



AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works / Planning Conference Room
311 N. Third Avenue
Stayton, Oregon 97383

MEETING INFORMATION

The Stayton Parks and Recreation Board will be meeting in-person at the above location but the meeting can also be attended virtually. If you would like to virtually participate in the meeting, please contact **Julia Hajduk** at jhajduk@staytonoregon.gov to receive an invitation to the online meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

2. PRESENTATIONS

3. MEETING MINUTES

- a. Approval of July 1, 2025 Minutes and July 7, 2025 special joint meeting-**Attachment A**

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Review and acknowledge July and Aug Parks Report – **Attachment B**
- b. Review and acknowledge July and Aug Pool Report – **Attachment C**
- c. Review and comment on Park and Pool Levy presentation
- d. Discussion of frisbee golf sponsorship/updates – **Attachment D**
- e. Review draft donation policies and suggest modifications – **Attachment E**
- f. Review Adopt a Park policies and suggest modifications **Attachment F**

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Member updates and questions

6. ADJOURN – Next Meeting, October 7, 2025 @ 6pm

The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you require special accommodation, contact the Public Works Department at (503) 769-2919.



CITY OF STAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2025

Public Works Conference Room

Present: AJ Westlund, Chair
Tricia Hafner
Marco Levario
Nick Raba

Absent: Jared Burns and Dan Brummer

Staff: Julia Hajduk, City Manager; Bob Parsons, City of Stayton Parks; and Barry Buchanan, Interim PW Director

Guest(s): None

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Westlund called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm (waiting for a quorum).

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Julia informed the group that Pam Pugsley had submitted her resignation from the Board.

No public present, however Julia noted an email received from resident David Neilson about the garbage cans at Quail Run Park. The Parks Board discussed. Bob indicated the plan is to place one can in the center of the park, per Mr. Neilson's request, however we will continue to monitor to determine if this is working. He also noted that additional signage is planned to be installed. Tricia Hafner mentioned that she is seeing more trash in the parks.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of June 3, 2025 approved. Motion made by Tricia Hafner, seconded by Marco Levario and approved 4 to 0.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. Review and acknowledge June Parks Report – The board members reviewed and acknowledged the Parks Report
- b. Review and acknowledge June Pool Report - The board members reviewed and acknowledged the Pool Report. Because this was the first one, there was discussion

about the content. There was an interest in having more information about the numbers of patrons for the different activities and tracing the trends over time. Julia will share this with the Pool Manager.

- c. Recap of Hiking lecture series – Julia shared that no public members attended despite the apparent interest based on comments on social media, shares and likes. She noted that Dan’s lecture was videotaped so people would still have access to the information. The Board discussed other options for the future including: asking for registration in advance, changing the time of day, and targeted outreach to groups like the Scouts.
- d. Discussion of donated structures policy/assessments – The group discussed the inventory and did not identify many that would require a “reach out”. The Frisbee Golf course was discussed and it was suggested that Julia draft a letter to all existing sponsors that indicates we have a new signage and sponsorship program and want to give them the first right of refusal. It was suggested that a term be put on sponsorships with the term and amount intended to cover the costs of maintaining the totality of the course, including signs, tees, etc. Bob will develop a list of what is needed to aid in developing the cost.

It was suggested that the Board reach out to the Lions Club about the flag pole at Pioneer Park to see if they would be interested in enhancing that with bark mulch or flowers instead of the existing dirt.

There is also an interest in having the Boy Scouts provide additional benches at Riverfont Park. (Note, these would have to be approved for the location due to the conservation easement and be approved by the City of durability and safety)

- e. Review Adopt a Park policies and suggest modifications -This agenda item was moved to the next meeting due to time.
- f. National Night Out - August 5th the same night as the next Board meeting. Julia recommends canceling the August meeting and having the Parks Board members attend the event instead. The Board members agreed.
- g. Park and Pool Levy update – Julia indicated we are working on the levy amount and are planning to include costs associated with opening Wilderness Park up. There is a tentative agreement with the Water Control District to do this if it is tied to the 5 year levy.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nick Raba brought up the Parklet and concerns about liability. There was discussion.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2025 @ 6pm



**CITY OF STAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
AND PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 7, 2025

Location: E. Water Street Bridge

Present:	Parks and Recreation Board	Public Arts Commission
	Tricia Hafner	Mark Kronquist
	Marco Levario	Nick Raba
	Dan Brummer	Kim Dwyer
	Nick Raba	
Absent:	AJ Westlund, Chair	
	Jared Burns	
Staff:	Julia Hajduk, City Manager	
	Barry Buchanan, Public Works Director	
	Jennifer Siciliano, Community and Economic Development Director	
	Melanie Raba, Administrative Special Projects	
Guest(s):	City Councilor Steve Sims as Parks Board liaison	
	City Councilor Ken Carey as Arts Commission liaison	
	Amy Watts, Planning Commission	
	Aaron Frichtl, RDS President	
	Greg Peevy, RDS Board	
	Jenn Clevinger, RDS Board	

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hajduk called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Buchanan spoke about the parklet including ownership, historical use, maintenance, and safety and liability concerns.

Ms. Hajduk opened the discussion for input from those in attendance regarding immediate and long-term solutions. There were discussions regarding furniture donation, clearance for usability of the bridge, safety of railing, future use of the space and surrounding area, recreational immunity, relocation of benches, securing furniture, and developing a sub-committee for future planning.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

July 2025 Parks Report

General Maintenance & Repairs:

- Continued daily restroom checks and garbage removal throughout all parks and downtown areas.
- Performed irrigation inspections and repairs at the library, MCDP, Community Center, and Wildlife Meadows. Persistent issues at MCDP and the library remain under review.
- Repaired and maintained multiple sprinkler heads and irrigation zones, with some upgrades and replacements sourced from vendors in Salem.
- Cleaned and restored Santiam Park restrooms following graffiti vandalism. Pressure washing and repainting were completed mid-month by park staff.
- Performed mowing operations across all park sites, including Quail Run, Northslope, Westtown, Santiam, Pioneer, Neitling, Community Center, and MCDP. Equipment repairs were made to the 1435 mower, including deck and belt issues.
- Back-bladed playground surfacing at the Dog Park and cleared wood chips from path edges.
- Installed Republic Services trash can at Pioneer Park and tested garbage service responsiveness.

Equipment & Facilities:

- Applied fertilizer to all major park sites, including Northslope, Santiam, Westtown, Quail Run, Pioneer, Neitling, Community Center, and MCDP. Surfaces were blown clean post-application and irrigation was used to activate product.
- Conducted repairs to spray and mowing equipment, including securing welding support for mower components.
- Tried battery-powered backpack blowers provided by Letal Equipment; units were returned after evaluation.
- Managed replacement and storage of irrigation and spraying equipment, including setup of water barrels and tree watering bags at Quail Run.

Community & Special Projects:

- Coordinated Fourth of July parade cleanup and removal of related materials.
- Removed an old culvert at Community Center Park and backfilled the area to improve site safety and aesthetics.
- Assisted with Courthouse landscaping work in collaboration with other City staff.
- Met with colleagues to discuss float decoration planning and support for City events.

Training & Administrative Tasks:

- Reviewed and resubmitted prior monthly reports that had gone missing from City records.
- Provided hands-on training to seasonal staff for sprinkler head replacement and other tasks.

- Monitored and delegated assignments during absences and early departures due to family and medical responsibilities.

Time Off & Personnel Updates:

- Comp time used July 8–9 due to a death in the family.
- Early departures and full-day absences due to personal and family medical needs were taken throughout the month.
- Scheduled vacation beginning July 28th.

Weather-Related & Miscellaneous Actions:

- Coordinated work schedules to accommodate high temperatures and prioritize watering of newly planted trees.
- Continued park beautification efforts through mowing, trimming, and facility maintenance.
- Managed use of Republic Services containers as part of the ongoing trash management initiative.

July 2025 Pool Report

Pool Hours- June 32.5 + 6 hours of swim team July 61.5 hours + 6 hours of swim team

Patrons

Total Patrons in July: 1,617

Drop in- 578 people

386 Resident 161 non-resident 31 free pass tokens

Punch Card- 175 Check ins

Monthly membership- 477 Check ins

Insurance Membership- 964 Check ins

Current maintenance issues- - Pool floor needs to be resurfaced, but this is being looked at already. Locker room, office, and lobby will need new lighting eventually. Slippery locker room floors are being replace September 2nd

Trainings- Monthly staff meeting for lifeguards to continue learning and practicing their skills

August 2025 Pool Report (through 8/22/25)

Pool Hours- August 59 hours per week

Patrons

Total Patrons: 1,170

Drop in- 373 people

236 Resident 124 non-resident 13 free pass tokens

Punch Card- 168 Check ins

Monthly membership- 320 Check ins

Insurance Membership- 680 Check ins

Current maintenance issues- - Annual closure begins 8/24/25 to begin repairs. Repairs being done include, new locker room floors, painting of the walls in the locker rooms, painting of the walls on the pool deck, new light fixtures, patching plaster on bottom of the pool, replacing carpet in the lobby, and new electrical panel. Something to consider in the future is repairs of the inwater lights.

Trainings- Monthly staff meeting for lifeguards to continue learning and practicing their skills



City of Stayton

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[Date]

[Name of Sponsor]

[Address]

Dear [Sponsor Name],

On behalf of the City of Stayton and the Stayton Parks and Recreation Board, I would like to thank you for your past support of our Frisbee Golf Course. Your generosity played an important role in establishing this facility that is such an amenity and draw for the community. The course was first established in ____ and, overtime, the course has required maintenance and upgrades to ensure it continues to function as intended. Over time, the original sponsorship signs and tee signs have faded and the Parks Board is looking to make updates.

We are excited to share that we are launching a new Signage and Sponsorship Program. This updated program is designed to ensure consistency in signage throughout the course, provide clear recognition for our sponsors, and establish a funding structure that helps cover the costs of maintaining the course in its entirety—including signs, tees, and related amenities.

As one of our original course sponsors, we would like to extend to you the first right of refusal to continue your sponsorship under this new program before we open opportunities to others. Sponsorships will now be offered in defined terms, with the term length and amount intended to ensure ongoing maintenance and sustainability.

In the coming weeks, we will be finalizing program details, including sponsorship levels, term lengths, and recognition standards. We would be happy to discuss these with you and answer any questions you may have about continuing your partnership with us.

Thank you again for your commitment to our parks and community. We hope you will continue with us in this new chapter of the program.

Sincerely,

Julia Hajduk
City Manager

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Parks Board Donated Structures Policy Framework

1. Purpose The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines and expectations for the donation, acceptance, and maintenance of structures within city parks. This policy applies to both existing donated structures that are aging and becoming unsightly and new donations that may be considered for future acceptance.

2. Definitions

- **Donated Structure:** Any physical item or facility (e.g., benches, gazebos, playground equipment, statues) donated by individuals, organizations, or businesses to the city for placement in a public park.
 - **Aging Structure:** A donated structure that has been in place for a significant period and is showing signs of wear, deterioration, or obsolescence, leading to an unsightly or unsafe appearance.
 - **Unsightly Structure:** A structure that, due to age or lack of upkeep, detracts from the aesthetic quality of the park and may no longer align with the park's design or community standards.
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3. Policy for Existing Donated Structures

- **Maintenance and Repair of Aging or Unsightly Structures:**
 - **Annual Review:** The Parks Board will conduct an annual review of all donated structures, assessing their condition with a focus on both safety and aesthetic quality.
 - **Criteria for Unsightliness:** A structure may be deemed unsightly based on several factors, including peeling paint, rust, excessive wear and tear, outdated design, or materials that no longer align with current park standards.
 - **Respect for Original Donor:** The city values the original donor's intent and wishes, and every effort will be made to maintain the integrity of their donation. However, if the structure is deemed to be deteriorating or outdated, the donor or their family will be approached with the option to upgrade or replace the structure to meet current standards.
 - **Notice of Deterioration:** If a structure is identified as unsightly or deteriorating, the Parks Board will send a formal notice to the donor (if known) or their heirs, respectfully requesting that they contribute to an upgrade or replacement of the structure.
 - **Upgrade or Removal:** If no response is received or an agreement is not made to upgrade or replace the structure, the Parks Board may proceed with removal or replacement after a reasonable time period.
- **Financial Responsibility for Upgrades:**

- Donors will be given the option to fund repairs, upgrades, or replacement of their donated structure to bring it up to current standards. If the donor is unable or unwilling to fund these improvements, the city may seek other funding sources, including grants, to facilitate the upgrades.
- If the structure is no longer viable or desired for upgrades, the city will work with the donor or their family to find a respectful solution.

4. Policy for Accepting New Donations

- **General Requirements for Donations:**
 - All donations of structures must meet the city's aesthetic, functional, and safety standards.
 - Donors must provide written documentation that outlines the specific details of the donated structure, including design, materials, dimensions, and any maintenance requirements.
 - The Parks Board reserves the right to decline any donation that does not align with city goals, park master plans, or is deemed unsafe or inappropriate for public use.
 - **Evaluation and Approval Process:**
 - **Initial Review:** The Parks Board will review each donation offer to ensure it aligns with the park's needs, themes, and long-term planning goals.
 - **Site Approval:** A site analysis will be conducted to ensure that the proposed structure will fit within the park's design, not interfere with existing amenities, and comply with accessibility guidelines.
 - **Funding and Maintenance:** Donors must agree to assume full responsibility for the costs of installation, maintenance, and any necessary repairs for a specified period (e.g., five years). After this period, the city will evaluate whether to continue maintenance, transfer responsibilities, or remove the structure.
 - **Ownership and Liability:**
 - The city will retain ownership of all donated structures and will hold the liability for any damage or injury arising from the structure after installation.
 - Donors are required to sign a formal agreement that transfers ownership of the donated structure to the city.
 - **Recognition and Acknowledgment:**
 - Donors may be offered appropriate recognition for their donation, such as a plaque or sign, in line with the city's standard practices for park donations.
 - However, recognition must not overshadow the public use or impact of the structure and must adhere to the city's guidelines for public art and signage.
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5. Maintenance of Donated Structures

- **Maintenance Standards:** All donated structures must adhere to the city's regular maintenance standards. Regular inspections will be conducted to ensure safety and quality. If the donated structure requires more frequent maintenance than the city can

afford, the Parks Board will work with the donor to establish a maintenance plan or alternative funding options.

- **Liability:** The city will assume liability for structures once they are accepted and installed, though donors may be required to maintain insurance coverage for specific high-risk items (e.g., large sculptures or play equipment).
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6. Removal or Modification of Donated Structures

- **Removal Due to Safety, Liability, or Aesthetic Concerns:**
 - If a donated structure becomes unsafe, unmaintainable, unsightly, or poses a liability to the city, the Parks Board will notify the donor (if applicable) and provide them with an opportunity to address the issue. If no resolution is reached, the structure may be removed or replaced.
 - Aesthetic concerns, such as a structure becoming outdated or no longer aligning with the park's design, will be handled in a similar fashion, with an emphasis on respecting the donor's legacy while maintaining the park's overall appearance and functionality.
 - **Alteration Requests:** Donors or the community may request alterations to existing structures. Such requests must be submitted in writing and will be considered in line with park goals and city guidelines.
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7. Conclusion This policy ensures that both the maintenance of existing donated structures and the acceptance of new donations align with the city's broader park planning goals. It balances respect for the donor's intentions with the need to maintain the aesthetic, safety, and long-term sustainability of the park environment.

City of Stayton Adopt-a-Park Program

Adopt-a-Park Application Form

Thank you for your interest in helping care for Stayton's parks! Please complete the following application form. Once reviewed, City staff will contact you to discuss next steps and schedule an orientation.

1. Contact Information

Name of Individual or Organization: _____

Primary Contact Name (if group): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

2. Group Information (if applicable)

Estimated number of volunteers: _____

Age range of participants: _____

3. Preferred Park or Area to Adopt

Please indicate the park or area you would like to adopt:

4. Volunteer Commitment

- Minimum 1-year adoption period
- Monthly garbage pickup
- At least 4 service events annually
- Submission of annual report to the Parks Board

Do you agree to meet these commitments? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Volunteer Agreement & Waiver

By signing below, I agree to follow all City safety guidelines, complete the required orientation, and ensure that all participants in my group understand and follow the rules of the Adopt-a-Park Program. I understand that participation is voluntary and at our own risk.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(For group applications) Title/Role: _____

Submit Completed Forms To:

City of Stayton Public Works Department

Attn: Parks Program Coordinator

[Insert Address]

[Insert Email Address]

[Insert Website or Online Submission Info if applicable]

City of Stayton Adopt-a-Park Program

Volunteer Safety Guidelines

Thank you for volunteering to help maintain and improve Stayton's parks! To ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone involved, please follow these general safety guidelines during your volunteer activities.

General Expectations

- All volunteers must be registered with the City before participating in Adopt-a-Park activities.
- Minors must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- Volunteers must conduct themselves in a safe, courteous, and respectful manner at all times.

Personal Safety

- Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and activity (long pants, closed-toe shoes, gloves, hats, etc.).
- Bring water and stay hydrated.
- Apply sunscreen and take regular breaks as needed.
- Do not overexert yourself; know your limits and ask for help when needed.
- Volunteers who are feeling ill or have been exposed to communicable diseases should not participate.

Working Safely

- Use tools and equipment only as instructed or trained.
- Never use power tools unless specifically approved and trained to do so.
- Avoid lifting heavy items alone; use team lifting techniques or ask for assistance.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when near roadways, steep slopes, or waterways.
- Do not disturb wildlife or remove natural materials (unless specifically part of the work plan).

Litter & Waste Removal

- Wear gloves at all times when picking up litter.

- Use a litter grabber or similar tool for sharp or hazardous objects (e.g., glass, needles, or metal).
- Do not touch or pick up syringes, needles, or biohazardous waste. Mark the location and notify City staff immediately.
- Place all trash in appropriate receptacles or as directed by City staff.

Hazard Reporting

- Immediately report any:
 - Broken equipment or playground hazards
 - Vandalism or graffiti
 - Unsafe trail or park conditions
 - Suspicious activity
- Use the contact information provided in your orientation packet to report issues.

Emergency Procedures

- In case of a medical or other emergency, call 911 immediately.
- Know the address or location of the park before beginning your activity.
- Have a cell phone readily available.
- Report all incidents to City staff as soon as safely possible.

Weather & Environmental Conditions

- Do not conduct work during:
 - Thunderstorms or lightning
 - Excessive heat or poor air quality
 - Heavy rain or flooding
- Reschedule activities if weather or environmental conditions pose a safety risk.

COVID-19 & Communicable Disease Precautions

- Follow all current local and state health guidelines.
- Maintain appropriate distance when working in groups unless members are from the same household.
- Do not share gloves, water bottles, or personal tools.


Contact Information

For questions, assistance, or to report a concern, please contact:

Parks Program Coordinator

City of Stayton Public Works Department

 [Insert Phone Number]

 [Insert Email Address]

City of Stayton Adopt-a-Park Policy

Adopted [Insert Date]

I. Purpose

The City of Stayton's Adopt-a-Park Program encourages civic involvement and fosters community pride by engaging residents, service groups, businesses, and organizations in the care and stewardship of the City's parks, trails, and open spaces. This program offers an opportunity to make a tangible difference while supplementing City maintenance efforts.

II. Goals

- Promote safe, clean, and welcoming public spaces.
- Strengthen partnerships between the City and community members.
- Encourage consistent community involvement in park care.
- Provide additional care and attention to areas not routinely serviced by City staff.

III. Eligibility

Eligible participants include:

- Individuals (age 18+ or with adult supervision)
- Families
- Neighborhood associations
- Civic groups or service clubs
- Schools and youth organizations
- Churches or faith-based groups
- Local businesses and nonprofit organizations

IV. Commitment

Participants must commit to:

- A minimum one-year adoption period (renewable annually)
- A minimum of four service activities per year

- Monthly garbage pickup in the adopted park or space
- Designation of a primary point of contact or team leader
- Attendance at an annual orientation and agreement to City guidelines
- Submittal of a brief written report to the Parks Board each spring, summarizing volunteer efforts, observations, and recommendations

V. Responsibilities

Adopting Party Will:

- Perform routine tasks, including:
 - Litter pickup (at least monthly)
 - quarterly
 - Weeding and invasive plant removal
 - Minor landscaping or seasonal plantings (with approval)
 - General cleanup or beautification
 - Reporting vandalism, hazards, or maintenance needs
- Provide a record of service including dates, volunteer hours, and activities
- Coordinate volunteers and ensure safety measures are followed
- Submit an annual report to the City (due in April) for presentation to the Parks Board

City of Stayton Will:

- Coordinate with adopters to establish appropriate work plans
- Provide tools, safety gear, and materials (as available)
- Offer training and guidance for volunteers
- Recognize adopters with signage after one year of participation
- Feature adopters in City newsletters or social media when appropriate
- Track participation and share feedback with the Parks Board

VI. Limitations

- Participation does not grant exclusive use or control of the park.
- Structural changes, installations, or events must receive prior City approval.

- Volunteers must follow all safety guidelines and rules provided by City staff.
- The City reserves the right to suspend or terminate any adoption due to inactivity, safety concerns, or misuse.

VII. Application Process

1. Complete an Adopt-a-Park Application (available online or at City Hall).
2. City staff will review the request and schedule a site visit and orientation.
3. A Volunteer Agreement will be signed outlining roles, safety protocols, and expectations.
4. Once approved, the group may begin service and will be provided tools and coordination support.

VIII. Contact

For more information or to get involved, please contact:

City of Stayton Public Works Department

[Insert Phone Number]

[Insert Email Address]

[Insert Website URL]