

**City of Independence Parks Board Meeting**  
**Council Chambers**  
**February 20, 2025 – 6:00 pm**  
**DRAFT Minutes**

Present: Erin McIntosh (Chair), Jasper Smith (Member), Kristen Larson (Member), Jonathan Jay (Chair), Gerald Fisher (Public Works Director)

Excused Absence: None

Unexcused Absence: Nicole Sikes (Member), Barbara Cronin (Member)

Public Present: Gail Oberst

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes  
Minutes from January 16, 2025, approved.
4. Visitor/Public Comment: None
5. Staff Reports/Presentations: None
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. New Business:
  - 7.1 Wetland Education Stations – Gail Oberst. Ms. Oberst gave a presentation on the education stations. She requested Board members review the language provided and to email her with any suggestions within the next two weeks. Luckiamute Watershed Council representatives have already reviewed the language. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the project is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The project is fully funded by donations and is at no cost to the City.
8. Other Discussion/Information Items:
  - 8.1 Member Jay discussed an article in a nature periodical that talked about the benefits of trees in a community.
  - 8.2 Member Smith discussed an ad-hoc committee potentially being formed by members of the library board to look at issues that affect the library, museum, and parks. He stated that they are looking for two members from each board to be on the committee and he thought that the library board may have already voted on something related to the ad-hoc group.
9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned.