



Agenda
Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2025
Richland Community Center
500 Amon Park Drive

Regular Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Attendance:

Discussion Item:

1. Richland Police Department Park Safety Discussion
2. Irrigation Trail Discussion
3. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Discussion

Commissioner Comments:

Adjournment

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 9/25/2025

Agenda Category: Discussion Item

Prepared By: Chris Waite, Parks & Public Facilities Director

Subject

Richland Police Department Park Safety Discussion

Department

Parks & Public Facilities

Recommended Motion

None. Discussion only.

Summary

The Commission will meet with representatives from the Richland Police Department to review current safety concerns and trends affecting city parks. Topics will include an update on recent crime data, implementation of new safety tools such as mobile security trailers, and assessment of park security following the closure and reopening of Columbia Park West. The conversation will also address challenges related to after-hours activities in parks, vandalism, and strategies for improving overall safety and security for park users.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments



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Subject

Irrigation Trail Discussion

Department

Parks & Public Facilities

Recommended Motion

None. Discussion only.

Summary

The Commission will consider the potential to expand public access to trails along irrigation canals by forming a subcommittee to coordinate outreach with local irrigation districts. The discussion will focus on how a subcommittee could explore partnership opportunities, evaluate feasibility, and engage stakeholders to determine whether portions of canal corridors could be opened for recreational use. This effort is intended to identify new trail connections that could enhance the community's overall trail network and support greater access to outdoor recreation.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments



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Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Discussion

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Recommended Motion

None. Discussion only.

Summary

The Commission will review and discuss information gathered to date for the ongoing Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan update. This includes an overview of data collected through the community survey and system inventory, a review of the current plan goals and potential areas for refinement, and a broader conversation about progress made so far in the planning process. The discussion will help identify emerging priorities and ensure that the plan reflects both community values and future needs as it moves toward the next phase of development.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments
