

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of Nov. 20, 2025

Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

The meeting was an in-person meeting at North Bend City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Brian Duncan, Matt Miller, Minna Rudd, Eyleen Eusebio and Tim Talevich. Absent: Eric Thompson and Kyle Braun.
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty

Minutes of the Sept. 24, 2025 Parks Commission Meeting

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

Draft 2025 Annual Report of the Parks Commission Activities and Tentative 2026 Parks Commission Work Program

The Commission reviewed a list (provided in the agenda) of projects that were worked on in 2025. This list included input on city trails, the cycle mobility plan, shoreline access, a dog park, wayfinding signage and more. A full report of accomplishments will be presented to the City Council by Commission Chair Rudd at the council's Jan. 6 meeting (following the meeting, rescheduled to the January 20 meeting).

Regarding the 2026 Tentative Work Program, the Commission reviewed a list provided in the agenda, covering 12 areas. These included further work on the Bike North Bend Plan, Parks Element of the Comprehensive Plan, a wayfinding signage plan, a potential partnership with King County for a dog park at Tanner Landing Park, trail improvements and more. The Commission will also hold its annual tour of park facilities and will staff public outreach tables at the annual North Bend Block Party and summer market. The Commission will also consider uses for the annual Small Parks Improvement funds.

A motion to approve the report of 2025 activities and 2026 work projects was made by Commissioner Talevich; seconded by Commissioner Miller; and unanimously approved.

Potential Dog Park at Tanner Landing

Mike McCarty reported that discussions have taken place between North Bend and King County regarding an off-leash dog park at King County Tanner Landing Park. An off-leash area has been high on the list of desired projects in public surveys. McCarty said King County was interested in a pop-up situation vs. a permanent dog area. A potential site in the park has been identified as best for this use. Questions remain about maintenance,

with possibly a volunteer group playing a role. McCarty indicated further discussion would take place with the county over this project.

Wayfinding Signage Plan

The Commission has been considering a plan for better, more consistent signage within the city for local trails and parks. Each Commission member will review a particular neighborhood and come up with recommendations. City staff could create an interactive GIS map for further review and comment. Attending commissioners chose their preferred areas to review on a map presented by McCarty. More work on this project will come in the spring, after instructions are clarified and the weather is better.

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 gave an update, showing a potential “patch” project to fix the problem. He is researching exact costs of the patches.
- The sand at the new outdoor volleyball area at Dahlgren Family Park may not be the correct type. Standard sand is lighter than what is in place there.
- A question was raised whether “sharrows” would be added on Orchard Street where the bike lanes were eliminated. McCarty said he would look into it.
- A volunteer appreciation event for city commissioners will take place Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the new downtown North Bend indoor golf center.
- The City Council will approve Parks Commission terms at its Dec. 2 meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tim Talevich