

KIRKLAND PARK BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 25, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The February 25, 2026 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chair Jared Silvia.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Board Member Amy Ambrosini, Board Member Berenice Bortoni, Board Member Denise Lindberg, Board Member Paul Stull, Vice-Chair Juliana Born, Chair Jared Silvia

Members Absent: Board member Anika Joshi, Board member Katherine Kearny

Staff Present: Parks Superintendent Jason Filan, Parks Planning & Development Manager Mariah Gill, Events & Services Manager Maryke Burgess, Interim Recreation Manager Jairid Hoehn, Interim Senior Management Analyst Juliana da Cruz, Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

Recording Secretary: Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 28, 2026 Park Board meeting minutes were presented to the Board. Chair Silvia noted a spelling correction on the word "Market" under item 6.b. Park Board Member Reports.

The Board approved the minutes and the correction by unanimous consent.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Green Loop Update

The Park Board received a presentation on the Green Loop from Parks Planning & Development Manager Mariah Gill.

At this time, the current project timeline is to review branding and wayfinding options with Park Board in April, provide a draft implementation plan to the Board and City Council in May, with a goal to publish the plan in Summer 2026. After this point, the long-term goal would be to review and update the Green Loop Plan every 5 years.

The Board and Staff discussed.

b. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Overview

The Park Board received a presentation on the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Overview from Parks Planning & Development Manager Gill.

Parks & Community Services department leadership will provide the Park Board with a list of 20 high-priority projects. Board Members will be asked to rank these projects individually in advance of the March session. At the March 25, 2026 Park Board session, Parks Planning & Development Manager Gill will lead the group in a discussion to attempt to determine a consensus on the top 10 highest priority projects.

The Board and Staff discussed.

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PARK BOARD RECONVENED AT 7:56 PM

c. Kirkland Municipal Code (KMC) Update

The Park Board received a presentation on the proposed Kirkland Municipal Code (KMC) 11.80 'Park Rules' updates from Interim Senior Management Analyst Juliana da Cruz. From the presented changes, the Board focused on the motor vehicle regulations on trails, the rules prohibiting the disruption or harassment of park staff, and rules regarding smoking in parks.

Interim Senior Management Analyst da Cruz asked the Park Board to seek feedback from their communities on these topics. In March, the Park Board will be asked to provide feedback on the proposed KMC 'Park Rules' updates and a recommendation to City Council. This item is currently expected to be presented to City Council in April 2026.

d. Joint Session Debrief

The Park Board discussed the feedback and outcomes they noted from Joint Session with Council which took place on February 17, 2026¹.

The Board and Staff discussed, and agreed to revisit their Work Plan in order to incorporate Council feedback later in 2026.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

None

b. Parks & Community Services 2025 Quarter 4 Report

The Park Board received a copy of the department's Parks & Community Services 2025 Quarter 4 Report².

Staff answered questions from the Board.

b. Park Board Member Reports

Chair Silvia attended the Juanita Beach Dog Park Ribbon Cutting on Friday, February 20, 2026.

No further reports were presented.

c. Staff Updates and Information

Recreation Manager Maryke Burgess reported on the completion of the 2026 Spring/Summer Recreation Guide, which will be delivered to the community by March 13, 2026. Registration is coming up in March as well. Camps and non-aquatics program registration for residents open at 7:00 AM on Tuesday March 17th, Aquatics programs registration for residents opens

¹ https://kirkland.granicus.com/MinutesViewer.php?view_id=54&clip_id=5163&doc_id=5ad373c0-111b-11f1-bb28-005056a89546

² <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/parks-amp-comm-services/pcs-admin/reports-studies/pcs-2025-quarter-4-report-optimized.pdf>

Wednesday March 18th, and all registrations open to residents and non-residents on Thursday March 19th.

Interim Recreation Manager Jairid Hoehn reported on the upcoming events such as the Mermaid Ball for preschoolers on Friday, March 20 and the Summer Job Fair on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Interim Manager Hoehn also responded to a question from the Board confirming that tennis/swim camp would not be held this year due to the re-striping of the Peter Kirk tennis courts into pickleball courts. In lieu of Tennis/Swim camp, the Recreation division has added several other contracted sport camps including Skyhawks Sports and ultimate Frisbee.

Parks Superintendent Jason Filan reported that the division is prepping for spring sports, pea patches, and restroom openings, all scheduled for the beginning of March.

No further reports were presented.

d. Comments from the Chair

No reports were presented.

7. FUTURE AGENDA REVIEW

The Board reviewed the tentative agendas for the remainder of 2026.

Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch agreed to make slight edits to the agenda for clarity, and send the agenda to the Board for further review.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Silvia adjourned the meeting at 9:14 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, Chair
Park Board

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