MINUTES

Wednesday, August 5, 2026
6 p.m.
Hybrid
Approved: 11/4/26

CALL TO ORDER:	Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
Members present:	Sharon Konopa, Jill VanBuren, Joyce Thompson Graham, Bill Stoneroad, Anna Roller Gabrielle Roesch-McNally (615 p.m.)
Members absent:	Nick Anderson
Staff present:	Tommy Reeder, Parks & Open Manager; Jay Sharpe, City Forester; Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator
Guest present:	Rolf Herstad, Seth Kretser

Business from the Public 6:01 p.m.

1) Herstad presented information regarding a tree on a neighboring property he believes to be dangerous and requested the commission to require the property owner to remove it. Sharpe noted that he has not seen a formal tree risk assessment. The property owner was notified by certified mail about the meeting, but no response was received.
Brief discussion followed.
Next steps.
   1. Sharpe will consult with the City Attorney regarding the process to require the property owner to conduct a tree risk assessment and provide the information to the commission.
   2. Sharpe will reach out to the property owner again

2) Kretser is an undergrad at OSU and is interested in collaborating to get more native trees into the city's tree canopy and expanding the approved street tree list and creating a city-wide urban forestry plan. Sharpe will follow up with Kretser. Brief discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6:51 p.m.
May 6, 2026

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. None

ACTION ITEMS

a. None

REPORTS AND UPDATES 6:52 p.m.

a. Capital Projects

Reeder reviewed the project report included in the agenda packet.

STAFF REPORTS

Reeder provided an update for the department

- River Rhythms has two remaining concerts
- Northwest Art & Air Festival is August 28-29, 2026.
- Summer camps have been full and will finish the week of August 17th.
- Air quality due to forest fires has resulted in some closures at Cool Pool and the cancellation of one Fun in the Park.

Brief discussion followed

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION 6:57 p.m.

Konopa thanked staff for getting the Waverly Lake Duck restored and back in the water along the paddle boats and aquatic harvesting that helped clean the lake. Gabrielle Roesch-McNally agreed with the comments noting the duck and the paddle boats look great.

Konopa additionally thanked staff for cleaning up the street landscaped areas and knocking down the weeds.

Roller inquired if volunteers are still needed for the Northwest Art & Air Festival. Little replied that volunteers are still needed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 7, 2026. This meeting will be virtual.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Submitted by,

Signature on file

Debbie Little
Administrative Services Coordinator

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

Kim Lyddane
Parks & Recreation Director

*Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityrecorder@albanyoregon.gov