



**Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2025 - 5:30 PM
Classroom, Auburn Community and
Events Center**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

5:30pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 8th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. will be held in person and virtually.

Virtual Participation Link:

To listen to the meeting by phone or Zoom, please call the number below or click the link:

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Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81193299536?pwd=4SV1uHQFLEct3LZYrthnAkNaVnbzJ9.1>

ROLL CALL

Board members: John Boatman, Mike Palko-Dean, Michael Hassen, Tiffany Lindsay, Wayne Osborne, and Matt Jennings were in attendance.

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

Excused: Cary Davidson

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Chair nominations:

Board member Matt Jennings was nominated for Chair. Matt was voted in as Chair of Park Board

Vice-Chair Mike Palko-Dean was renominated for vice-Chair. Mike was voted in as Vice-Chair of Park Board

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- A. The public can participate in-person or submit written comments in advance. Participants can submit written comments via mail, fax, or email. All written comments must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled meeting and must be 350 words or less.

Please mail written comments to:
City of Auburn
Attn: Alexa Bragg, Parks Administrative Assistant
25 W Main St
Auburn, WA 98001

Please fax written comments to:
Attn: Alexa Bragg, Parks Administrative Assistant
Fax number: 253-931-4005

Email written comments to: abragg@auburnwa.gov

If an individual requires accommodation to allow for remote oral comment because of a difficulty attending a meeting of the governing body, the City requests notice of the need for accommodation by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled meeting. Participants can request accommodation to be able to provide a remote oral comment by contacting the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department in person, by phone (253) 931-3043, or by email (abragg@auburnwa.gov).

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Introduce new board member John Boatman
- B. Introduce new Parks Department Director, Julie Krueger

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Current Park Grant Applications & Other Potential Funding

Park Planning Manager Thaniel submitted an \$800,000 grant to King County to acquire the Comic Book store. King County Parks Grant has \$6 million in grant funds to disperse.

There is another grant cycle that Park Planning Manager Thaniel states we want to turf the Game Farm infield baseball fields. Director Julie Krueger states the parks department is going to look for other pots of money to return to the golf course as their funds were used for recreational fees.

- B. Arbor Day Information - April 16

Park Planning Manager Thaniel discusses Arbor Day details that will be at the Mary Olson Farm, planting a Thompkins King Apple Tree.

- C. King County Parks Levy

Director Julie Krueger talks about the King County Parks Levy. They are 6-years in length; the next one goes from 2026 to 2031. The regional policy committee made changes to this upcoming levy that allow more money to come back to King County cities, From 9% to potentially 17%. This money will be less restricted than ex. park impact fees. There will be more opportunity to be flexible with this levy money. This KC Levy will be on the August ballot of 2025. There are multiple levies on this ballot in the coming months.

D. Summer Camp Information

Director Julie Krueger speaks about the spring/summer recreation information. Julie speaks about not mailing guides saves the department money, but there is a postcard coming out. Julie speaks about summer camps and how they are doing with participant numbers. The mobile recreation van is a free program that goes out during the summer weeks and allows kids to play at no cost.

E. Park Impact Fees

Park Planning Manager Thaniel states the park impact fees were updated to a couple of hundred dollars per residential unit per the PROS plan that we did over the last few years. We have to update the park impact fees again this year per state law. Deadline is June 2025.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Park Planning Manager Thaniel states the manifold valve system was leaking on the splash pad at the Les Gove building; we received a grant from RCO (recreation conservation office) to replace the valve.

Board member Wayne Osborne states that he would like to continue to see bike trails similar to Cedar Lanes pump track. Park Planning Manager Thaniel states we don't have plans for another one, but we have acreage in the Lakeland Hills nature area to potentially create trails there. Member John Boatman stated that it could be beneficial to start with just a bike trail and potentially put a pump track there, or other places in the city.

Matt Jennings states that he would like to see more investments in Lea Hill.

They're coupling the demolition with the infrastructure remodel (downtown, b st plaza).

Director Julie states that we are still in the design stage for the Theater, and are soon to have bids coming forward. Public Works and their construction team are leading the construction of the theater, with parks assisting with the design of the theater.

Member Matt Jennings was nominated as Chairperson

Member Mike Palko-Dean was nominated as vice-Chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS

Board member Wayne Osborne would like to be more involved in budget discussions

Board member Matt Jennings would also like to see our department goals for 2025 and 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 6:19pm

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2024.

Thaniel Gouk, Director of Board

Alexa Bragg, Administrative Assistant