

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

May 20, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

The Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board records their monthly meetings.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Parks Advisory Board Chair, Dawn Dockter. Meeting guidelines of the hybrid Parks Advisory Board were read.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2026

- *Larry Walker moved to adopt the April meeting minutes*
 - *Seconded by Linda Berry-Maraist*
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote to Approve April Minutes
 - 5 votes received, motion passed unanimously

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – ([Comments from 00:04:30 – 00:36:25](#))

- Catherine Ander, Coulter Creel Heritage Park Steward; comment on noxious weeds (specifically holly)
- Sky Eurich, Silverdale resident; comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Bradley Barry, North Kitsap resident; comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Steve Ruggiero, Port Gamble resident; comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Don Willot, resident; comment on North Gateway Parking Lot
- Matt Blossom, EMBA; comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Bryan Wells, owner Infinity Cyclery; comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Carol Price; resident, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Joe Lubischer; resident, comment on North Kitsap Heritage Park
- Letter from Cindy Ruggiero, resident; read by Alex Hardy
- Tim Kloecker, resident; comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS – ([Reports from 00:36:25 – 01:35:07](#))

- Carmen Smith, Parks Planner
 - Community Engagement Summary

- Kola Kole Park – Kingston, WA
- Gordon Park – Bremerton, WA
- Bre Ganne, Parks M&O Supervisor
 - Sustaining Parks Service Levels: Demand, Damage, and Capacity

V. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – ([*Reports from 01:35:08 – 01:36:57*](#))

- Capital Projects and Parks
 - Carmen Smith, Parks Planner
 - Kicking off Capital Improvement Plan development for the year
 - Review Project Evaluation Tool built with committee last year
 - Dawn Dockter, Parks Advisory Board Chair
 - Very little needed to be changed from last year
 - The system has helped narrow and focus what we need to work on

VI. PARKS REPORT – ([*Report from 01:37:49 – 01:40:58*](#))

- Director's Report
 - Volunteer Program
 - April Work Party @ Port Gamble; 27 participants, 21 of them first-time volunteers
 - If community groups are looking to volunteer reach out to Aaron Bartleson or Alex Hardy
 - Natural Resources
 - Recruitment for Wild Life Ecologist – official offer has been accepted, start date will be July 13th
 - Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – Ribbon Cutting for North Gateway Trailhead parking lot

VII. DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS – ([*Reports from 01:41:00 – 01:50:46*](#))

- Tom Coleman (Central District)
 - Comment – make use of stewardship and volunteers
- Linda Berry-Maraist (North District)
 - Work event at Port Gamble with volunteers, lots more opportunities
 - Work party on the shoreline block, public comment asking people to not rake the trails
 - Port Gamble Shoreline Bluff was purchased using a shoreline access grant, 2012 WWRP water access grant
- Lisa Hurt (North District)

- Comment – re: what was said about the shoreline property – it does say use for water access yet it’s almost impossible to get down to the water at that park. Public comments asking why there aren’t steps.
- Comment – re: raking of trails – no reason to rake trails, I think trail work involves cutting trees off trails, removing branches, and giving walkers a place to walk
- Comment – frustrated with the organization
- Larry Walker (South District)
 - Work parties out at Banner Forest, brushing trails and things of that nature
 - South Kitsap Park, private stewardship group took out a lot of scotch broom
- Dawn Dockter (South District)
 - Thank you to Catherine and Dan, impressed people from our South are coming up and talking about the parks
 - Thank you to stewards and Parks Staff
- Jessica Rice (South District) – read by Alex Hardy
 - Comment – event at Long Lake and it was beautiful, wanted to show appreciation to maintenance staff for maintaining the park and encourage people to visit as it’s beautiful in the Spring time.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- *Larry Walker – moved to adjourn the meeting*
 - *Seconded by Tom Coleman*
 - Discussion: None
 - 5 votes received, motion passed unanimously
 - Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD – IN PERSON MEETING ATTENDANCE

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF	PUBLIC
Lisa Hurt – North	Alex Hardy – Marketing and Events Supervisor	Paul Klahr
Linda Berry-Maraist – North	Carmen Smith – Parks Planner	James Pirtle
Larry Walker – South	Bre Ganne – M&O Supervisor	Bradley Barry
Dawn Dockter – South	Jaycee Brown - Office Support Specialist	Katherine Arden
Tom Coleman – Central		Daniel Arden
		Sky Eurich