- Public-facing elements funded at over 50% through grants

A partner site tour is scheduled for **June 24**, involving:

- RAPRD – to review programming opportunities
- OSU Extension – committed to maintaining the water-wise demonstration garden and contributing to education/programming
- Finance and grant agencies – LWCF and OPRD representatives

The committee will conduct its own tour when more above-ground elements are visible.

b. Dry Canyon Management Plan

The Committee's requested update to the Dry Canyon Master Plan is moving forward with **\$100,000** allocated from Parks Operations.

The updated plan will address:

- Trail classifications and standards
- Social trail decommissioning
- Habitat restoration and enhancement
- Educational/cultural signage
- Fire mitigation strategies
- Long-term maintenance practices

Staff are developing the scope of work; an **RFP release is targeted for August**. The Parks Committee will review the draft scope before it is published.

c. Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP)

Maria updated the committee on this fully grant-funded initiative:

- Total grant: **\$282,000**
- Approximately **\$150,000** allocated to create the UFMP
- Additional funding supporting fire mitigation in Dry Canyon

The plan includes:

- Inventory of ~4,000 publicly maintained street trees
- Sample inventory of privately maintained right-of-way trees
- Review of City Code and development standards

- Recommendations for tree species selection, spacing, maintenance, and hazard mitigation

The UFMP contract will appear on **City Council's consent agenda** next Tuesday. Staff believe the Committee has previously been briefed on this topic and will confirm if asked.

3. Parks Operations Update

Josh provided updates on current field work and maintenance:

Downtown Beautification

- Seasonal flower baskets were delivered and are being installed this week.
- Downtown pots are being replanted in preparation for the **250th anniversary** July 4 festivities.
- Sidewalk pressure washing is underway.

Irrigation Repairs

- Significant staff time has been required to correct irrigation failures at **Sam Johnson Park** following impacts from construction.
- Crews completed the first round of fertilization and aeration.

Water Conservation Pilot

- A wetting agent used at City Hall is showing strong results, maintaining healthier turf with the same water usage as last year.
- If results remain consistent, staff may expand the pilot to other parks.

Dry Canyon Fire Mitigation

Major work continues:

- ~500 trees removed to reduce wildfire risk
 - Substantial thinning and limbing completed, including collaboration with the Cliffs HOA
 - Fire crews are available roughly **74 more workdays over 2.5 years**
 - Native Plant Society is preparing a volunteer-led cheatgrass removal and native planting project in a manageable pilot area near the 19th Street entrance
 - Area will be marked as a restoration zone and reseeded in fall
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4. Signage, Park Issues & Public Concerns

Spruce Park

- Committee members reported the “Dogs on Leash” sign was knocked down and later removed.
- Staff will reinstall appropriate signage.
- Parking conflicts in the bike lane were also reported—staff will consult the Police Department, as no-parking signage falls under their authority.

Fireworks/Smoking Restrictions

- Committee members requested early installation of “No Fireworks / No Smoking” signs in Dry Canyon.
 - Staff will coordinate with the Police Department to ensure proper placement ahead of fire season.
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5. July Meeting Discussion

Because the prior meeting was canceled and several time-sensitive topics are pending, the Committee agreed **to hold the July 2 meeting.**

Tentative agenda items:

- Review of June 24 Music on the Green outreach
 - UFMP project planning
 - Dry Canyon restoration updates
 - Downtown tree trimming (requiring lane closures and traffic control)
 - Stewardship program presentation (pending follow-up from member’s shadowing of Bend Parks & Rec)
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ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.