

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting (Hybrid)

5/14/26 4:30-5:30pm

Meeting called by: Derek Barry

Type of Meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note Taker: Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Bridges, Crawford, Haase, Haines, L. Johnson, N. Johnson, McCaul

Liaisons; Derek Barry, Lana Hoover, Dan Gates

Minutes

Agenda Item: Approval of the March 12, 2026 meeting minutes

Discussion: Approved the minutes of the March 12, 2026 meeting minutes

Conclusion: Approved

Agenda Item: Forestry & Parks Commission Update

Discussion: Changes related to the Cultural Arts Commission going away with roles and responsibilities being added to the Forestry & Parks Commission. Including changing the name and membership to accommodate two new members.

Agenda Item: Parks, Cemetery, Forestry and Art Updates

Welcome to our new members; AnnMarie Mathews and Devin Thomas

Heritage & Hops-WASLA Conference tour, activation

Loyalty Park – Orbit spinner parts came in

RVP – n/a

Lucy V Ryan – Sumner Connects – Open House – Ryan Heirs for tablet – Pop Up in the Park

Bennett property – RCO application and additional funding

BHSC – SBLSD interest in purchasing the city's portion of the property

Seibenthaler – N/A

Qunell Family Park – N/A

Watershed – limiting interviews to select firms

Cemetery – Memorial Day Event reminder, irrigation is working

Commission discussions:

Community Garage Sale – to consider using a park as a place to for community members without yards or garages to use

“Nothing to do” comments from middle school aged community members – commissions role – consider SMS outreach – future Heritage community building may be an outlet

Future park spaces integrate nature education, interactive loops?

Homework for the commissioners is to consider proposals for art, sculptures, enrichment projects for consideration for 2027/2028 budget.