

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

July 15, 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 – May 20, 2026 *

- Discussion: Correction to add “h” to the end of North.
 - *Linda Berry-Maraist moved to adopt the May meeting minutes with the correction to add “h” to the end of North.*
 - *Seconded by Larry Walker*
 - Vote to Approve May Minutes
 - 7 votes received, motion passed unanimously
- * There was no Parks Advisory Board meeting in June 2026

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – ([Comments from 00:06:53 – 00:21:41](#))

- Katherine Ander, Coulter Creek Heritage Park Steward; comment on noxious weeds and trail maintenance standards being implemented at all parks
- Rick Feeney, South Kitsap Regional Park Steward; comment on logs from the park being thrown into the road on Lund and Jackson in the middle of the night. Additional comment on children utilizing motorized transportation at South Kitsap Regional Park.
- Bradley Berry, Kingston citizen; comment to notify about movie night event at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park.
- Beverly Parsons, Hansville citizen; comment on upcoming contract regarding the Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park Framework update.
- Joe Lubisher, Indianola citizen; response to Katherine’s comment on trail standards.
- Rick Feeney, South Kitsap Regional Park; comment on how overgrown the northern part of the South Kitsap Regional Park trail system was just before the Volunteer Firefighters Fun Run

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS – ([*Report from 00:21:42 – 01:10:25*](#))

- Alex Wisniewski, Parks Director
 - 2027 Budget Cuts power point presentation and discussion.
 - Discussed writing a letter to the Board of County Commissioners to encourage them to work towards a long-term sustainable budget solution, Linda Berry-Maraist tasked with writing the letter with input from the Budget and Finance Subcommittee.

V. DIRECTORS REPORT – ([*Report from 01:10:25 – 01:43:50*](#))

- Irene Weber, Natural Resources Program Supervisor
 - New Wildlife Ecologist, Adam Samara, started July 13th
 - Brush Harvest Program Update
- Alex Hardy, Admin and Events Program Supervisor
 - July is National Recreation and Park Association Month
 - Volunteer Program
 - Events
- Alex Wisniewski, Parks Director
 - Capital Projects
 - Synthetic Turf at Gordon Park Update
 - Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park Framework Update (Master Plan)

VI. SUB – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- None Reported

VII. DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS – ([*Reports from 01:44:22 – 01:56:10*](#))

- Nancy Whitaker, District 3 (Central Kitsap)
 - Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Applesauce Gang redoing the children’s forest trail
 - Break-ins occurring at the Roundabout Parking Lot at Newberry Hill Heritage Park
 - Scotchbroom cleaned up and salal and huckleberries are filling back in at Newberry Hill Heritage Park
 - KSS Trail is beautiful now at Newberry Hill Heritage Park.
- Jessica Rice, District 2 (South Kitsap)
 - South Kitsap Regional Park, construction of roundabout near entrances started.
- Linda Berry-Maraist, District 1 (North Kitsap)
 - Presented to WWRC Board
- Nancy Whitaker, District 3 (Central Kitsap)
 - Donation to Peninsula Conservancy at Little Beef Creek
 - Sale of Gass property at Hood Canal Waterfront, connects to Little Anderson Creek
- Jen Skalbeck, District 1 (North Kitsap)

- North Gateway Trail Head Parking is working out well with new traffic patterns at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park

VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – *(Comments from 01:56:10 – 2:06:45)*

- Rick Feeney, comment re: salal – talk to the florists
- David Anstead, Port Orchard citizen, comment on carrying capacity in Parks
- Bradley Berry, Kingston citizen; comment regarding budget cuts, comment on growth of Parks
- Don Willot, comment re: WWRC meeting where Linda presented, comment re: spirit of collaboration, comment of appreciation and more development of ADA at North Gateway Parking Lot at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** *(2:06:51)*

- *Larry Walker – moved to adjourn the meeting*
 - *Seconded by Linda Berry-Maraist*
 - Discussion: None
 - 7 votes received, motion passed unanimously
 - Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD – IN PERSON MEETING ATTENDANCE

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF	PUBLIC
Dawn Dockter – South	Alex Wisniewski – Parks Director	Katherine Ander
Chris Breon – Central	Irene Weber – Natural Resources Program Supervisor	Rick Feeney
Nancy Whitaker – Central	Alex Hardy – Admin and Events Supervisor	Bradley Barry
Linda Berry-Maraist – North	Jaycee Brown - Office Support Specialist	David Onstad
(online) Larry Walker – South		
(online) Jessica Rice – South		
(online) Jen Skalbeck – North		