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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 - 4:30pm
Meeting Location: Auburn Community Senior Center

Present: Julia Bergeron-Smith, Clare Murray, Joe Grochmal, Merissa (Moe) Beaulieu, and Ryan Walker, Phil Savignano and Misty Edgecomb, Jeremy Gatcomb, Katie Boss, Eric Cousens
Absent: N/A
Meeting Minutes: motion by Ryan/Moe; all in favor unanimous

Rec and/or Parks Department updates

- Busy season: 8-9 fields to prep and paint – most active season
- Alternate Sentencing volunteers are helping with cleanup and trash, odds/ends to help Public Works
- Jeremy is now the Deputy Director of Public Works and will be overseeing both Parks and Recreation. He is now attending these meetings in capacity for both

New Business/Open Session for Public

- Vacancies/resignations – none
- Meeting Nov 11th – Veteran's Day
  - Move next meeting to Nov 4th. Motion by Julia/Joe; all in favor unanimous
- Riverwalk extension concepts
  - CDS grant - $9 million
  - Sharing concept designs – looking for ways to create trail activation (features along the way) and invest in existing parks along the trail
    - Workshop it with the City Council on Monday
    - Eric to attend the Nov meeting so PRAB can keep providing feedback
- Skate Park Workgroup would give great feedback for the use of trails – unique idea to be able to do a mile long run
- Mountain Bike volunteer group to weigh-in too
- 12-14k left in the ARPA funds designated for Lake Grove Park (spend by 12/31)
  - Landscaping for some of the $ and signage
  - Then as a match for the carving – Jim Pitmann getting a quote from the carver

Work in Progress

- Report back on items related to previous meeting's action items:
  - Liz Allen used some of our proposed language in park signs
  - Field trip to Davis Park – Nov 1st and 15th as rain date
- Working group updates
  - Open Space Ordinance Language Workgroup (Clare, Moe, Joe)
    - Proposed amendments to the standards
    - Take a look at the 7-8 different bullet points & provide feedback
  - Skate Park Workgroup (Clare, Ryan, Joe)

        - Get on City Council agenda after going to Phil with everything in writing. Also get some rendering from Chris Hogan
    - Raymond Park Playground Workgroup (Misty, Moe, Joe)
        - Heard from Principal – yes!
        - Meet before Nov meeting to draft designs for approval at Nov PRAB meeting so then they can go to the kids in early December
    - Resource Assessment Workgroup (Moe, Misty, Phil)
        - On pause

Meeting was adjourned, Misty/Clare; all in favor unanimous

Next Advisory Meeting: November 4, 2026 – 4:30pm
Location: Auburn Community Senior Center