



MINUTES

Wednesday, February 04, 2026

6 p.m.

REMOTE

Approved: 3-4-26

- CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.
- Members present: Sharon Konopa, Jill VanBuren, Joyce Thompson Graham, Bill Stoneroad, Nick Anderson, Gabrielle Roesch-McNally
- Members absent: Anna Roller
- Staff present: Kim Lyddane, Director; Tommy Reeder, Parks & Open Manager; Tyler Reece, Recreation Assistant; Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator
- Guest present: None

Business from the Public

- 1) None

Commissioners introduced themselves and provided some background information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6:10 p.m.
November 5, 2025

MOTION: Thompson Graham moved to adopt the minutes. VanBuren seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS 6:11 p.m.

- a. Introductions
Lyddane introduced new staff members, and they provided some background information.
- b. Department Overview
Lyddane presented an overview of the department. Brief discussion followed
- c. Tree Planting Update
Reeder reported approximately 200 trees are in the process of being planted. Planting completion target is end of February.
Stoneroad requested the commission members be notified of tree removals in case commissioners get questions from the public. Brief discussion followed
- d. VanBuren shared that students involved with LBCC's art organization have expressed an interest in creating and installing a mural in one of the City's parks. Brief discussion followed.
Lyddane, Reeder, and VanBuren will continue the conversation with LBCC.

ACTION ITEMS

a. Chair/Vice-Chair Elections 7:00 p.m.

Nomination: Member Kanopa nominated Member Anderson for the position of Chair. Anderson accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Anderson was elected to the position of Chair. Vote 6-0.

Nomination: Member Thompson Graham nominated Member Roller for the position of Vice-Chair. There being no other nominations, Roller was elected to the position of Vice-Chair. Vote 6-0.

REPORTS AND UPDATES 7:02 p.m.

a. Capital Projects

Lyddane reviewed the project report included in the agenda packet.

- Deerfield Park renovation project continues, hopefully it will be completed by late spring. Brief discussion followed.

STAFF REPORTS

Lyddane provided an update on recreation programs.

- Five new employees started January 5, 2026, and two more will start mid-February.
- Waverly Paddle boats funded has been subsidized by Coastal Farm & Ranch.
- Waverly duck is being assessed for refurbishing needs and cost. Fundraising is process through the Albany Parks & Recreation Foundation and Sybaris for a fundraising dinner.
- District swimming meets will be taking place at ACP next week.
- Summer preparation is taking place, for programs, concerts and classes. Looking at incorporating a park/playground passport.

Reeder provided an update on Park Maintenance.

- Reeder is getting to know the team and assessing areas of need. Happy to be a part of the team.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION 7:09 p.m.

Thompson Graham inquired about the Locks of Love memorial structure. Lyddane provided an update. Location will be Timber Linn Memorial Park, and a family ceremony will take place in April.

Anderson inquired about the Plant Walk. Lyddane noted it is still in development.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, 2026. This meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

Signature on file

Debbie Little
Administrative Services Coordinator

Kim Lyddane
Parks & Recreation Director