



## Parks & Recreation

# PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

### Physical Location:

Vista Room, Parks Administration Building, Willis D. Tucker Community Park  
6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish, WA 98296

### Virtual Location:

None.

Tuesday February 10, 2026, Meeting Start 3:00 p.m.

#### 1. Call to Order

- The Chair Dusty Dionne called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

#### 2. Roll Call: – **Attachment A**

##### A. Voting Board Members; Staff; Guests/Presenters (2 minutes)

- a. The Chair asked the Secretary Holly Hernandez to call the roll. The roll was called and there were 8 board members present. 3 board members were absent.

##### B. Introduction of Guests

- a. The Chair asks guests and staff present to introduce themselves. 1 guest and 3 staff were present.
- b. Tammy Dunn, Executive Director, Snohomish County Sports Commission

#### 3. Review & Approve of Meeting Minutes

##### A. Review of November 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes – **Attachment B**

##### B. Review of January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes – **Attachment B**

- a. The Chair asked members of the board if they had a chance to review the November 18, 2025, meeting minutes. The Chair made the motion to approve the November 18, 2025, minutes as written. Board Member Jennifer Friess seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. The Chair asked members of the board if they had a chance to review the January 13, 2026, meeting minutes. The Chair made the motion to approve the January 13 minutes as written. Board Member Jennifer Friess seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Electing New 2026 Secretary

- The Chair explained the resignation of the newly elected Secretary Lindsey Haight an election for a new Secretary would be held. The Chair asked if there were nominations for Secretary. Board Member Holly Hernandez spoke and explained that she would be willing to serve a second year provided the meeting minutes' duties could be simplified. Staff agreed that efforts to reduce the workload to create meeting minutes were in progress and would be completed soon. Board Member Hernandez agreed to serve another term as Secretary. The members of the board approved of her election by consensus.

#### 5. Public Hearings/Public Meetings (2 minutes) – **Attachment C**

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- The Chair asked Parks Division Director Rich Patton to report on public meetings, hearings, and events of interest to the board. Refer to Attachment C

6. Public Comments, (2 minutes per person)

Chair

7. The Chair asked guests and staff present if they wished to offer public comments on topics not covered by the agenda. Tammy Dunn, Executive Director, Snohomish County Sports Commission – Announced 2026 US Boomerang Team Trials is coming to Twin Rivers Park in Arlington March 27, thru March 29. Also announced the kickoff the end of January of Kayak Point Disc Golf events. More event information on their web site <https://snocosports.org/>.

8. Park Director's Time

- Parks Division Director Sharon Walker commented on the work and accomplishments of the Parks and Recreation Division of DCNR.
- Ms. Walker reminded the PAB about the opportunity to volunteer at a tabling event on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 at the Tulalip Tribes resource event. The Park Ranger attended last year and will be there again this year to inform the public about Parks.
- FIFA World Cup project will feature five large-scale soccer ball sculptures, each approximately 58 inches in diameter, installed in communities across Snohomish County. The sculptures are prefabricated marine buoys, a playful nod to the region's maritime heritage, painted original designs by local artists. They will be permanently installed in the parks.
- Ms. Walker talked about PAB members being out and about in the parks and reporting back to leadership about "what you are hearing from park users?"
- Ms. Walker informed the PAB that Tom Teigen has a new role as Executive Director in the Executives Office.
- Ms. Walker led a discussion about a possible Countywide Parks Bond/Levy. Staff will bring back the discussion when they present on the budget. There may be a role for the PAB as public relations for the levy.
- Member Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam asked about HB 2548 that is about camping in public. Ms. Walker responded that there may be places in the County Code that would be in conflict with HB 2548. Member Gallardo-Van Ornam also asked about Baseball Fields. Ms. Walker acknowledged the issue and Staff (Carol Ohlfs) is currently working on evaluating the need for more fields.

9. General Business:

- Parks Advisory Board Group Photo (5 minutes)
  - i. The Chair asked members of the board to join Parks Division Manager Rich Patton outside so that a group photo could be taken. The Chair also asked Mr. Patton to explain what was needed for the professional headshot and the board member biography paragraph. Mr. Patton asked Associate Parks Planner and Board Liaison Dave McConnell to explain. Mr. McConnell explained that the board member bio paragraph should give some personal and professional history about the board members and explain why they are interested in serving on the Parks Advisory Board. Mr. McConnell also explained the need for completing the board member training annually and stated that the training materials cover applicable laws, county code, and board by-laws.
- Administration (5):
  - i. Professional Head Shot Photo & Bio for Webpage
  - ii. 1 Paragraph Bio for Webpage
  - iii. Annual Board Member Training
- Park Visits Proposal (30 minutes) – **Attachment D**
  - i. Parks Board Members as Park Ambassadors

1) The Chair asked Parks Division Director Sharon Walker and Parks Division Manager Rich Patton to speak on the role of Parks Advisory Board members. Refer to Attachment D.

ii. Parks Visits Proposal

1) The Chair then explained the proposal for board member park visits (See summary in Attachment D). Discussion followed. The board decided by consensus to use calendar Invites the PAB members to coordinate park visits.

10. Board Roundtable (12 minutes, 1 minute per board member) – **Attachment E**

11. Adjournment.

- The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Board Member Holly Hernandez seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 PM.

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### ATTACHMENT A:

#### Action Item - Attendance roll call by Recording Secretary

##### *Voting Board Members*

Board Member	District/Roll	Present/Absent
Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam	(Dist. 1)	P
Carolyn "Dode" Carlson	(Dist. 2)	P
Lindsey Haight	(Dist. 3)	A
David Green	(Dist. 4)	A
Stephen Heise	(Dist. 5)	P
Kevin Cronk	(At Large)	A
David Divoky	(At Large)	P
Grant Harrington	(At Large)	P
Jennifer Friess	(At Large) (Vice Chair)	P
Holly Hernandez	(At Large) (Secretary)	P
Dusty Dionne	(At Large) (Chair)	P

##### *Staff*

Staff Member	Title/Roll	Present/Absent
Dave McConnell	Associate Park Planner & Board Liaison	P
Sharon Walker	Parks & Recreation Division Director	P
Rich Patton	Parks & Recreation Division Manager	P

##### *Guest Presenters & Guests*

Guest Name	Title, Organization/Roll/Public	Present/Absent
None.		

**ATTACHMENT B:**

**Action Item 1 - Review and approval of September 9, 2025, Parks Advisory Board regular meeting minutes.**

See Parks Advisory Board [webpage](#) for meeting minutes. Link to meeting minutes will also be emailed to board members ahead of the meeting.

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**ATTACHMENT C:**

**Information Item - Upcoming Public Hearings/Meetings**

A. Standalone Meetings, Hearings or Events:

- (1) County Council hearing for East County Park ILA, March 18, 2026. See County Council agenda's webpage for more information.
- (2) More information on current park projects can be found on the '[Current Park Projects](#)' webpage.

B. Reoccurring meetings:

- (1) [Arts Commission](#), meets 6:30 PM, third Monday of each month
  - (2) Friends of Heybrook Ridge met last night February 9 2026
  - (3) [Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board](#), meets twice per year. Next meeting the spring 2026, date and time TBD.
  - (4) [Evergreen State Fair Advisory Board](#), meets 7:00 p.m. second Tuesday of each month
  - (5) [Historic Preservation Commission](#), meets 7:00 p.m., on the third Tuesday of the month
  - (6) [Planning Commission](#), meets 5:30 PM, the fourth Tuesday of each month
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**ATTACHMENT D:**

**Action – PA Board Member Park Visits Proposal**

1. Parks Advisory Board Chair Dusty Dione and Parks Division Manager Rich Patton propose that each board member select several parks (quantity to be determined) to 1 or more parks this year and conduct a brief survey. (See also handout from Rich Patton on the roles of PA Board members) The survey may include several questions to members of the public and may include observations of the condition of parks and trails. Survey questions and/or a flyer with a QR card for an online survey will be provided. Board members also may be provided with business cards and with PA Board Member badges. The Chair and Mr. Patton are asking the board to consider this proposal and if approved then board members to sign up for at least one park visit per year.
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**ATTACHMENT E:**

**Discussion Item - Messages from the Board, Roundtable**

- A. NOTE: Each board member has 2 minutes to report on their top 3 observations. Observations may include: (a) Accessibility, (b) Equity and Inclusion, (c) Community Outreach & Engagement, (d) Other Observations, (e) Requests for Future Agenda Items
- Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam (Dist. 1) I'm going to bring it up again. September, we're having our Hispanic Heritage Event

- Carolyn Carlson (Dist. 2)
- Lindsey Haight (Dist. 3)
- David Green (Dist. 4)
- Stephen Heise (Dist. 5) I just look forward to seeing the pictures from today, and the bios posted to the websites
- David Divoky (At Large)
- Grant Harrington (At Large) Snohomish County Public Works has increased our permit to do an event in Snohomish County by \$1,000. And if it's 500 people or less, it's \$750 now. If it is 500 people or more, it is \$1,000. Permitting and all of that stuff is really starting to add up substantially.
- Kevin Cronk (At Large)
- Jennifer Friess (At Large) (Vice-Chair) I just want to say congrats on getting the mowing done along the Centennial Trail. I know it's a little big undertaking, and I have passed the workers a couple of times.
- Holly Hernandez (At Large) (Secretary) One thing I wanted to do was just offer these magazines if anybody wants them. They're a publication by National Park and Recreation Association. They've got some good articles and lots of park ideas, a lot of trends and forecasting.
- Dusty Dionne (At Large) (Chair) I'm just happy to see everybody. I have some personal projects that I'm working on. I want to develop a program where we can get kids going through urban forestry classes in schools and have better tree canopy management. I'm from where Davey Tree's from, and so Davey pays, or works with my high schoolers for a period-long class, where you just get to learn how to do urban forestry and take care of the urban tree canopy.
- Tammy Dunn (Ex Officio) I'll just one last thing we hosted a couple of the events at the fair park. I'm working with various staff. Two of them have been robotics in January. And then there will be gymnastics events.

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**End of Board Packet**

## Attachment D Handout

- **Community Representation**

Each board member is appointed from a County Council district and resides there, ensuring they represent the interests and voices of their local community.

- **Policy Influence**

They assist the Parks and Recreation Director by reviewing and recommending policies, acting as a bridge between public needs and county decision-making.

- **Advocacy for Parks**

Members actively promote parks facilities, events, and programs, encouraging community engagement and participation.

- **Public Engagement**

By participating in parks events, they interact directly with residents, fostering trust and awareness about parks initiatives.

- **Information Sharing**

They help communicate updates, opportunities, and improvements to neighbors and friends, making parks resources more accessible.

- **Role Model for Stewardship**

Their involvement demonstrates the importance of preserving and enjoying public spaces, inspiring others to value parks.

- **Community Connector**

They link local concerns and feedback to county leadership, ensuring parks services reflect community priorities.

- **Volunteer Leadership**

Serving on the board shows commitment to civic engagement, encouraging others to volunteer and support public spaces.