

**Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2026 - 5:30 PM
Classroom, Auburn Community and
Events Center**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Matt Jennings called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 2nd, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. will be held in person and virtually.

Virtual Participation Link:

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Telephone: 12532050468,,83857042108#,,, *049254# US

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Meeting ID: 838 5704 2108

Passcode: 049254

ROLL CALL

Board members: Chairperson Matt Jennings, Vicechair John Boatman, Member Wayne Osborne, Member Adib Atallal

Excused: Member Cary Davidson, Member Tiffany Lindsay, Member Kelly Murray

Staff: Parks Director Julie Krueger, Parks Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk, Parks Administrative Assistant Alexa Garcia

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Agenda modifications under Action Items, Item A - PROS Plan Updates. Parks Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk explained that there is not a need to update the PROS plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

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Attn: Alexa Bragg, Parks Administrative Assistant

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of April 7th, 2026 Park Board Minutes

Vice-Chair John Boatman makes a motion to accept minutes. All in favor of minutes approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

No announcements, reports, and presentations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Parks and Recreation Month Discussion — Parks Director, Julie Krueger

Parks Director Julie Krueger speaks about the Parks and Recreation Month for July 2026. The board was presented with a calendar example from last year's Parks and Recreation Month. Parks Director Julie speaks what the Parks department is planning to do to showcase the Parks and Recreation month.

B. Recreation Conservation Office Grant Application Updates — Park Planning Manager, Thaniel Gouk

Parks Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk spoke to the board about applying for a grant at Brannan Park with the RCO (recreation conservation office) to replace restrooms, add youth cricket space in the park, and add turf infields to the existing baseball fields. The RCO will give an update if we get it in the Fall. We've applied for playground replacements at Veteran's Park with RCO as well. It will be in 2027 when we will find out if the Parks department receives the grant.

C. Your Money Matters Mentoring — Port of Seattle Grant — Park Planning Manager, Thaniel Gouk

Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk talks about the Port of Seattle grant. "Your Money Matters Mentoring" is a group that was awarded \$15,000 from the Port of Seattle grant. This group is assisting the Auburn Parks department by helping the Museum and Farm pull invasive weeds and walking them through the pollinator garden and provide educational information to the youth that are part of this program. Part of the grant requirements included environmental impact. Rachael McAlister is the Museum and Farm Manager. Member Adib asks how many students will be involved, Thaniel states there will be 10-14.

- D. Soos Creek Botanical Garden purchase — Parks Planning Manager, Thaniel Gouk

The Parks Department purchased the Soos Creek Botanical Garden. Parks received 2.1 million dollars to purchase the property. The legal and parks team worked together in acquiring the Soos Creek Botanical Gardens. Signatures for the boundary line adjustment will be finalized this or next week. Chairperson Matt Jennings wants to thank the City of Auburn for getting involved and helping out to make the purchase successful.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. PROS Plan Updates — Park Planning Manager, Thaniel Gouk

Agenda Modification. This was not discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

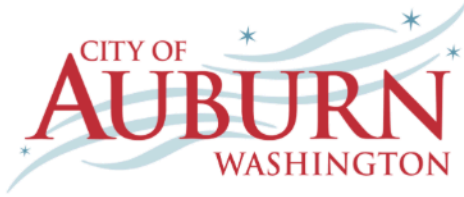
ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Matt Jennings motioned for adjournment at 5:52pm.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2024.

Thaniel Gouk, Director of Board

Alexa Bragg, Administrative Assistant



**Parks & Recreation Board
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April 7, 2026 - 5:30 PM
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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Matt Jennings called the Tuesday, April 7th Park Board meeting to order at 5:30pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. will be held in person and virtually.

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Staff: Parks Director Julie Krueger, Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk, Park Maintenance Stefanie Coleman, Parks Administrative Assistant Alexa Bragg

Public Attendance: Yolanda Trout, council member Cheryl Rakes

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Park Board March 3rd, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Vice-chairperson John Boatman motioned to approve the March 3rd Park Board Meeting Minutes, Chairperson Matt Jennings seconded this approval. The March 3rd Park Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Welcome new Park Board Members Adib Altallal and Kelly Murray — Parks Director Julie Krueger

Parks Director Julie Krueger introduced member Kelly Murray and member Adib Altallal to the Park Board. The board members introduced themselves to the new members.

B. Clean Sweep 2026 Volunteer Opportunity - Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk

Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk talks about the Parks Department's Clean Sweep event and the Volunteer Fact Sheet from the Events Coordinator. Parks Manager Stefanie Coleman talks about the Clean Sweep projects for the event, such as summer annual plantings in partnership with the Auburn Garden Club, cutting hedges at Brannan Park, planting 30 trees at Game Farm Park, tearing off wood from the park tables at Roegner Park and giving them a nice restoration with the help of Auburn Riverside High School students. Clean Sweep takes place on Saturday, April 25th from 9am - 12pm. Cheryl Rakes asked if we have our own forms for the Clean Sweep or if they have their own to bring. The park lead will sign off on the volunteer hours after the event.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PROS Plan Update - Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk

Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk talks about the PROS plan updates. Thaniel met with the City of Auburn's Planning Department to clean up the PROS plan. The updated list was provided to the Park Board and reviewed. The PROS plan is a required

document for applying for grants.

B. Future Capital Projects Updates - Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk

Park Planning Manager Thaniel Gouk talks about the Future Capital Projects updates, and presents the board with an inventory of the parks. The board was presented with the possible projects that the parks department would like to complete, as funding becomes available. The board asks if there's a priority list regarding the projects. Thaniel states that it's more of a projected timeline based on the \$ available.

C. Park Maintenance partnerships with Auburn School District - Park Maintenance Manager Stefanie Coleman

Park Maintenance Manager Stefanie Coleman talks about the two horticulture programs at two Auburn High Schools. The parks maintenance teams assisted the high schools in providing and creating wreaths for the school to not only build relationships with the Auburn schools but to help and assist with their programs. One of Mountainview High School's biology teacher reached out to horticulturist Erin Adesso and Erin has continued to work with them in horticultural studies. Erin suggests getting the kids out to the parks for the wreath making this past year (2025), teaching them proper pruning, different plants, invasives, clipping their own clippings. The City of Auburn's Communications Team came out and interviewed the kids, Erin and the teachers. The city of Auburn has a great internship program, and Stefanie reached out to the City of Auburn's Human Resources team to inquire and develop a position for a horticulturist assistant (loosely like an intern position). Justin (teacher at Auburn HS) was invited by Erin and introduced him to the Auburn Garden Club, and by networking he was able to find grants (through the national garden club) for horticultural/environmental programs. Riverside High School's shop class program reached out to the parks department to install the little library at Roegner park. Stefanie had Taylor Pence, maintenance specialist, go down to meet with the students to educate them on installations, carpentry, etc. for about two days at Roegner Park, near Riverside Park.

ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Wayne Osborne moves to adjourn
Vice-chair John Boatman seconds this
Adjournment 6:24pm

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2024.

Thaniel Gouk, Director of Board

Alexa Bragg, Administrative Assistant

