



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025, 5:00 PM

In person at City Hall, Room 207.

Virtual attendance is also available via Zoom.

AMENDED

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

- I. Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84314784824?pwd=THBkd mRwTl k4MG5DV3h h bC9xVDhXdz09>

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Meeting ID: 843 1478 4824

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B. ROLL CALL.

- I. Members: Melinda Eck, Joey Prestley, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush

Ald. Ben Delie - Excused

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

- I. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, July 9, 2025, meeting of the Parks Committee.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of the minutes from the June 18, 2025 meeting.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Consideration with possible action on the request to review alternative options to the annual City Band concert series at St. James Park.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to open the floor.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to close the floor.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to approve continuing to fund the 10-week City Band concert series at St. James Park in our annual budget.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

2. Consideration with possible action on the request by the owner of 531 S. Oakland Avenue to waive the \$3,841.00 unauthorized tree removal fee.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to open the floor.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to close the floor.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to deny the request by the owner of 531 S. Oakland Avenue to waive the \$3,841.00 unauthorized tree removal fee.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, No-Jim Ridderbush, Abstain-None.

3. Consideration with possible action on the approval of the concept for the Joliet Park Area of Concern Project.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to approve the concept for the Joliet Park Area of Concern Project.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

4. Consideration with possible action on hiring RINA to finalize bid documents and secure the necessary permits associated with the Bay Beach wildlife viewing platform project for a total cost not to exceed \$107,100.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to approve hiring RINA to finalize bid documents and secure the necessary permits associated with the Bay Beach wildlife viewing platform project for a total cost not to exceed \$107,100.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

F. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Staff presentation on the Shipyard - Phase 2 Conceptual Design.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to open the floor.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to close the floor.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to receive and place on file the staff presentation of the Shipyard - Phase 2 Conceptual Design.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

2. Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to receive and place on file the Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

3. Next Meeting: July 30, 2025

G. ADJOURNMENT.

- I. Adjournment of the Wednesday, July 9, 2025, meeting of the Parks Committee.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to adjourn.

Motion .

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.