

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of April 30, 2025

Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

The meeting was an in-person meeting at North Bend City Hall. It started with a joint session with the North Bend Economic Development Commission to discuss the Bike Mobility Plan. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Brian Duncan, Matt Miller, Minna Rudd, Kyle Braun and Tim Talevich. Ethan Eusebio attended initially via video. Absent: Eric Thompson.
- Economic Development Commissioners in attendance (for the portion of the meeting with the EDC): Beth Burrows, Michael Kunz, Nick Jensen, Anne Granderson
- Staff in attendance: CED Director James Henderson, Planning Manager Mike McCarty, and Associate Planner Caitlin Hepworth

Bicycle Mobility Plan Update

Associate Planner Hepworth gave an overview and update of the bike plan. The two groups compared their versions of the Word Bubble and Vision Board exercises, with the focus on finding common elements. Commissioners from both groups wrote and shared vision statements for the plan, and voted on options for a potential plan title. Hepworth said the next step is to solicit community input through surveys and displays at booths, continue auditing existing facilities, and create a web page for the plan. Also, plans are being made for the commissioners to tour the area on bicycles. Staff will send an email about a potential date for that.

Tanner Trail Project

Planning Manager McCarty said the city's Public Works Department is commencing design for this project. One amenity would be to include pump track/mountain bike sidings off the mail trail for recreation.

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Commissioner Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes; Commission Chair Rudd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Shoreline Access and Trail Plan

The City's consultant on the project, Facet, has submitted a draft of the Public Shoreline Access Plan, and the Parks Commission was asked to review it and make any recommended changes. Commissioner Braun requested two revisions:

- Less Facet branding on the intro pages, and more prominent City of North Bend logo.
- Inclusion of projects listed on earlier documents and presented to the public, with reasons that these other projects were not included in the final Facet recommendations.

The Commission agreed with this recommendation to the staff, and asked staff to email them the updated final draft version for considering a final recommendation to the Council on the plan.

Ballarat Plaza Project

McCarty gave an update on this project, including a new related project to add parking in the area along the Ballarat spur southeast of WH Taylor Park, in response to concerns that the plaza project would take away too many parking spaces. Public Works is commencing design of this parking project.

Miscellaneous Updates

Commission members discussed updates on several topics, including:

- A plan to correct the spelling error on the new downtown garbage and recycling cans. Commissioner Talevich volunteered to spearhead this.
- Sign-ups for the Parks Commission booth at this summer's Farmers Market on July 10 and Aug. 14.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich