



MINUTES

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

6 p.m.

REMOTE

Approved: Draft

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Konopa, Jill VanBuren, Joyce Thompson Graham, Bill Stonerod, Nick Anderson, Anna Roller

Members absent: Gabrielle Roesch-McNally (excused)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6:01 p.m.

March 4, 2026

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6:01 p.m.

a. None

ACTION ITEMS

a. None

REPORTS AND UPDATES

6:02 p.m.

a. Capital Projects

Lyddane noted Deerfield Park is open, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held May 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Lyddane reviewed the project report included in the agenda packet. Possible future projects include the plaster, lip and boiler at Cool Pool along with three park playgrounds. Brief discussion followed.

STAFF REPORTS

Reeder provided an update on Park Maintenance.

- Working on a removal of a tree that fell on the swings at Elenor Hackman Park.
- Wood fiber is going in at park playgrounds.
- New paddle boats have been delivered.
- Playground quotes are being sourced for Grand Prairie, Pineway and Draper.
- Youth soccer, baseball, adult softball and tournaments are running.

- Seasonal staff have been hired.
- Park restrooms are open for the season.
- Park rentals have started.
- Love Locks sculpture is installed at Timber Linn Park.
- Erik Tuneberg, Park Operations Specialist, is working on park events with Adopt a Park volunteers.
- Tree watering scheduling is in process.

Lyddane provided an update on recreation programs.

- GAPS has completed the bid process for the Therapeutic Spa at ACP and it is targeted to be installed this summer, early fall.
- COOL Pool and Waverly paddle boats scheduled to open June 20, 2026.
- Voting to name the new paddle boats is taking place.
- Looking at options to handle the aquatic growth at Waverly Lake.
- Restoration on the Waverly duck is in process
- Working with LBCC students for a mural on the restroom building at Waverly Park.
- River Rhythms performers have been announced.
- Summer programming has expanded.
- Fundraising for the Waverly duck is process through the Albany Parks & Recreation Foundation and Sybaris for a fundraising dinner.
- Contracting with Portland Rose Balloons to provide paid hot air balloon rides at Northwest Art & Air Festival this year.
- Summer staff have been hired.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

7:45 p.m.

Roller noted she recently visited Talking Water Gardens as a parent volunteer and was very impressed with staff and thanked staff for all their hard work.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 2026. This meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

Signature on File

Debbie Little
Administrative Services Coordinator

Reviewed by,

Signature on File

Kim Lyddane
Parks & Recreation Director