



**City of St. Helena
Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
Carnegie Building - Second Floor
1360 Oak Avenue**

PLEASE NOTE: Any person who wishes to speak regarding an item on the agenda or make a comment under the "Oral Communication" portion of the agenda may do so, but please observe the time limit of four minutes.

Members of the public or other parties are welcome to email their comments to the Staff Liaison, Ashley Sylvester at asylvester@cityofstheleena.gov. All public comments must be received three hours prior to the meeting. All other public comments received after the deadline will be attached to the item the next business day or soon thereafter. Public comments will not be read out loud but will be publicly available and attached to the online agenda.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
Commission Chair: Doug Boesch
Vice Chair: Vacant
Members: Julie Jenanyan, Denise Nelson, Stephanie Smithers, John Thompson
Staff Liaison: Ashley Sylvester, Recreation Manager
3. PUBLIC FORUM:
An opportunity for the public to directly address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are not listed on the agenda. Any person addressing the Commission should provide his or her name and address, and limit comments to four minutes. Because of restrictions imposed by the Brown Act, the Commission may not engage in substantive discussion, nor take action on matters not described on the agenda.
4. REPORTS BY STAFF AND COMMISSION
Reports by staff and/or commission on items of general interest. Brief questions for clarification may be posed and answered, and Commission may request that items be placed on a future agenda. Except under certain circumstances, the Brown Act prohibits any other discussion or action by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
 - 4.1. Welcome New Commissioner
 - Denise Nelson
 - 4.2. City Staff
 - Park Maintenance Update
 - Recreation Services Update
 - 4.3. Commissioners Update

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission or the public may ask that any items be considered individually for purposes of considering alternative action, for extended discussion, or for public comment. Unless that is done, on motion may be used to adopt all recommendation actions.
 - 5.1. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2025 3 - 7
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025
[Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes- 21 July 2025](#)
[Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes- 25 August 2025](#)
6. SCHEDULED MATTERS:
 - 6.1. Discuss and Consider Adoption of Commission Goals and Subcommittee Assignments for the 2025-26 Term 9
[2025-26 Goals and Committee Assignments](#)
 - 6.2. Discuss and Consider Adoption of Park Assignments for 2025-26 Term 11
[PRC 2025-26 Park Assignments](#)
 - 6.3. Harvest Festival Update and Nominations of Pet Pawrade Judges

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2025 at 5:30 pm, Carnegie Building, 1360 Oak Avenue.

This agenda was posted at City Hall, 1088 College Ave and 1360 Oak Avenue on 17 Sep 2025.

/s/ Ashley Sylvester

Ashley Sylvester, Recreation Manager

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**City of St. Helena
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July 21, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
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1. **Call to Order:** 5:32pm
2. **Roll Call-** The following were present:
 - Chair: Doug Boeschen, Present via Zoom
 - Vice Chair: Vacant
 - Members: Stephanie Smithers, John Thompson, Julie Jenanyan
 - Staff: Director of Community Services Dave Jahns, Recreation Manager Ashley Sylvester, Operations Manager Carlos Uribe, and Deputy City Manager Lesley Milton
 - Absent: Youth Commissioner Henry Ray
3. **Public Forum**
 - No Public Forum
4. **Reports by Staff and Commission**
 - 4.1 City Staff
 - Parks Maintenance Update
 - Recreation Services Update

Parks Maintenance

- Operations Manager Uribe, reported parks crew helped on Fourth of July with park prep, set up, during event help, and clean up
- Parks crew has been watering the new trees on main street and tree tunnel
- Currently working on distributing the new trash bins to parks
- Continued work on tree trimming, pruning, weed abatements, and adding mulch around parks
- They are currently working on and assessing the drip line at the skate park
- Deputy City Manager Milton added that they have been working on tree grants and looking at potential planting areas such as between Wappo Park and Crane Park
- Milton expressed that they are looking into more grants
- Commissioner Smithers asked about the impact on the parks for the Fourth of July. Uribe explained it is a lot less impact with no fireworks and that the hardest part was having Farmers Market and Fourth of July in the same day

Recreation Services Update

- Recreation Manager, Sylvester, explained that summer programs are in full swing
- Summer concerts at Lyman Park are growing in attendance, and will continue for 4 more weeks
- Recreation is working with Cameo on the Spanish Language Film Series

- Fourth of July pivoted to no fireworks, but it was filled with community celebrations
- Recreation department is currently working with the Police department to prepare for National Night out on August 5th from 5pm-8pm at City Hall
- Parks & Recreation Master Plan is underway, and Recreation is working closely with Blue Point
- Commissioners expressed how great the summer concerts are going and the increase in excitement
- Director Jahns expressed they are looking for more people to take the master plan survey
- Chair Boeschen asked about an update on porchfest, Director Jahns gave an update that council would make a formal vote for street closure in the next council meeting

4.2 Commissioners Update

- Commissioner Thompson mentioned he had great feedback on Recreation presenting at the City Council meeting, and would like to share with council every six months or so on what they are doing as a commission

5. Consent Calendar

5.1 -Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2025

- Commissioners requested a few changes on attendance verbiage
- Motion to approve: Thompson; Second: Smithers
 - Approved: Unanimous

6. Scheduled Matters

6.1- Preliminary Discussion on 25-26 Parks & Recreation Commission Goals, Subcommittees, and Park Assignment

- Director Jahns explained what the past assignments from last commission were and how they were decided
- Commissioners requested combining a few goals into one that seem to go hand in hand
- Commissioners discussed different options to add, remove and reword for the 25-26 goals
- Commission will finalize, assign and approve goals, subcommittees and park assignments at the next meeting

7. Adjournment 7:17pm

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Doug Boeschen, Commission Chair

Ashley Sylvester, Recreation Manager

**City of St. Helena
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Regular Meeting
Monday, August 25, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
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1. **Call to Order:** 5:31pm
2. **Roll Call-** The following were present:
 - Chair: Doug Boesch
 - Vice Chair: Vacant
 - Members: Stephanie Smithers, Julie Jenanyan (Present via Zoom)
 - Staff Liaison: Recreation Manager Ashley Sylvester, Operations Manager Carlos Uribe, and Deputy Director of Community Services Mara Strickler
 - Absent: Commissioner John Thompson
3. **Public Forum**
 - Tracy McBride expressed that near Signorelli there are a lot of dead branches, and wants to alert as it could be a safety concern. Also wants to come forward as someone who wants to get involved at Lewis Station.
4. **Reports by Staff and Commission**
 - 4.1 **City Staff**
 - **Parks Maintenance Update**
 - Corp yard is getting re-paved, they are working on organizing and gained a connex box to store parks items at Crane Park
 - Public works re-did the bathroom floors at crane park
 - They were also working on repairing the Hunts fence and are working on replacing trash bins
 - Commissioner Smithers inquired about a follow up about Deputy Director Milton's 100 tree donation. Uribe will look into it.
 - Chair Boesch asked about Meily turf, Uribe explained that the parks guys have given it treatment and it is now better as a result of the treatment
 - **Recreation Services Update**
 - Manager Sylvester gave an overall recreation update of the summer.
 - 4.2 **Commissioners Update**
 - Smithers expressed interest in writing grants if needed
 - Chair Boesch expressed the continuation of the Spanish Film series
 - Commissioner Jenanyan shared that she would like to do periodic Star Register information on Parks and Recreation to highlight the commission

5. Consent Calendar

- Minutes pushed to be approved at next month's meeting

6. Scheduled Matters

6.1 Report of Summer Programs and Special Events

- In house program ADC & After Care ran for 10 weeks with more participants this year
- There was an increase of programs, and longer weeks
- Programs and events this summer consisted of Community soccer night, 4th of July festivities, aqua aerobics, bocce ball, community swim night, National Night Out, pickleball, summer concerts etc.
- Commissioner Boeschen asked to see the participation numbers for the summer programs and also inquired about next year's Fourth of July, Sylvester explained that it is something that is still being discussed
- Commissioner Smithers asked if by November they can have a fourth of July information

6.2 Commission Goals and Subcommittees (no vote happenings)

Proposed Goals

- There were 4 goals proposed
 - Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - Communication & Outreach
 - Parks and Recreation Grants
 - Cross- Community Integration & Partnerships
- Ongoing Subcommittees
 - Arts & Culture
 - Equitable Recreation
 - Service Awards
- Commissioner Smithers would like to work on Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Communication and Outreach, and Parks and Recreation Grants
- Commissioner Jenanyan would like to work on the master plan advisory group, would also like to do communication and outreach
- Jenanyan expressed interest in working with Nimbus Arts and pickleball program grow
- Commissioner Boeche expressed interest in equitable Recreation and Service awards, and expressed that if needed can work on arts, but if someone feels more strong about it is okay with them doing arts

6.3 Parks Assignment

- Public Comment that there is a park that should continue to be a park on park assignments
- Chair Boeschen continue working on Crane East and will take Hunt
- Commissioner Jenanyan will work on Crane West

7. Adjournment 7:07pm

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Doug Boeschen, Commission Chair

Ashley Sylvester, Recreation Manager



ST. HELENA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2025-26 Goals and Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Assignments

1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Trails, Open Spaces, & Park Enhancement Strategy) (Smithers, Vacant)
2. Communication & Outreach (Smithers, Jenanyan)
3. Parks & Recreation Grants (*Vacant, Vacant*)
4. Cross-Community Integration & Partnerships (Vacant, Vacant)

Ongoing Subcommittees

- Arts & Culture (Jenanyan, Vacant)
- Equitable Recreation (Boeschen, Vacant)
- Service Awards (Boeschen, Vacant)

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ST. HELENA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2025-26 PARK ASSIGNMENTS

- Lewis Station, Wappo, Lyman Park, Jacob Meily
- Lyman Park, McCullagh, Stonebridge
- Crane, Hunt (Boeschen, Jenanyan)
- Lewis Station, Wappo
- Mary Fryer, Mennen, Starr Baldwin