



Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Vancouver City Hall

Aspen Room

Commissioners Present:

Cavaness, Luce, Thompson, Striplin, Fletcher, Wille, Robbins

Commissioners Absent:

Piland and Panter

Guests: Kimberlee Elbon

Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Cavaness called the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) regular meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. in the Aspen Room at Vancouver City Hall and online via Microsoft Teams. Commissioners Piland and Panter were absent.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

PRAC approved November 19, 2025, meeting minutes by consensus with minor changes.

Item 3: Public Comment

None presented.

Members

Jaynee Cavaness

President

Angilo Fletcher

Vice President

Jeremy Robbins

Stephen Wille

Valerie Striplin

James Luce

AJ Panter, VPS

Cale Piland, EPS

Jenny Thompson, Parks

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Item 4: Workshops

a. 2026 PRAC Workplan & Priorities

Perlick shared an overview of the 2026 Workplan for the PRCS department, detailing the role of PRAC, expectations, priorities and timing, and the work ahead for the first half of the year.

The role as commissioners is to represent the whole community, advise City staff on parks and recreation planning and implementation, focus on the big picture and work as a team.

Commissioners are asked to attend meetings in person whenever possible, review materials in advance, and notify staff early of any known absences.

Work Priorities:

- City Comprehensive Plan
 - Review of the City Comprehensive Plan and Map
 - Focus in parks and recreation elements
 - Discussion and recommendation for non-residential PIF expansion
- 2027-28 Biennial Budget
 - Background and policy
 - Setting department priorities
 - Staying involved through budget adoption
 - Conduit for community feedback
- Advance Park Capital
 - Phase 1 development at Bagley Park
 - Vancouver Innovation Center Park master plan & design
 - Next round of playground replacements
- Clark County Sustainable Funding
 - Review findings and recommendations
 - Offer feedback and considerations
 - Help shape a PRAC position
- Supporting Arts & Culture
 - Partnering with the Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission
 - Launch of Inspire Vancouver cultural access program
 - Outreach and planning for the Vancouver Arts Hub

Overview of PRAC Tasks in Q1/Q2:

January – March:

- City Comprehensive Plan Review
- Non-residential PIF
- Biennial budget background
- Bagley playground design
- Inspire Vancouver launch

April – June:

- Biennial budget prioritization
- VIC community engagement and design

- Playground replacement planning
- Sustainable funding review and position
- Arts hub community engagement and design

Looking ahead, we are looking at a shared commitment and focus. Commissioners are asked to bring new ideas forward through the Chair, build consensus within the commission, and direct staff based on commissioners shared goals.

The floor was opened for discussion among commissioners. Commissioners Angilo and Robbins expressed enthusiasm for the playground replacement programs.

b. Update on Memberships at Community Centers

Brosius and Meade shared updates and changes to the 2025 and 2026 Firstenburg and Marshall Community Center membership program.

2025 – Response to a New Reality

- Drop-in fee increases; new resident/non-resident fee; Non-resident differential increase
- Family Passes changes and adjustments
- Health Insurance “Silver” pass provider transitions and reimbursement rates reductions

2026 – Revenue & Long-Term Pass Sustainability

- All memberships converted to All-Access
- Added rate and ability to add additional children to Family pass
- Kept drop-in fees at 2025 rates
- Enhanced Silver pass tracking, education and auditing

An open discussion was held among commissioners. Brosius and Meade shared details behind the strategies and numbers that went into the decision-making process.

Robbins asked if pool drop ins are per payment, and Brosius confirmed that it is one public swim per drop in, due to capacity. Thompson confirmed that all passes can be utilized at both community centers, but the home base is where the pass was purchased. Meade shared that converting to the all-access pass was a benefit to keeping the fee static at both locations.

Fletcher asked about budget allocation between facilities based on user numbers. Meade shared that set funding is allocated, and the set revenues and expenses will be measured at a department level. Fletcher and Cavaness commented that it is positive that we are utilizing the membership approach.

Wille and Luce commended the Recreation staff’s initiative and creativity and expressed support for their balancing. Luce noted considerations regarding maintenance and care of the facilities. Striplin added her kudos and wonderful feedback that her colleagues shared about our engagement, partnerships, and outreach events.

Cavaness asked about different revenue goals at both centers and offered to help promote the program with the flexibility and fitness equipment. She recommended Vancouver Family Magazine to help get the word out.

c. Clark County Sustainable Parks Funding Team Update

Perlick shared a brief update that the representatives from each city in the county continue to meet and share data around common metrics amongst organizations. Key themes, gaps, and opportunities for organization are currently being discussed. As an example, it was established that as many as 40% of our ATR participants come from outside of city limits, which illustrates how neighbors in the county share in activities across county lines to receive services. Core services are critical to be seen as regional services as we continue to work collaboratively.

Robbins shared that he has joined an all-county accessibility advisory committee that is working on a transition plan for different routes within county parks and trails. Accommodation has been a challenge, and further regional conversations and connections are encouraged.

Item 5: Commission and Staff Reports

a. Director's Report

Perlick shared that on February 2, staff will present a draft Comprehensive Plan parks and recreation chapter to City Council. The workshop presentation will include an overview of broad community feedback, key guiding policies, and receiving Council feedback. The work session will be televised on CVTV.

State of the City is happening March 9 with a focus on Arts, Culture and Heritage in Vancouver, and will be hosted at the Vancouver Arts Hub.

b. Chair Report

Cavaness shared the following updates:

- Friends of Clark County – Jan 22 Redeem the Gap from 5-6:30pm
- Hailey Heath was recognized at the Vancouver Bee Project holiday party for her excellent work
- PRCS is hiring for the Volunteer Coordinator position soon
- Upcoming Family Valentine's Ball Feb 6-7
- Composter Recycling Program recommendation

Cavaness asked if there is interest from within commissioners to represent PRAC at Urban Forestry meetings and share feedback as non-voting representatives. Thompson expressed interested, and Striplin volunteered as backup representative. Cavaness posed the idea of Striplin as liaison for the Urban Forestry Commission, and Thompson as liaison for the Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission.

c. Evergreen School District Report

None presented.

d. Vancouver Public School Report

None presented.

e. Parks Foundation Report

Thompson announced that Renaissance Pointe is fully funded, with the next fundraising event happening on May 7th for the annual PFCC Luncheon.

Item 11: Open Discussion & New Business

Robbins shared that the ACAC organization is taking off and seeking grant proposals to support their work.

Thompson invited commissioners to the Marshall Adult and Leadership Award Ceremony on 2/26 to celebrate the nominees.

Wille shared that he is sponsoring an environmental science seminar series at Portland State University for microplastics. The course is free online, and the university class is available on Zoom. He also shared that he was in the Tumwater area over the holidays and was able to provide insights on park design and tree species/placement for a local park.

ADJOURNED

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm