

**KIRKLAND PARK BOARD**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**March 26, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 26, 2025 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Amy Ambrosini.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Board member Juliana Born, Board member Mike Holland, Board member Anika Joshi, Board member Katherine Kearny, Board Member Paul Stull, Board member Crystal Thimsen, Vice Chair Jared Silvia, Chair Amy Ambrosini

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Deputy Director John Lloyd, Parks Superintendent Jason Filan, Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger, Interim Parks Planning & Development Manager Jodie Galvan, Recreation Supervisor Maryke Burgess, Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

Recording Secretary: Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

**3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The February 26, 2025 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Everest Park Restroom and Playground Replacement Projects**

The Park Board received a presentation about the replacement of the restroom building and playground at Everest Park planned this year, presented by Interim Parks Planning & Development Manager Galvan.

Staff answered questions from the Board.

**b. Hiring for Summer Jobs with Parks and Community Services**

Recreation Manager Shellenbarger Park Board received a presentation about seasonal positions, the recruitment and hiring process, and how the Board can assist with recruitment.

The Board and Staff discussed.

**c. Park Board Member Reports**

Board member Born reported attending the Market neighborhood meeting, which included a Q&A session with Council Member Pascal and a discussion on trees on a recently acquired lot adjacent to Waverly Beach Park.

Board member Stull attended the Moss Bay neighborhood meeting, which included a discussion with Deputy City Manager of External Affairs James Lopez about homelessness response efforts. Board member Stull also reported that the Moss Bay neighborhood has received grant funding for a bike path connecting to the CKC.

Board member Holland reporting attending the Highlands neighborhood meeting and noted their appreciation and gratitude for the improvements Spinney Homestead Park, specifically the pathway repair.

No further reports were presented.

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **a. Correspondence**

Jennifer Loy  
Donavan Speer

### **b. Department Monthly Report**

The department monthly report was not emailed to Board members this month pending the recruitment of a new Education & Outreach Coordinator.

### **c. Park Board Highlights**

The Park Board Highlights is intended to include current and upcoming items relevant for Board members to attend, participate in, or gather community feedback about.

### **c. Staff Updates and Information**

Deputy Director Lloyd recognized the outgoing Park Board members Crystal Thimsen and Mike Holland. He also noted that two new members Berenice Bortoni and Denise Lindberg would be joining the Board in April 2025.

Parks Superintendent Filan noted that 14 new stewards were recently trained at the Green Kirkland Partnership Spring 2025 orientation. He also noted that the Marina pavilion was being prepped for new gutters.

Interim Park Planning & Development Manager Galvan reported on the submission of the King County Parks Aquatics Facilities grant. This grant application is for \$5 million for the first phase of the Peter Kirk Pool project, and the City will intend to reapply for the grant in two years.

Recreation Manager Shellenbarger reported that summer registration was going well, with only minor technical difficulties. She noted that many programs had already met enrollment and that the waitlists are already going for especially camp and swim lessons.

Administrative Assistant Welch reported that the department had been awarded the Washington Recreation & Parks Association (WRPA) Spotlight Award for Program Excellence for our KTUB program and re-launch in 2024. She also summarized items that had recently been to City Council in February and March related to Parks & Community Services and provided a preview of upcoming Council items.

### **d. Comments from the Chair**

Chair Ambrosini thanked Board member Holland and Board member Thimsen for their service on the Park Board.

Vice Chair Silvia reported on the Board leadership meeting with Mayor Curtis and Deputy Mayor Arnold. He noted that he and Chair Ambrosini would review some of the discussion items with Deputy Director Lloyd before bringing the items to the Board in April.

No further reports were presented.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The Board previewed the next 4 months of tentative Park Board agendas.

Board member Born asked about the Carillon Woods replacement playground, and Superintendent Filan confirmed the parts are on order, and expect them in May.

Superintendent Filan asked the Board for specific topics of discussion at the May 2025 Park Board session, which is planned to be a deep dive into the Parks Management division. The Board made suggestions.

No additional agenda items were discussed.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ambrosini adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM by unanimous consent.

*Emily Lima Welch*

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Emily Lima Welch, Recording Secretary  
Parks and Community Services

*Amy Ambrosini*  
Amy Ambrosini (Jun 15, 2025 17:34 PDT)

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Amy Ambrosini, Chair  
Park Board









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