



MARYSVILLE

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PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 – 5:00 PM

1015 STATE AVE

MARYSVILLE, WA 98270

MINUTES

Park Advisory Board Members Present:

Michael Stevens, City Council Rep. - Online
Jodi Condyles- Chairperson
Chris Soren
Mark Seely
Tom King
Sharon Kanehen
Brooke Hougan
Marques Oliver- Online

Parks and Recreation Staff Present:

Tara Mizell – Director of Parks
Dave Hall – Assistant Director of Parks
Skip Knutsen – Maintenance Services and Solid
Waste Manager
Jane Shafer – Parks Admin Specialist
Amandeep Kaur – Parks Admin Associate

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM.

VISITORS IN THE AUDIENCE:

- Daniel Lucier
- Mike Hougan

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Brooke Hougan to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Chris Soren. Sharon Kanehen abstained as she was not present at the March meeting. **MOTION** passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Strawberry Fields Turf Project Update – Dave Hall & Tara Mizell

- Field 3 Construction is underway;
- Full project wrap-up expected the first week of June.
- Grand Opening planned for June 10 at 4:00 PM, with Amazon and Snohomish County participating; the City and PSA coordinating activities.

Art Piece Installation:

- Snohomish County Arts Commission is gifting a 625-pound bronze sculpture.
- Five artists submitted designs; the chosen piece is 5 ft in diameter with mountains on one side and an eagle on the other.
- Installation is permanent, and the sculpture will be set in a 4x4 concrete base.

Mother Nature's Window (MNW) Update – Tara Mizell

- Project closeout ongoing; Grand Opening scheduled for May 14 at 11:00 AM.
- Soil and dirt work continues on the north side to support recovery and grass establishment.
- Wildflower installation targeted for fall.
- Strong positive public and elected official feedback received; community referring to Mother Nature's Window as "Central Park of Marysville."

PROS Plan Update (Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan) – Tara Mizell

- City's new procurement/contract specialist, Theresa, is improving contract and advertisement processes for PROS Plan.
- Concept plans underway for Twin Lakes, Strawberry Fields, and Ebey Waterfront.
- Park Board will serve as an advisory group for the PROS Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

E-Bikes Discussion – Dave Hall & Tara Mizell

- City code does not currently address e-bikes; state law applies.
- Prior legal review occurred, but Council did not proceed at that time.
- Enforcement concerns noted; growing safety issues in parks, especially at Northpointe Park.
- Jodi Condyles emphasized safety risks related to e-bikes.

Presentation by Tara Mizell:

- Covered police and public perspectives; need for strong community education.
- Staff focusing on educational efforts rather than drafting a new ordinance.
- E-bikes traveling too fast and causing accidents

Board Questions/Discussion:

- Questions regarding available safety resources.
- Suggestion to revive the Bike Rodeo program.
- Inquiry about cameras capturing violations.
- Suggestion to partner with local bike shops.

STAFF REPORTS

Dave Hall

- Upcoming events include America 250, Jigsaw Puzzle event (May 14), Fishing Derby (May 16), Red/White/Blue Scavenger Hunt (June 1–14), Poochella event (June 6), Flag Day event (June 14), 4th of July activities, and Junk in the Trunk (July 11).
- Bayview Trail Connector – Public open house scheduled on June 3 (60% design) from 5-7 p.m. at Marysville Civic Center.

Skip Knutsen

- Shasta Ridge drainage project complete.
- Preparing Twin Lakes for Fishing Derby.
- Spray park testing scheduled for May 14; opens Memorial Day weekend.
- Hanging baskets installation on May 20 (Red/White/Purple).
- Playground maintenance training completed; 7 seasonal staff onboarded.
- Spring maintenance activities are underway.

Tara Mizell

- Memorial Sign Program: draft policy complete; community meeting May 27 at 6:00 PM; workshop June 1 for policy review.
- Special Event Permits now managed by Parks & Recreation.
- Golf course improving; recovery team addressing holes 8 and 9, with completion expected week of May 25.

CALL ON BOARD MEMBERS**Tom King**

- Thanked the City for Strawberry Festival support.

Mark Seely

- Reported coyote sightings near Allen Creek Elementary; staff noted coyotes have long been in the area.

Brooke Hougan

- Appreciated roadside memorial policy; supported bike education in PE; noted upcoming events sound fun.

Chris Soren

- Visited MNW and Shasta Ridge; both look great.

Jodi Condyles – Chairperson

- Appreciated Tara's work with families involved in the memorial program; asked about the Adopt-a-Park Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Brooke Hougan to adjourn. Seconded by Sharon Kanehen. **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Next meeting: July 8, 2026.