



Parks Commission

August 26, 2026 — 6:30 PM

In Person: City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, Washington

Agenda

Call to Order and Roll Call

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Minutes:

- 1) June 17, 2026 Parks Commission Meeting Minutes

Discussion Items:

- 2) Project Belay

Description: Introduction to potential public-private partnership climbing gym and community center project.

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1. Parks Commission discussion and recommendation on use of Small Parks Improvement Funds for 2026:
 - a. Overall budget reduced from \$10,000 annually to \$5,000 annually starting this year, given need for budget reductions.
 - b. Available funds: \$6,139.45 as of 8/19/2026 (some remaining carryover from 2025).
 - c. Ideas include:
 - i. Citizen requests for bike rack at Tannerwood Park (City of North Bend) and at Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center (managed by Si View, subject to their availability to install). See letter from citizen in Tannerwood Neighborhood. Estimate of \$650 for each rack (same model as at EJ Roberts Park) and \$350 for concrete pad. Cost = \$1,000 each.
 - Other parks to consider bike racks that do not have them include Tollgate Farm Park at the farmhouse, EJ Roberts Park by the new court (at River Glen neighborhood), Gardiner Weeks Park (museum and senior center), and WH Taylor Park (depot).
 - ii. From last year's consideration - Citizen request for construction of chain-link fence along the perimeters of the EJ Roberts Pickleball Court off 4th Street to prevent balls from going down the slopes. 140' of fencing from a fence contractor – estimate of approximately \$9,000 from last year's quotes + 10%. (Would need to seek additional funding, and set up a contract.)
 - iii. Other ideas from Parks Commission?

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1. General Updates:
 - a. Parks Element 2026 Amendments passed by Council at August 19 Council Meeting. (Formal adoption with rest of Comp Plan amendments later this year). Two amendments were made to Parks Capital Facilities Plan following Parks Commission and Planning Commission Recommendation:
 - i. Added Project Belay for public portion of this private/public partnership proposal
 - ii. Added (back) "Acquiring Park in Southern Part of the City"
 - b. SR-202 Shared Use Trail and Bridge under construction! Completion anticipated by end of year.
 - c. WH Taylor /Ballarat Ave. N. Plaza Project:
 - i. Doing parking improvements on Ballarat Ave. S (other end of park) terminus first, Spring 2027
 - ii. Plaza project Fall 2027.

5) Bike and Trail Signage Investigations

Adjournment. Next meeting scheduled for October 28, 2026, 6:30pm.

***Please Note:** This meeting will be held in-person at City Hall.

A Teams meeting link may be set up, upon request, should a member of the public or Parks Commission wish to attend remotely. Contact Principal Planner Mike McCarty at planning@northbendwa.gov to request a Teams link to attend the meeting remotely.

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of June 17, 2026

Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting

The meeting was a special joint meeting with the Parks and Planning Commissions and was an in-person meeting at North Bend City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Brian Duncan, Matt Miller, Minna Rudd, Tim Talevich, Eric Thompson, Kyle Braun and Eyleen Eusebio.
- Planning Commissioners in attendance: Hannah Thiel, Sam White, Chris Coulon and James Boevers. Absent: Stephen Matlock.
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty and Caitlin Hepworth.

Minutes of the May 28, 2026 Parks Commission Meeting

Commissioner Braun made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Duncan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – 2026 Parks Element Amendments

Mike McCarty gave an overview of the lengthy process of updating the Parks Element of the North Bend Comprehensive Plan, noting the Element has undergone scrutiny through meetings and hearings, including Parks Commission discussion at its January, March, April and May meetings. The latest amendments include comments by the Snoqualmie Tribe, information by financial consultant Bowman regarding impact fees, updates to level of service standards, information on urban tree canopy coverage and map updates for easier reading and clarity. The latest revisions also deleted completed projects.

Planning Commission Chair Hannah Thiel opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. With no public on hand in person or online to testify, the hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

With no public testimony heard, the Planning and Parks Commissions went through the proposed amendments page by page. Requested changes included alphabetizing tables, minor text and grammatical edits throughout, and clarifying language. Lengthy discussion was held on Table 4 in the document, regarding Parks and Recreation Level of Service Standards relating to pools. Concerns were raised that the level of service standard for pools, currently 1 per 11,000 residents, is misleading. Mike McCarty acknowledged the figure could be outdated; edits were suggested to clarify that the existing pool is inadequate to meet local needs and aging.

After commission discussion ended, these actions took place:

The Parks Commission: Commissioner Braun moved to approve the amendments as agreed upon at this meeting, and also recommend the City Council direct staff to develop an entirely new Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (rather than amending the existing Parks Element) when the Parks Element is next considered for its full scheduled update. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and passed unanimously.

The Planning Commission: Commissioner Coulon moved to approve the amendments based on the amendments as agreed upon at this meeting, and recommended that the City Council prioritize a review and re-evaluation of the level of service standard for a pool ahead of the Parks Element's next full scheduled update, with the specific timeline for such review and re-evaluation left to City Council's discretion, given competing priorities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Boevers, and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Parks Commissioner Tim Talevich

North Bend Parks Department,

I am Reese I am ten years old and I live in Tannnerwood neighborhood. I am writing to you because I have a suggestion, I think the Tanner neighborhood would benefit with having bike racks to park and lock bikes. The Tanner neighborhood has four parks, at least two are bus stops. If kids like me and my sister could ride our bikes to our bus stop that also is a park, we could save a lot of time biking because me and my sister barely are early to the bus stop and if we could bike it would save us a lot of time. Also, the park right outside our house isn't a bus stop but that park gets a lot of people and kids out there and a lot of bikes strewn out all over the place, on grass, leaned on trees or rocks or on the sidewalk where people want to take walks. All this could be taken care of in our parks if we had convenient bike racks to place or lock bikes on. I hope you consider this idea!

-Reese Leslie

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