

KIRKLAND PARK BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 22, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 22, 2026 Park Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chair Juliana Born.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Board member Anika Joshi, Board member Katherine Kearny, Board Member Denise Lindberg, Board Member Paul Stull, Vice-Chair Juliana Born, Chair Jared Silvia

Members Absent: Board Member Amy Ambrosini, Board Member Berenice Bortoni

Staff Present: Director Lynn Zwaagstra, Deputy Director John Lloyd, Parks Superintendent Jason Filan, Events & Services Manager Maryke Burgess, Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger, Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

Recording Secretary: Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch

3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 25, 2026 Park Board meeting minutes were approved as presented.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Kirkland Avenue Trees

The Park Board received a presentation on Kirkland Avenue tree removal project from Community Engagement Coordinator Christian Knight. Capital Projects Supervisor Laura Drake was also in attendance.

Staff answered questions from the Board.

b. Iceplex Project – Kirkland Community Center Overview

The Park Board received a presentation on the proposed Kirkland Community Center to be located at the future Iceplex facility from Deputy Director John Lloyd and Recreation Manager Sara Shellenbarger.

In particular, the following questions were posed to the Board:

- What are the community's high priority recreation needs?
- How would they like to utilize the spaces being built in the Kirkland Community Center?
- Are there gaps between the community's needs and the building as designed?
- What is missing?

Staff answered questions from the Board, and the Board was asked to survey their communities on these items and report back at the May 27, 2026 Park Board meeting

c. Park Board Work Plan & Engagement Guidelines Revisited

The Park Board reviewed updates to their draft Work Plan and draft Engagement Guidelines from Administrative Assistant Emily Lima Welch.

The Board provided some feedback on the Work Plan updates but will defer more detailed conversation about their Green Loop goal until after they receive a Green Loop Implementation Plan update from Parks Planning & Development Manager Mariah Gill.

The Board reviewed the updates to the Engagement Guidelines and will contact Administrative Assistant Welch directly to provide feedback. That feedback will be compiled for a future draft of the Engagement Guidelines.

d. Park Board Member Orientation Review

The Park Board provided feedback on the new Park Board Member orientation to Deputy Director John Lloyd. This input will be considered when onboarding new Park Board members in the future.

The Board provided feedback to Staff.

e. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Dashboard

The Park Board reviewed the CIP Dashboard presented by Parks Superintendent Jason Filan, including several Houghton Park & Play amenity updates and Everest restroom completion. He also noted that staff have now closed the Peter Kirk tennis courts in order to begin the conversion into pickleball courts. The project is expected to be completed by the beginning of June.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence

None

b. Park Board Member Reports

Board Member Stull reported on attending the Moss Bay Association meeting and getting the opportunity to share details about the Park Board and how it operates. He also reported attending a game at Lee Johnson Field.

Chair Silvia reported that a Boy Scout troop reached out to him about attending a Park Board session. He invited them to attend the June 24, 2026 meeting, which will be held at the Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB).

No further reports were presented.

c. Staff Updates and Information

Deputy Director Lloyd provided an update that the department was just approved on April 21, 2026 by the City Council to make a bid for a property acquisition for a former Latter-Day Saints' (LDS) church site that has gone up for sale. The property is located at 13230 NE 132nd St, Kirkland, WA 98034. Staff have begun preparing the bid.

Recreation Manager Maryke Burgess reported that the Community Building Events team had reached out to the Market Neighborhood at request from Vice Chair Born, and the Neighborhood has agreed to sponsor the two Movies in the Park community events taking place the first two Saturdays of August 2026. Both events will take place at Heritage Park. She also

reported on the upcoming ribbon cutting at the “Crabby Old Pharts” Pea Patch at Rose Hill Meadows on May 21, 2026.

Administrative Assistant Welch reported that the IT and Facilities departments would be completing audio / visual (AV) upgrades to the Peter Kirk Room over the summer, which is the normal meeting location of the Board. Staff are still waiting to confirm if any future meetings need to be moved.

No further reports were presented.

d. Comments from the Chair

None presented.

7. FUTURE AGENDA REVIEW

The Board reviewed the tentative agendas for the next three months.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Born adjourned the meeting at 8:51 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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