



**Tuesday March 25, 2025 5:30 p.m.**

**HOW TO ATTEND**

- **In-person:** American Lake Conference Room (First Floor), Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW.
- **Virtually:** Online or by phone. Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92038046123>. Or dial (253) 215-8782 and enter participant ID: 920 3804 6123.
- **Livestream:** YouTube.com/CityofLakewoodWA

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**WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Members: Jason Gerwen-Chair, Vito Iacobazzi- Vice-Chair, Alan Billingsley, Anessa McClendon, Kate Read, Janet Spingath, Shelly Thiel

Youth Council: Alexandra Corona-Hernandez, Nevaeh Tutt, Zoe Clifford, Irie Hinkle

Council Liaison: Ryan Pearson

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Approving the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of January 28, 2025

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Street End Community Meeting Recap
2. Legacy Plan Implementation Plan. See the current Legacy Plan on the website. <https://cityoflakewood.us/legacy-plan-2020/> Be sure to click on the image to see the full plan.
3. Prepare for Parks Appreciation Day

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

**REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**NEXT MEETING**

Regular Meeting on Tuesday April 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Conference Room at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

**ADJOURNMENT**



## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday January 28, 2025**

**City of Lakewood – American Lake Room**

**6000 Main Street SW Lakewood, WA 98499**

**<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityoflakewoodwa>**

**Telephone via Zoom: 253.215.8782 Participant ID: 920 3804 6123**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Jason Gerwen called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present: Jason Gerwen-Chair, Vito Iacobazzi- Vice Chair, Alan Billingsley, Kate Read, Janet Spingath, Shelly Thiel, Anessa McLendon

Staff Present: Mary Dodsworth – Director, Nikki York – Office Assistant

Youth Council Liaisons: Alexandra Corona-Hernandez-present, Nevaeh Tutt-absent, Zoe Clifford-present, Irie Hinkle-absent

City Council Liaison Present: Ryan Pearson

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ALAN BILLINGSLEY MOVED TO ADOPT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2024 AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY VITO IACOBAZZI NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MPU.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Elect Chair/Vice-Chair:** Alan Billingsley motioned for Jason Gerwen & Vito Iacobazzi to continue to serve as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Shelley Thiel seconded. MPU.

**Review 2025 PRAB Council Approved Work Plan:** Council approved the work plan for 2025 with one suggestion to add an update on volunteer and “adopt a project” programs.

**Special Event Update:** Mary Dodsworth provided an update on the City’s special events including Beloved Community Walk, Public Art, Parks Appreciation Day, Ray Evans Memorial Fishing Event, Dancing in the Streets, Farmers Market, Concerts, SummerFEST, Fiesta de la Familia, Truck & Tractor Day and the Parade of Lights.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Janet Spingath asked about flags or flagging material in an area at Fort Steilacoom Park. It may be on Pierce College property.

Kate Read commented that it’s nice to see parks capital project look ahead and accomplishments in the City Managers Bulletin.

Kate Read asked if there has been any progress on shared use of the Lake City School property. There is not an MOU in place between City and CPSD.

Shelley Thiel asked about the downtown park. Mary advised that it is in our Legacy Plan and the Capital Work Plan.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Room at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alan Billingsley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Shelly Thiel seconded. MPU.

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Jason Gerwen, Chair

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Nikki York, Office Assistant



# City of Lakewood

## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD 2025 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

### Members:

Jason Gerwen, Chair	Kate Read
Vito Iacobazzi, Vice-Chair	Janet Spingath
Alan Billingsley	Shelly Thiel
Annessa McClendon	

### Council Liaison:

Ryan Pearson, Councilmember

### Youth Council Liaison:

Zoe Clifford	Irie Hinkle
Alexandra Corona-Hernandez	Nevaeh Tutt

### City Staff Support:

Mary Dodsworth, Director	Nikki York, Office Assistant
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### Meeting Schedule:

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m., American Lake Room,  
Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

### 2025 Work Plan:

1. Nisqually Partnership Project Update
2. Parks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update
3. Special Event Update
4. Street End Project community outreach and design recommendation
5. Climate Change initiatives and Urban Forestry Program Update
6. Legacy Plan Update
7. Senior Services Update
8. Historic Preservation (H-barn, cemeteries, cottages, cultural resources)
9. Code Changes as requested by Council
10. Youth Council Update

Date	Topic(s)
01.28.25	Elect Chair /Vice-Chair, Review Council approved 2025 Work Plan, Special Event Update
02.25.25	Legacy Plan Implementation Plan
03.08.25	Street End Project community outreach—Special Saturday meeting
03.25.25	Legacy Plan Implementation Plan, Street End Community Outreach recap, Prepare for Parks Appreciation Day
04.22.25	Street End design options
05.27.25	Prepare for Joint Meeting with Council, “Adopt-a-“ “ Program update, Youth Council recap
06.09.25	Joint Meeting with Council
06.24.25	Nisqually Partnership Project Update and Parks CIP Update
07.22.25	Historic Preservation (H-barn, cemeteries, cottages) Update
09.23.25	Climate Change initiatives and Urban Forestry Program Update
10.28.25	Senior Services Update, Camp Murray Improvement Project Update
11.25.25	Youth Council Update

### Special Events:



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Date	Event
01.11.25	MLK Beloved Community Welcome Walk
01.13.25	Rodney King Artist Reception
04.26.25	Parks Appreciation Day
05.17.25	Youth Fishing Event
05.30.25	Street Festival
06.06.25 & 06.07.25	Nisqually Trail Partnership Mosaic Community Workshop
Tuesdays June -August	Summer Concert Series
Tuesdays June-August	Farmers Market
07.19.25	SummerFEST
09.06.25	Fiesta de la Familia
10.11.25	Truck & Tractor Day
12.06.25	Holiday Parade of Lights

# Westlake Ave Street End Community Meeting

## March 8, 2025 Summary

### Meeting Agenda - Street End Community Planning:

1. Welcome + Introduction
  2. Street End Planning Background
  3. Conceptual Review of Westlake Street End
  4. Community Input: Breakout Speed Sessions
    - a. **Site Challenges and Concerns**
    - b. **Hopes and Dreams for Waterfront Access**
    - c. **Westlake Site Improvements**
  5. Summarizing key points / Q & A
  6. Next steps
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The notes below provide a summary of what was discussed at the meeting to include the input sessions from each breakout table. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting. Some came early, some came towards the end but everyone was able to share their issues and concerns and have their questions answered.

### **Table 1: Westlake Site Improvements:**

This table discussed Access & Connectivity, Public vs Private Space and Boundaries, Community Engagement and Social Interaction, Amenities and Facilities, Environmental and Ecological Considerations, Signage & Regulations, Safety & Design Considerations.

#### 1. Access & Connectivity

- Driveway clearance and access for immediate neighbors
- Survey to delineate ROW
- Sidewalks from nearby roads to access improvements
- Easy/straight/direct access for heavy non-motorized boats (canoes/heavier kayaks)
- ADA Pathway as close as possible to water
- Hand-launch only
- More than 1 parking stall
- Signage that identifies the street end as a public access point into the water

#### 2. Public vs. Private Space & Boundaries

- Fencing or natural/artificial barriers to identify public and
- Fencing or natural/artificial barriers to and keep people away from private property
- Natural barriers to reduce noise from park users
- Adding a gate to identify when the site is open or closed for access

### 3. Community Engagement & Social Interaction

- Building community to work together and know each other through site stewardship
- Work with volunteer groups for simple maintenance to extend limited resources
- Join the new Neighborhood Association to address issues and solve problems together

### 4. Amenities & Facilities

- Need more picnic tables
- Add a garbage can that is collected often
- Restroom to ensure fishers who are around for a long time have somewhere to go (besides lake or bushes)
- In-water or floating dock to get over the water for fishing

### 5. Environmental & Ecological Considerations

- Tree health assessments
- More bird habitat + support of pollinators
- More native plants and taller trees
- Remove invasive plants

### 6. Signage & Regulations

- Signage with park hours and rules/expectations
- No Dogs Off leash!

### 7. Safety & Design Considerations

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- How is safety considered throughout design recommendations?
- 60 feet of street width for right of way
- Lights?

### **Table 2: Site Challenges and Concerns:**

This table discussed: Access and Mobility, Safety and Security, Privacy and Boundaries, Environmental and Aesthetic Considerations, Community Engagement & Stewardship, Amenities and Sanitation, and Cost & Funding Considerations.

#### 1. Access & Mobility

- Don't block driveways, mailboxes or where garbage cans are placed
- Turn-around for mail carriers, postal carriers, garbage trucks, utility providers, and other wide trucks
- Better street maintenance
- Street improvements including sidewalks
- Extent of ADA access? Where should it end?

## 2. Safety & Security

- Lack of police patrols
- Lack of street lighting
- Citywide concern: Crime, litter, noise, safety, theft, drug use, addiction issues, transients and trespassing issues
- Noise ordinance enforcement? How are loud sounds from users mitigated in design?
- Ensure secure at night when visibility is low through a barrier/gate
- Use material at the beach that will mitigate hazards from broken glass (such as sand or gravel)

## 3. Privacy & Boundaries

- Ensure privacy for neighbors
- Maintaining current fencing or establishing new fences to ensure privacy from site and to keep dogs from entering people's yards
- Ensure users can see the difference between public and private areas.
- Protect private docks/structures that belong to neighbors

## 4. Environmental & Aesthetic Considerations

- No underbrush, reduce perimeter vegetation height
- Impacts of design on cost, access, erosion

## 5. Community Engagement & Stewardship

- Ensure good stewardship of public dollars
- Public/private partnership: community monitors, volunteer support, connecting neighborhood associations

## 6. Amenities & Sanitation

- Method of controlling litter (more than 1 garbage can)
- Portable Restrooms (support for and against)

## 7. Cost & Funding Considerations

- Cost-effective design so any funds not used for this project can be used at other street end sites

**Table 3 - Hopes and Dreams for Future Waterfront Access:** This table discussed the future of waterfront access citywide

## 1. Land Use & Access

- Distinguish between public land and private land/residences
- Kayaking + canoeing at every street end
- Identify other parking in the neighborhood and along ROWs
- Parking areas designated with signage to reduce conflicts with residences
- Rent encroached lands, whether public or private
- Docks for fishing in several locations

## 2. Safety & Hazard Mitigation

- Remove vegetation so there are clear sightlines
- Site security/monitoring/visibility to low point of water's edge
- Discourage skateboards from being on site
- Monitoring of site should be critical to design
- Enforcement of park rules and city laws
- Increase police presence on lakes as well

## 3. Accessibility & Inclusivity

- ADA pathways with switchbacks with permeable/gravel material
- Accessible portable toilets / restrooms
- This is the first time I've been able to view Lake Steilacoom except from driving by in a car. It's beautiful. I'm glad I can walk to this site from my home (which is not a waterfront home) and enjoy the view.

## 4. Regulations & Signage

- Regulatory signage with hours, and rules (no smoking)
- Wayfinding and public access signage
- Provide maps of other street-end sites
- Education of other street end sites

## 5. Environmental & Ecological Considerations

- Logs for habitat
- Refer to projects in Seattle for street end ideas



# Parks Appreciation Day

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**  
**9 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

Join us for a day of cleaning and  
improving Lakewood's parks!

**EDGEWATER | FORT STEILACOOM | SPRINGBROOK**  
**HARRY TODD | KIWANIS PARK | COMMUNITY GARDEN**

*Scan QR to register or visit [CityofLakewood.us/Parks-Appreciation](https://CityofLakewood.us/Parks-Appreciation)*



*\*Limited space at each park*

