

KIRKLAND PARK BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 24, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September 24, 2025 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair Amy Ambrosini.

Deputy Director Lloyd introduced the Interim Recreation Manager.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Board Member Berenice Bortoni, Board member Katherine Kearny, Board Member Denise Lindberg, Board Member Paul Stull, Vice Chair Jared Silvia, Chair Amy Ambrosini

Members Absent: Board member Juliana Born, Board member Anika Joshi

Staff Present: Deputy Director John Lloyd, Parks Superintendent Jason Filan, Parks Planning & Development Manager Mariah Murphy, Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger, Interim Recreation Manager Jairid Hoehn, Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

Recording Secretary: Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chris Thomas
Alicia Quaco
Nick Fisher
Brian Wolfstig
Tyler Litzenberger
Leighton Lehrmann
Sarah Lehrmann
Anna Flora
Cory Brewer
Alexa Licata
Cash Lehrmann
Kurt Lehrmann

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 27, 2025 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board and approved by unanimous consent.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Artificial Turf Feasibility Study

Parks Planning & Development Manager Murphy presented the results of the Artificial Turf Feasibility Study to the Board. The results will also be presented at the October 7, 2025 City Council meeting.

The Board discussed and recognized the strong community desire for improved turf fields but also expressed concern over what would be defunded from the current Capital Improvement Program in order to fund this project.

PARK BOARD RECESSED AT 8:28 PM
PARK BOARD RECONVENED AT 8:33 PM

b. Park Board Work Plan

Administrative Assistant Welch led the Board in a review of the draft Park Board Work Plan.

The Board and Staff made edits to the draft Work Plan. The Board will continue to review in future sessions.

c. Joint Meeting Prep

The Joint Meeting Prep discussion was deferred for a future session.

d. Park Board Member Reports

Board Member Lindberg attended an Everest Neighborhood meeting and heard their discussions about interest in a dog park at Everest Park, reservable pickleball courts (as opposed to challenge courts), and more bike racks. She also noted that she attended City Hall for All and heard community feedback on the play structure at Heritage Park.

Vice Chair Silvia attended the Juanita Neighborhood meeting and reported on PCS Director Lynn Zwaagstra and Park Planning & Development Manager Murphy's presentation on the Green Loop.

No further reports were presented.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

Amelia Adams

Scott Morris

b. Department Highlights

The Parks & Community Services Highlights is intended to call attention to current projects and upcoming events that the Park Board can share with their neighbors, school and work associations, and other community groups.

Board Member Lindberg and Vice Chair Silvia both plan to attend Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 4, 2025.

c. Staff Updates and Information

Park Planning & Development Manager Murphy provided capital project updates. The Green Loop public engagement period has been successful, including an online survey and interactive map, as well as a table at City Hall for. The Juanita Beach north ballfields improvement project is wrapping up, and getting ready to be seeded, and dugouts will be installed later. The Miller property (at Rose Hill Meadows) is almost through SEPA review and junk removal. Next steps to that project will be metal recycling, asbestos abatement and then demolition of the structures.

Administrative Assistant Welch reported on the Cross Kirkland Corridor closure due to sewer pipe repairs.

d. Comments from the Chair

No reports were presented.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

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

Vice Chair Silvia requested an update on City outreach initiatives, in particular on the Kraken Iceplex project.

No additional agenda items were discussed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ambrosini adjourned the meeting at 9:28 PM by unanimous consent.

Emily Lima Welch

Emily Lima Welch, Recording Secretary
Parks and Community Services

Jared S Silvia

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Jared Silvia, Vice-Chair
Park Board

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