

CITY OF PORT ORFORD
REGULAR SESSION OF THE PARKS COMMISSION
Thursday, August 7th, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

Please join this meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/454882045>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States (Toll Free): 1 (877) 309-2073

United States: 1 (646) 749-3129

Access Code: 454-882-045

1. Call to order/roll call/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes July 3rd, 2025
4. Citizen Concerns (On Agenda items only; 3 min.)
5. REPORT: Buffington Park Host
6. Consent Calendar
7. Commissioner Reports
 - a. Comm. Kocurek
 - b. Comm. Thompson
 - c. Comm./Liaison Lovendahl
 - d. Comm. Fraser
 - e. Comm. Currier
 - f. Comm. Rickey
8. Old Business
 - a. Parks Top 10 Goals
 - b. Playground Grant
 - c. Park Host Discussion
9. New Business
 - a. Parks Top 10 Goals/Priorities
 - b. Recruitment Discussion
10. Considerations
 - a. Citizens
 - b. Commissioner's
11. Future Meeting: Tentatively Thursday, July 3rd, 2025; Regular Meeting In the Gable Chambers and Online at 6:00 pm
12. Adjourn

**CITY OF PORT ORFORD
REGULAR SESSION OF THE PARKS COMMISSION**

Thursday, July 3rd, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

Please join this meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/838253221>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States (Toll Free): 1 (877) 309-2073

United States: 1 (646) 749-3129

Access Code: 838-253-221

- 1. Call to order/roll call/Pledge of Allegiance**
 - a. Bryan Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call: Carol Currier, Clark Kocurek, Bryan Thompson, Sara Lovendahl, Ledeen Rickey
- 2. Additions to the Agenda**
 - a. Bryan recommends the addition of an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(a)(b). Future meetings become 13, Adjourn becomes 14. Comm. Lovendahl moves to amend the agenda as item #12. Ledeen Seconds. All approve.
- 3. Financials**
 - a. Kocurek moves to accept the financials, Rickey seconds. Bryan notes that he would like formal confirmation that the ~\$27k raised for the playground is in fact reflected and accounted for in the 85k line item 014-00-73900. All approve.
- 4. Minutes April 3rd, 2025**
 - a. Bryan Thompson moves to approve. Comm. Lovendahl seconds. All approve.
- 5. Citizen Concerns (On Agenda items only; 3 min.)**
 - a. Petra Thompson provided testimony that one of her favorite features of the park was removed. The purple blocks and the bars were removed.
- 6. REPORT: Buffington Park Host**
 - a. Not present
- 7. Consent Calendar**
 - a. No items
- 8. Commissioner Reports**
 - a. Comm. Kocurek: Sees more activity at the park due to the nice weather.
 - b. Comm. Thompson: Bryan and Sara clarify that Claire with the discovery school will be renting it in July and will be starting classes in September. A friend visited from Florida and used the skate park.
 - c. Comm./Liaison Lovendahl: Want to acknowledge and thank Skaidra Scholey for all the work she did writing our planning grant. Would like to get her a letter of thanks. Also

want to formally thank Carol Hacherl for help with budgeting. We will get the results in September as to whether or not we were awarded the grant.

- d. Comm. Fraser – not present
- e. Comm. Currier: We had an email from Jubilee (Jen). She told Carol that Buffington was going to have a citywide cleanup June 29 at 1 o'clock. We, the pickleball club, like to correspond our court pickup day on the same day that the city does it. 13 of us showed up Sunday at 9am and were done by 10 and played pickleball for a while. We weed around the court, we cut back the bush to the chain link, and we rake the perimeter. Unfortunately, I don't think anybody showed up at 1 o'clock. Wednesday when I left, there were visitors from California cleaning up the mini golf. The putters end up in the red shed when the park host moves them. Discussion about the lack of communication about a cleanup. Suggests to add one or two Sundays before the 4th of July as the official clean-up date. Sara suggest contacting Laurie Proudie to communicate with individuals who are not on Facebook.
- f. Comm. Rickey: Ledeen notes that golf balls were donated to the rotary who takes them to the park periodically. Does not know about putter situation but if there are extras in the red shed they should be used. Sara mentions instances of vandalism. Ledeen asks about the April 3rd meeting where a report happened from Rotary. Is the planning grant considering keeping the horse corral? If it's replacing an existing infrastructure couldn't they go ahead and do that improvement? Bryan explains that all Oregon public properties have to be reviewed by tribes. Sara mentions the 2017 parks recommendation was a consideration to do something else with the property. The planning grant will review different aspects of the park to determine what makes the most sense. There are a lot of things to look at. Ledeen clarifies that she is part of the rotary and understands that the arena has been used for Over the Rainbow programs in the past. If it is fixing current infrastructure, why does it have to go through tribal review? Sara mentions that Rotary did come speak to City Council and they had an answer from City Administration.

9. Old Business

a. Parks Top 10 Goals

- i. Bryan read the last list of Top 10 goals from a couple of years ago. Explains that they were listed in order of preference. Carol mentions that repairs are a priority for her rather than building new items. Sara mentions that the city is in really dire straights for this biennium. Sara mentions the role of Public Works. Clark voices support for Carol's concept of repairs over new ideas. Bryan will bring back some repair recommendations next month.

b. Playground Grant

- i. Sara reports submitted May 15 and will hear by September.

c. Park Host Discussion

- i. None

10. New Business

- a. Officer Election (Chair and Secretary Positions)
 - i. Sara provides a recruitment update, that we need to actively try to recruit. Sara will continue to try to find commissioners and recommends we keep recruiting. Bryan mentions that he has referred a few people to get copies and we might try recruiting with flyers. Clark moves to re-elect Bryan as Chair. Ledeen seconds. All in favor except Bryan who abstains.
- b. New Commissioner Training
 - i. Clark mentions that he received a walkthrough orienteering to see the parks properties. Carol is provided with a copy of the Master Plan binder. Bryan mentions that a walkthrough time would be good.
- c. A-Frame Security Incident
 - i. Bryan reports that on a bike ride he and Comm. Kocurek noticed activity in the A-Frame after hours. Went back to check on the situation. Early teens in the A-Frame were “cleaning.” Bryan verified by calling Claire to ask if cleaners were expected at 7pm. No cleaners were expected. So an investigation revealed that they had broken in and had caused vandalism to the building. They flooded the bathroom and the rug. Sara mentions that they dumped fertilizer in the loft. The police were engaged. A deadbolt was secured and passed to City Administration.

11. Considerations

- a. Citizens
 - i. None
- b. Commissioner’s
 - i. None

12. Executive Session – ORS 192.660(2)(a,b)

Executive session ends 7:07.

- a. Sara moves that we recommend to City Council that Richard Tessier’s expired contract is not renewed after expiring June 30, 2025. Ledeen seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

13. Future Meeting: Thursday, August 7th, 2025; Regular Meeting In the Gable Chambers and Online at 6:00 pm

14. Adjourn

Bryan adjourns the meeting at 7:10pm