



## PARKS AND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 2nd, 2026  
4:00 PM

**HELD IN PERSON & REMOTELY VIA ZOOM**  
22710 E COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE  
LIBERTY LAKE, WA 99019

### 1. Call to Order

Commissioner Hill called the February 2nd, 2026 meeting of the Parks and Arts Commission to order at 4:00 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

Commissioners Marked Present: Hill, Himebaugh, Frank, Ferris, Bahr, Edwards, Loparco, Schneidmiller, Hay, Bollinger

Commissioners Marked Excused:

Commissioners Marked Absent:

### 3. Approval of January 2026 meeting minutes

Commissioner Frank motioned for approval of the January minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Himebaugh before carrying unanimously.

### 4. Citizen Comments

No comments were made at this meeting.

### 5. Action Items/Discussions/Presentations

#### ***VOTE- Parks Plan Level of Service***

Gen Dial, SCJ Alliance, went over the level of service recommendations with the commissioners.

Commissioner Frank motioned for support of option 'B', which was then seconded by Commissioner Himebaugh for approval before carrying unanimously amongst the commission.

#### ***20 Year CFP Discussion/ Planning***

Ben Turner, Director of Public Works, went over the needs for the draft plan with the commissioners and engaged in discussion.

#### ***Kramer Art Corner Landscaping***

Ben Turner went over the potential landscaping suggestion for the Kramer art installation, showing a mock-up designed by Dan Maus. Due to irrigation and power limitations, solar lighting and low-water requirement plans were suggested.

#### ***Sub-Committee Update/ Discussion***

Karen Mobley, Consultant, went through the proposed design rendering for the new City Hall, highlighting areas where art could be installed. Sculptures, murals, and varied changeable artwork were discussed as options. Overall final potential costs would need

to be further discussed.

***VOTE- Update Project List***

Commissioners discussed the details of the updated project list. No vote was taken on this topic at this time.

***Commemorative Design for 4<sup>th</sup> of July***

Mickael Stevens, Recreation Coordinator, presented a proposal for a youth art contest that would determine the final design for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. A detailed plan for implementation will be presented at the March meeting.

**6. Unfinished/ New Business**

***LL Better Together Rock Garden Update***

Marla Larson, resident, provided an update on the LL Better Together rock garden project. Art kits will be provided to the schools and rocks will be completed and collected by mid-April. The dedication ceremony is anticipated to take place toward the end of May.

***Micromobility/ Bike Safety Update***

Commissioner Ferris provided the update from the Bike Safety Committee.

***Rainbow Bridge Update***

Jennifer Camp provided a brief update regarding the Rainbow Bridge Project. The project will be added to the February 3<sup>rd</sup> council agenda, and it is expected to be approved.

***Utility Box Update***

Jennifer Camp provided the update on upcoming utility wraps. At this time, weather is the main preventative factor.

**7. Staff Report**

Derek Kosanke, Parks Supervisor, provided the update regarding park facilities. Cleaning and prep are continuing as usual in anticipation of the weather changing in the coming months.

Mickael Stevens provided an update on community events and recreational programs. April 25<sup>th</sup> will be the date of the Spring Cleanup event, and fliers will start going out toward the end of March for Waste Management subscribers that live within city limits. Touch a Truck will be taken over by the Recreation Department.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:24 PM.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule (tentative) - Regular Meeting, 1st Monday of the month**

- The next meeting of the Parks and Arts Commission will take place on March 2nd, 2026 at 4:00 PM.