



# Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
4:30 p.m.  
Firstenburg Community Center  
Resource Classroom

### Commissioners Present:

Haygood, Thompson, Striplin, Wille, Luce, Fletcher, and Robbins.

### Commissioners Absent:

Piland, and Panter

### Staff Present:

Perlick, Burton, Meade, Brosius, Johnson, Heath, Baynard-Cooke, Snyder, Nilo, Stokke, Tubberville, Hull, Guzman, Gutierrez, and Donovan.

### Guests: None

### Item 1: Call to Order

Vice Chair Fletcher called the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) regular meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. in the Resource Classroom at Firstenburg Community Center and online via Microsoft Teams. Commissioners Piland and Panter were absent.

### Item 2: Approval of Minutes

PRAC approved February 19, 2025, meeting minutes by consensus with no changes.

### Item 3: Public Comment

None presented.

## Members

**Jayne Haygood**  
President

**Angilo Fletcher**  
Vice President

Jeremy Robbins  
Jenny Thompson  
Stephen Wille  
Valerie Striplin  
James Luce  
AJ Panter, VPS  
Cale Piland, EPS  
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#### **Item 4: Recreation Division – Program Overview**

Perlick provided a background on the recent fee increases in Recreation programming and shared that we will be watching revenues closely this year as we track registrations. Angela Brosius (FCC Director) and Andy Meade (MCC Director) gave an overview of the current Recreation updates at Firstenburg Community Center and Marshall Community Center.

Brosius and Meade recognized the aquatics staff who responded to a medical emergency, highlighting the lifeguard honorees celebrated at the [2025 Vancouver Fire Department Awards Ceremony](#). The “Life Saving Award” was presented to Camille Wendlandt, Kendall Lotka, Sawyer James, Harley Hogan, Nelli Slivkov and Kevlar Wood before Sherie Linstead shared words of appreciation and gratitude for the actions of the awards recipients.

An overview of the Recreation Division was given, including the management staff of both facilities and the team roles, which include 44 team members and 36 FTEs:

- Center Manager
- Administrative Assistant
- Recreation Coordinator
- Recreation Specialist
- Facility Assistant
- Customer Service Representative
- Seasonal Positions

Ongoing facility maintenance investments include the Firstenburg Pool Slide and the Firstenburg Gymnasium, as the center turns 20 years old next year. Meade and Brosius also reported that after budget reductions, impacts to direct staff were minimized by assigning the impacted staff to former or open roles within PRCS.

Current programs and services include Adult Basketball, Adult Softball, Summer Playgrounds, Youth Sports, Teen Late Night, 50 and Better Clubs, and the Climbing Wall. Several of these programs have been restored and largely made possible through community partnerships, launching community-led clubs, and cross-training staff among a variety of programs.

The floor was open for discussion and questions from commissioners. Program coordinators were thanked for their innovative approach to keeping these programs running. Brosius added that the ongoing variety of rental events helps support recreation programs.

#### **Item 5: Director’s Report**

##### Parks

- Construction is underway at Oakbrook Park. Thanks to recent nice weather, we are currently ahead of schedule! We are still expecting to wrap things up and host a community celebration in September.
- We are removing a vacant house on the East Biddle Lake property at 12700 SE Evergreen Highway. Demolition should be complete by the end of the month. Afterward, the property will be open as an undeveloped park.
- Construction on the new Elizabeth Austin playground at Fruit Valley Park will start in May and should be completed in August. The community building will be removed during playground construction.

##### Recreation

- Six current and former aquatics staff were recognized at the Vancouver Fire Department Awards ceremony on March 12. Their training helped save a woman's life during a 2024 medical emergency in the pool. Their preparedness and professionalism embody the high standards of safety and care that we strive for every day.
- We are working with three community partners to provide spring break camps for ages 4-14, March 31-April 4. Themes include a STEAM Lego camp, and volleyball, soccer and basketball sports camps. Learn more and register at [www.cityofvancouver.us/camps](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/camps).
- The AARP free tax aide services are as popular as ever at Marshall Community Center. In-person and online appointments are encouraged, and walk-in service is available.
- Save the date for summer registration! All our summer camps, classes and activities will be available to view on the website starting April 9. Vancouver residents can start signing up at 7 a.m. on April 16. Registration opens for non-residents on April 17.

### Cultural Services

- The Vancouver Arts & Music Festival has been selected to receive the Spotlight Award for Program Excellence in Special Events from the Washington Recreation and Parks Association. This award means our colleagues across the state are recognizing Vancouver for our high-quality, innovative special events. Congratulations to Stacey Donovan and her team!
- You are invited to the dedication of Revealed, a new public art sculpture by artist Randy Walker. The dedication is happening Friday, April 4 at 3 p.m. at the Clark County Historical Museum, followed by a reception at Brickhouse. Revealed was commissioned by the City to honor the legacy of the Hidden Brick Company. The sculpture features steel bricks etched with words that reveal the history of Clark County. During the dedication, the Vancouver NAACP will add the first new word to the sculpture, symbolizing the ongoing evolution of our community's story.
- Save the date for Spruce the Couve on May 10. Volunteers will be planting flowers in Esther Short Park and working in teams to clean up downtown. This opportunity is family-friendly and great for teens – people of all ages are welcome. You can RSVP on the City's web calendar.

### Item 6: Chair Report

Haygood encouraged commissioners to check out Nilo's frequent PRAC Friday email updates for the latest PRCS news and events.

Commissioners are also encouraged to participate on May 10<sup>th</sup> for the annual Spruce the Couve event, as this is a great way to connect with volunteers in the community.

### Item 7: Evergreen School District Report

None presented.

### Item 8: Vancouver Public School Report

None presented.

### Item 9: Open Discussion & New Business

Striplin congratulated the directors and coordinators at MCC and FCC for doing an amazing job pulling through for the employees as well as the community. Robbins expressed his enthusiasm and excitement for the progress at Oakbrook Park, where he and his father visit often.

**ADJOURNED**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Public Notice: Angela Brosius (FCC) hosted an optional tour of the Firstenburg Community Center building following the immediate adjournment of the March PRAC Meeting. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), there was no PRAC business conducted during this separate tour.