

AGENDA
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92140715051>

Call-in: (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 9921 4071 5051

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 6, 2026

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Waterfront Alliance Art Proposal
- b. Selection of Representative for Stormwater Park Feasibility Study

V. PARKS DIVISION UPDATE – Parks Manager Jennifer Haro

VI. COMMISSIONER REPORTS & COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURN

Next Regular Meeting: Wed., August 5, 5:30pm

MINUTES
GIG HARBOR PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
Civic Center Community Rooms

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chair Louise Tieman called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m., Vice Chair Hanley Bonyngne, Commissioners Andrew Peabody and Stace Gordon present. Commissioners Kim Anderson, Larry Johns and Guy Magnus and were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 1, 2026, meeting were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. North Creek – Rotary proposal

Gary Glein from the Gig Harbor Rotary presented to the Parks Commission the Rotary's concept of having coordinated volunteers work on city-owned land based on biologist suggestions to help the environment. Gary showed information regarding their stream enhancement project for Donkey Creek/North Creek. The Park's Commission unanimously recommended that the city work with the Rotary about developing a stream enhancement partnership.

B. Park Appreciation Day Recap

Commissioners discussed PAD 2026 including things that worked well at park locations, as well as issues that arose during the event. Consensus was that many volunteers wished we had more than 1 park cleanup day per year.

C. Park Volunteer Program Discussion

Revised outline of the Park Volunteer Program was discussed by Commissioners. The changes were generally supported in their outline and design with a few minor suggestions in verbiage.

Commissioners discussed future options of PAD and this program, as well as naming suggestions and Park opportunities. The Parks Commission recommended that the Parks Volunteer program be amended to better reflect the revised outline.

PARKS DIVISION UPDATES:

Parks Manager Jennifer Haro updated the commission about numerous current Gig Harbor parks news such as the Soundview Forest tree removal project successfully completing, signs for the new loop trail have been installed as well as a new bike rack coming, Phase 1A Sports Complex ribbon cutting ceremony, and Doris Heritage Park Pickleball issues and signage updates.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS & COMMENTS:

The commissioners suggest security upgrades at Doris Heritage Park to assist with recent incidents.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Next Regular meeting: Wed., June 3, 5:30 PM

Scott Keely -Public Works Assistant- Parks

Memorandum

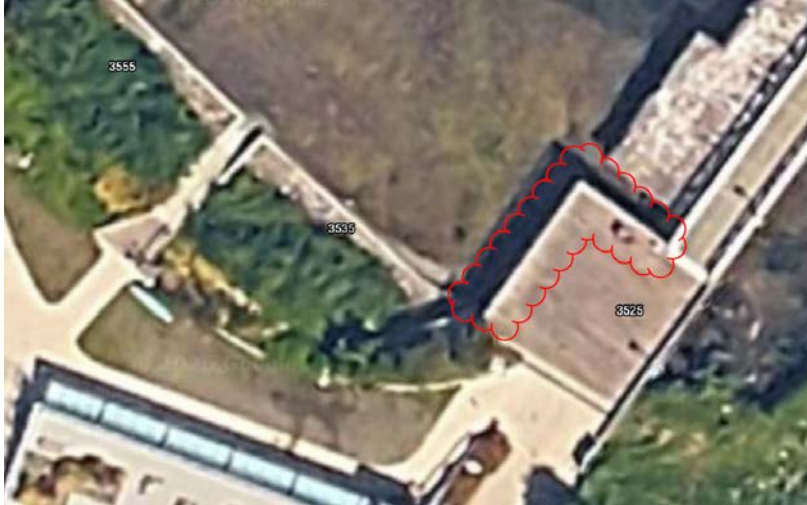
TO: Parks Commission
FROM: Jennifer Haro, Parks Manager
DATE: 6/25/2026
SUBJECT: Waterfront Alliance Art Proposal

The Waterfront Alliance has historically hosted a Chalk the Harbor art event, where the community uses sidewalks throughout downtown Gig Harbor to display chalk art done by all skill levels. This year's event is scheduled for August 15.

The Waterfront Alliance has proposed a new project this year, involving buoy art to honor the city's maritime and fishing heritage. The Waterfront Alliance has proposed putting the art permanently at one of our parks. After consulting with city administration, the place that we are encouraging it is at Ancich Park, as shown below.



AI image of art concept, provided by Gig Harbor Water Front Alliance



Preferred location for buoy art.

At the July 1 parks commission meeting, a representative from the Waterfront Alliance will be in attendance to explain the concept and answer any questions. Staff is seeking a recommendation on the concept from parks commission.