

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – May 7, 2026

Meeting Location: CRC construction site

Roll Call

Board Members Present: William Findlay
Kyle Gardner
Cayman Haltiner
Chandler Smith
Anna Stout
Nancy Strippel
Lisa Whalin
Byron Wiehe

Board Members Absent: Cindy Enos-Martinez
Josh Travers

City Staff Present: Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation
Emily Kraus, Recreation Superintendent
Jeremiah Boies, Interim City Attorney
Anna Wirth, Administrative Specialist

Guests: Lilly Simonds
Grant Simonds

Meeting called to order by Nancy Strippel at 12:06 p.m.

Approve minutes from the April 2026 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Chandler made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Lisa and carried unanimously.

Yes – 7

No – 0

(Anna Stout arrived after the vote.)

Riverfront Trail and Adjacent Areas Rules

Following Nancy’s introduction of new board member Cayman Haltiner, everyone else went around the room and introduced themselves.

Ken invited Interim City Attorney Jeremiah Boies to join the board on the tour of the rec center and discuss the renewal of the Riverfront Trail and Adjacent Area Rules.

The Riverfront Trail and Adjacent Area Rules expired last year and are being brought to PRAB to consider. Ken and Jeremiah provided a resolution for the board to consider as well as signage that would be posted along the trail.

Jeremiah explained that within the municipal code are specific rules related to the Riverfront trail and Adjacent Area. Those rules were adopted in 2022 but contained a 3-year sunset clause which meant that they expired in July 2025. Currently there are no active enforceable rules along the Riverfront Trail.

The path forward would be for PRAB to provide a recommendation to the council for the rules of the Riverfront Trail, given that they are approved by the board. The rules would then be presented to city council as an ordinance to be adopted.

Jeremiah explained that the proposed rules are very similar to the previous ones, although some changes were recommended. Those changes include adoption of relevant Parks rules to avoid redundancy or possible conflicting rules as well as removing the overnight camping clause which would be consistent with council's direction to amend the city code to remove the overnight shelter clause.

Nancy asked whether using "Park" instead of "Trail" on signage and the proposed rules is suitable language. She suggested using "designated hours" instead of "park hours" on the flyer under the section "allowed" which Ken concurred. She also brought up page 3 item 9 of the rules where the word park facility was used. Ken agreed that this should be changed to Riverfront trail or adjacent area facility.

Nancy then asked about no motorized vehicles being allowed according to the flyer but notes that class 1 and 2 e-bikes are allowed and wanted to know if they are categorized differently. Ken explained that class 1 and 2 e-bikes are not classified as motorized vehicles with the difference being that assistance ends when they reach 20mph. Jeremiah concurred that the main difference between class 1, 2 and 3 e-bikes was speed.

Anna Stout asked Jeremiah if he was aware of any changes that other council members might have in mind in regards to motorized bikes to which Jeremiah responded that it is more of an enforcement issue than a law issue.

The question of banning e-bikes all together as a simple solution was posed, however Jeremiah stated that this might alienate people who might not be able to access regular bikes but would benefit from a class 1 or 2 e-bike. Speed limits were discussed as a possible way to address the problem, which Jeremiah said was within the scope of the park rules. Different speed limits for different parts of the trail were also considered. Ken mentioned putting up high traffic area signs in crowded areas to encourage drivers to be more aware and to make careless driving enforcement easier but was apprehensive about posting speed limits. Jeremiah added that changes can be implemented later if necessary. However, he also recommended making the proposed rules permanent and leave out the sunset provision. Instead of a sunset an annual review of the rules was suggested.

A grammatical/spelling error was noted by Chandler on the flyer, third bullet from the bottom. Change "ay of waters owener" to "any of the waters owned".

Ken recapped proposed changes to the resolution and flyer.

- Replace “parks” with “Riverfront Trail and adjacent areas”
- Grammatical correction of flyer under “prohibited”, third bullet from the bottom
- Added bullet under “prohibited” to read “Careless or reckless use of any vehicle is prohibited and subject to charges”
- Specifically add that scooters driven over 20mph are not allowed

Ken will send out a copy of the revised rules to all board members.

Bill moved to approve sending the resolution to city council with the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Cayman and carried unanimously.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Anna Stout abstained from the vote.

Adjourned to the CRC tour. 12:41pm

Next Meeting – June 4, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Wirth, Administrative Specialist