



MINUTES

RICHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Richland Community Center – Meeting Room

500 Amon Park Drive

Regular Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Call to Order/Attendance:

Chair Mason	Not Present
Vice Chair Gutierrez	Not Present
Commissioner Buelt	Present
Commissioner Thompson	Present
Commissioner Jones	Present
Commissioner Hodges	Present
Commissioner Watrous	Present
Commissioner Thallapally	Not Present
Commissioner Kreis	Present

Also in attendance: Parks and Public Facilities Director Waite, Public Works Director D'Alessandro, and Administrative Assistant II Roe.

Commissioner Buelt led the workshop.

Presentations:

1. 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - D'Alessandro, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Carlo D'Alessandro presented the draft 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a six-year planning document required by RCW 35.77.010. The TIP identifies priority transportation projects the City plans to pursue for state and federal funding and is included in the statewide STIP. The Parks & Recreation Commission engaged in discussion, raising questions and concerns about the potential impacts of several projects on trails, bike lanes, and park access. The draft TIP is available for public comment on the city's website. This item will be returned to the Parks & Recreation Commission as a business item at the May 9, 2025, Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, where the Commission will be asked to make a formal recommendation to the City Council.

Discussion Items:

2. Badger Mountain South Park Locations
 - Waite, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Director Waite led a discussion on the importance of park placement as the Badger Mountain South area continues to develop. Commissioners reviewed current and potential future park locations, focusing on equitable distribution and connectivity to planned trail systems. The conversation emphasized the need to ensure access to green space for all residents as the community grows.

3. 52 in '25 Park Tours
 - Waite, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Director Waite provided an update on the 2025 Park Tour Series, which includes guided visits to all 52 parks throughout Richland. He shared information on the parks already visited and highlighted several upcoming and future tour locations. The tours showcase the city's trail systems and scenic park features. Director Waite encouraged the Commission to help promote the tours within the community to increase awareness and attendance.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

APPROVED:



Samantha Mason, Parks & Recreation Commission Chair

PREPARED BY:



Patty Roe, Administrative Assistant II