

**PUBLIC WORKS AND PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 9:00 AM**- Meeting Adjourned:** 9:58 AM- **Next Meeting**: Scheduled for September 2nd

**Attendance** – **Roll Call (Board Members):** Samantha Childers, Sandie Miller, Mike Lucas, Janis Williams – **Blain Staff:** Gary McSpadden, Harpiar Ghandi

**Approval of Previous Minutes** – Four members voted “yes” to approve July’s meeting minutes, and the minutes passed unanimously.

**M+O (Management & Operations) Updates**

**2026 CIP Budget Discussion – Meeting Notes**

**Cain Creek Project**

* WSDOT is currently working on their project at Cain Creek.
* Harpiar to review and confirm which projects are included in the City’s budget.
* Question raised: Should Cain Creek be removed from the 2026 budget?

**Proposed Budget Adjustments**

* **Clark St. Parklet**: Proposed to cut entirely.
* **Martin St. Parklet**: 85% of the project has been removed. Remaining work may be completed later by in-house staff.
* **Cemetery Rock Building**: Recommendation to add to budget.
* **East Maple Ridge**: Further information is needed regarding development.
	+ $300K allocation would only cover basic infrastructure.

**Marine Park – Cost Estimates**

* **Total Estimated Cost**: $3.47 million.
* Discussion points:
	+ Options for cost reduction.
	+ Consideration of leaving the park as-is.
* **Vote Outcome**: 3 in favor of no development, 1 abstention.
* Harpiar to prepare recommendation for City Council.

**Downtown Revitalization Project**

* **Progress**: Demolition and utility work complete.
* **Concrete Work**:
	+ Step 1: Curbing.
	+ Step 2: Sidewalks.
* Project ahead of schedule; moving to **Phase II (H Street → G Street)**.
* **Community & Business Outreach**:
	+ Updates are shared on social media and local outlets.
* **On-Site Safety/Access**:
	+ 2 traffic and 2 site attendants are present to assist pedestrians and ensure business access.
* **Tree Updates**:
	+ New species selected (narrow growth, minimal branching).
	+ Harpiar to confirm life expectancy.
	+ Gary compiling photos of previous tree damage/disease.
	+ Tree grates with uplighting to be installed.

**Public Works Updates**

* Street Striping: Completed on Yew Street.
* Tree Maintenance: Ongoing.
* Water: Chlorination system underway.
* Sewer: Jetting of downtown corridor in progress.
* Meters: Maintenance progressing well.
* Road Closure: H Street (Allen → Harvey). Local access only; detour in place for homeowners.

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