



# Clark County Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, August 12, 2025 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St, Vancouver, WA 98660**

**In Training Room 679 and Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

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**Board Members:** Jim Kautz, Janis VanWyhe, Teresa Meyer, Donald Meeks, Brandon Erickson, Jessica Barksdale, John Rafanelli

**Clark County Staff:** Amy Arnold, Ross Hoover, Susan Baxter-Harwell, Jennifer Coker, Lynde Wallick

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| <b>Ex-Officio Members:</b> | <b>School District Liaisons:</b> | Cale Piland (Evergreen)*,<br>AJ Panter (Vancouver)*<br>Rachel Best (Camas)* |
|                            | <b>Parks Foundation:</b>         | Tim Leavitt*                                                                |

**Guests and Others:** Kelsey Huwaldt, Antone Jamiel

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## 4:03 PM Call to Order

Jim called the meeting to order and Advisory Board members introduced themselves.

## 4:04 PM Administrative Actions

| Time    | Action Item                                                                                |
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| 4:04 PM | <b>MOTION BY:</b> Janis VanWyhe <b>SECOND BY:</b> Donald Meeks                             |
|         | <b>MOTION:</b> Motion to adopt Meeting Minutes for:<br><b>July 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes</b> |
|         | <b>DISCUSSION:</b> The Minutes have been approved.                                         |
|         | <b>IN FAVOR:</b> Unanimous <b>OPPOSED:</b> None <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None                     |

## 4:04 PM Public Comment

Ross discussed an email received from Brian Lind regarding his interest in property adjacent to his home on NE 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## 4:05 PM Manager's Report

Ross discussed the efforts regarding the regional funding topic and the other city's council meetings he has attended, indicating that the first meeting for the Task Team should be in early September 2025. He also discussed the goal of this Task Team, the next steps for public outreach, about selecting a consultant to perform market research and hold focus groups, and then to take information forward to Council for recommendations on how to proceed. Jim and Ross discussed the collaborative efforts with the City of Vancouver and Janis and Ross discussed the public outreach efforts and the Capital Improvement Plan adjustment that was made to accommodate the Task Team. Brandon, Ross, and Jenny also discussed what role the Advisory Board will play in this, and the types of feedback they have received.



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Ross discussed budget updates regarding the Capital Improvement Planning for 2026 and project updates regarding the ADA Transition Plan, the Design Standards for parks, the Asset and Inventory Condition Assessment, and the PROST Plan (Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails). Don and Ross discussed the types of trail development within the PROST Plan and Jim and Ross discussed the Design Standards and how they correlate to other city's plans.

Lynde discussed various project updates including the gravel at Hockinson Community Park on its disc golf course, updates regarding the development of Curtin Creek Community Park, and updates regarding the Heritage Farm Public Access Improvements project. Don and Lynde discussed the addition of restrooms and/or wet facilities at Hockinson Community Park, Lynde shared pictures of the structures and elements at Curtin Creek Community Park, and Lynde discussed site designs and travel development at Hazel Dell Community Park to connect to Heritage Farm. For a live stream view of the project updates at Curtin Creek Community Park, see the website here: [Curtin Creek Community Park | Clark County](#). Lynde also discussed the outcome of the Vancouver Farmers Market event and invited folks to the future public engagement events on August 19, 2025 at Stockford Village Neighborhood Park and on September 11, 2025 at the Salmon Creek Farmers Market.

Ross discussed the addition of a new Operations Superintendent, Susan Baxter-Harwell and Susan introduced herself and gave a brief background of where she worked previously.

## **4:37 PM Unfinished Business – Informational: Add more skate parks – Ross Hoover/Antone.**

Ross introduced Antone Jamiel, a teen/youth in the county that has ideas and thoughts about the future of parks. Antone introduced himself and indicated that he's a member of the Clark County Youth Commission. Antone discussed his presentation including the locations of the closest skate parks, the issues with using public transportation like the bus to commute to these parks, the benefits of having skate parks, proposed locations for where these can be added and the benefits of each site, and the community support he has received.

Don and Antone discussed the importance of the transportation system and how it needs to grow with the development of more parks; John and Antone discussed the locations of where this could be added; Jim and Antone discussed the costs of construction for this type of facility; and Janis and Antone discussed alternative methods of transportation.



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John also discussed the idea of combining a pump track and skate park together, depending on the available space and how that type of facility would offer more versatility, and Brandon discussed how busy the skate park was at the Yacolt Town Park.

Ross discussed the process of how to construct a skate park, what's included in the PROST Plan review, and that community engagement plays a key part in this. Ross also encouraged Antone and his friends to stay connected with us on this topic. Lynde introduced herself to Antone, shared the location of where another skate park is, at Tenny Creek Neighborhood Park, and discussed the prioritization process for development at NW 149<sup>th</sup> Street (Blueberry Park). Jessica also discussed having Antone participate in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.

Ross also discussed the idea of having a teen/youth member on the Advisory Board in the future and members of the Advisory Board supported this.

#### **4:54 PM New Business – Informational: Parks Tour for Sept meeting**

Ross discussed that the next Advisory Board meeting will be a Parks Tour to visit three sites where projects are actively happening – to Heritage Farm for the Public Access Improvements project and the Wetland Restoration project, to Curtin Creek Community Park for the development of this site, and to Harmony Sports Complex for the new parking lot there. Jim and Ross discussed the meeting location and that a charter van/bus has been rented to transport us all.

#### **4:56 PM Roundtable**

Janis discussed her support for Antone's presentation.

Jim and Amy discussed the recruitment status for the Advisory Board's vacancies and the next steps.

Brandon and Jessica discussed their availability with Lynde for future outreach events.

#### **4:59 PM Adjourn**

**Respectfully submitted, Amy Arnold**

## Amy Arnold

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**From:** Brian Lind <brian.m.lind@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 8, 2025 10:19 AM  
**To:** David Stipe  
**Cc:** Ross Hoover; Kevin Tyler; Denielle Cowley; Amy Arnold; Cnty Parks Advisory Board  
**Subject:** Re: Land Trade Proposal & Land Gain for Public Parks

**EXTERNAL:** This email originated from outside of Clark County. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning,

How's it going in regards to my proposal for trade and land gift for on 50th Ave?  
I haven't heard anything since last spring.

Kind regards,  
Brian Lind  
c: 763-442-7400

On Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 1:41 PM Brian Lind <[brian.m.lind@gmail.com](mailto:brian.m.lind@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Folks,  
I'm checking in to see where you're at in the process of evaluating my land trade proposal that was submitted April 25th.

Be well,  
Brian Lind  
c:763-442-7400

On Fri, Apr 25, 2025 at 2:24 PM Brian Lind <[brian.m.lind@gmail.com](mailto:brian.m.lind@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi David and members of the committee,

Thank you for your time in the matter I brought up regarding the property on NE 50th Ave. Please consider the following land trade proposal as I believe it addresses the county's concerns for precedent and benefits the county as the public would stand to gain additional land.

Kind regards,

Brian Lind  
c:763-442-7400













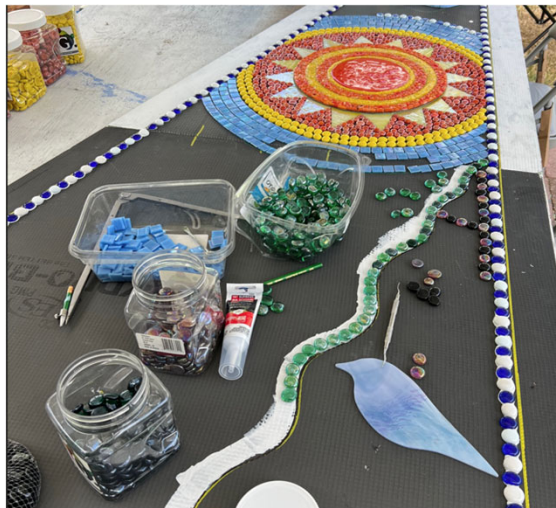
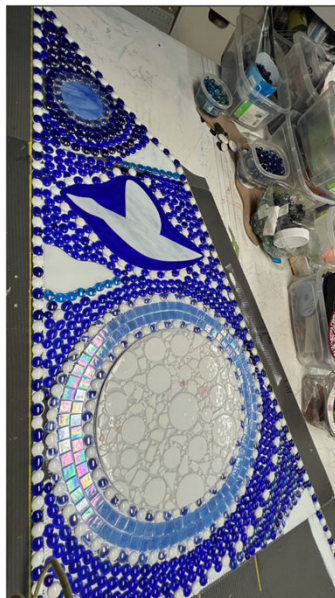
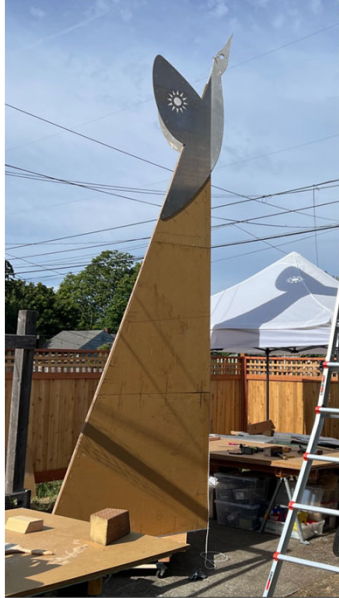














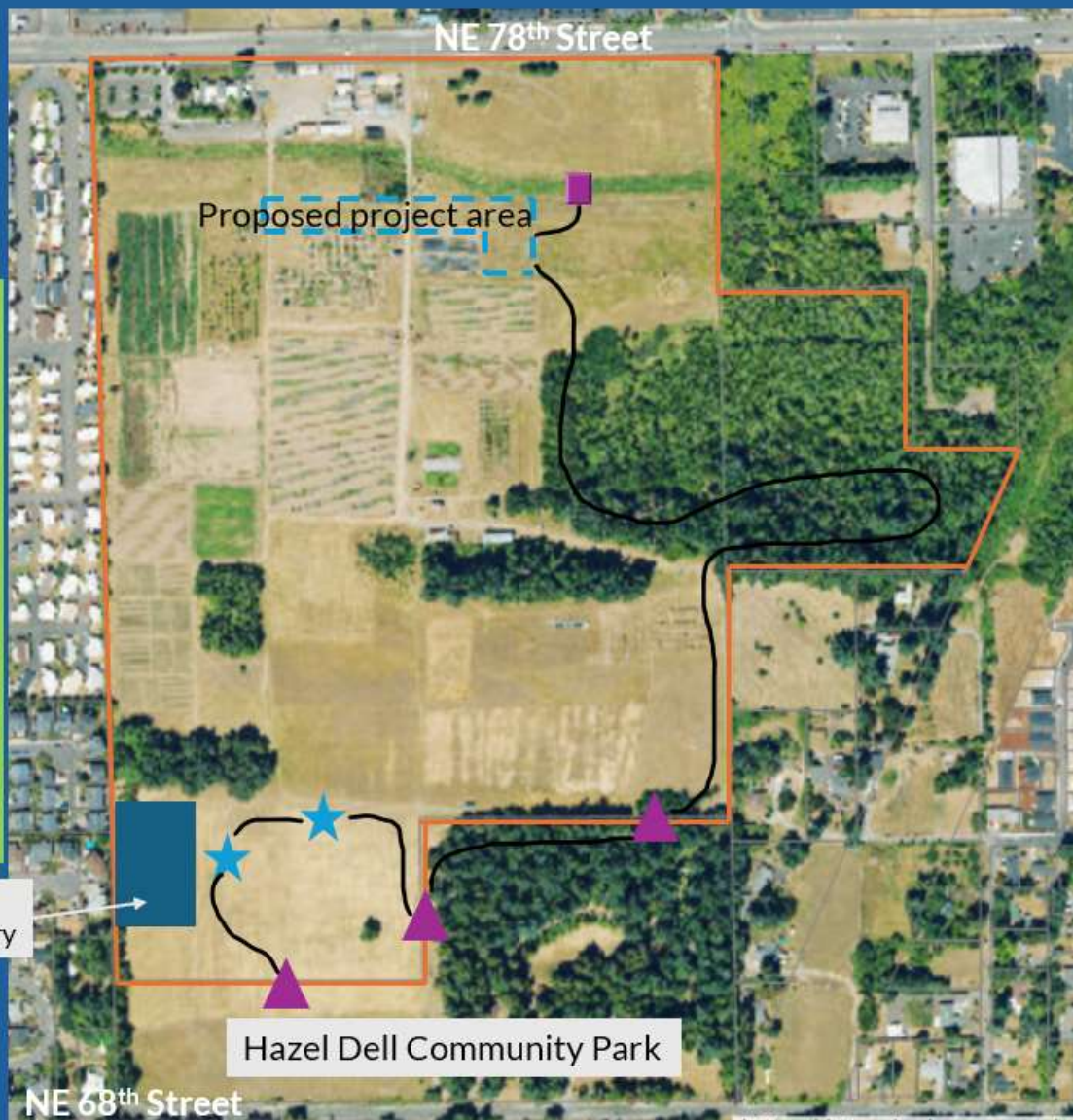
**Notes:**

- Scope within "Proposed project area" will include concept through construction.
- Trail outside of "Proposed project area" will include conceptual design for future development.
- Project will not disrupt existing community garden or historic cemetery.
- Project area is approximate.

- Property boundary
- - - Proposed project area
- Proposed recreational trail
- ▲ Trail connection point
- ★ Interpretive/viewpoint
- Boardwalk over wetland

Historic cemetery

Hazel Dell Community Park

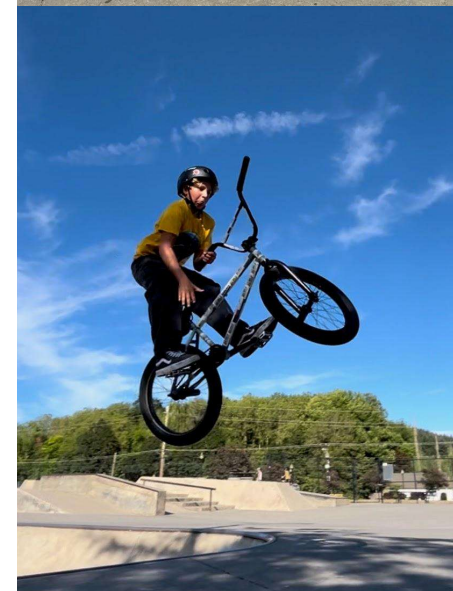




# Introduction

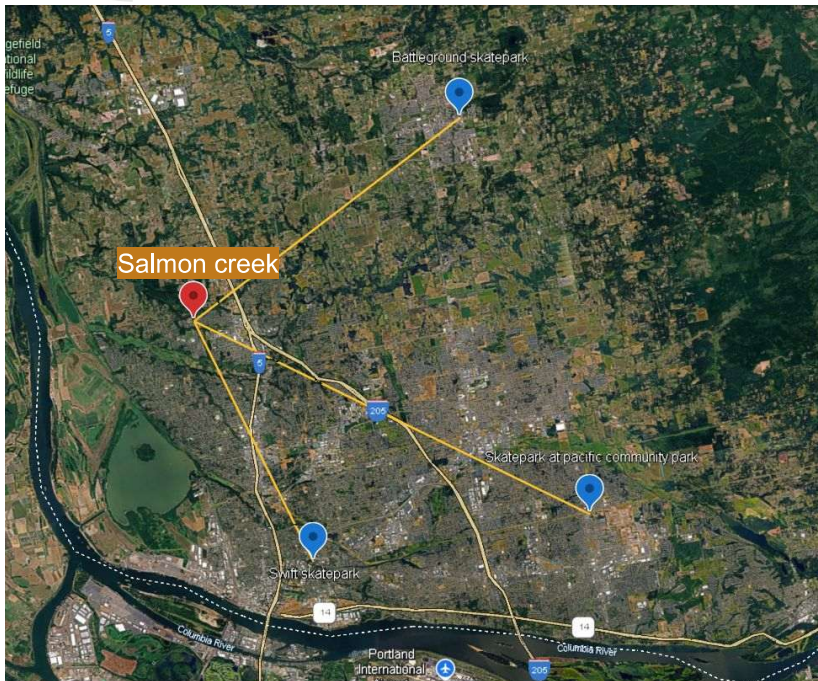
My name is Antone Jamiel

- iTech Preparatory
- 14 years old
- Member of the clark county youth commission
- Have skated since 2020
- Lived in salmon creek since 2012





# Current Skate Parks



**Swift skatepark**  
6.6 miles

**Battle ground  
skatepark**  
8.2 miles

**Skatepark at Pacific  
community center**  
10.9 miles

Distance shown as the crow flies\*



## Problems with current skateparks

- Too far from Salmon Creek
- Buses take a long time and can be hard to navigate
- Always a full day trip, which can be an issue schedule wise
- A lot of youth can't drive or find a ride to places
- Usually crowded, showing a demand during peak hours

  1:10 PM (Monday)— 2 hr 51 min  
4:01 PM  
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1:17 PM from NW 139th St & 10th Ct  
 14 min  
[Details](#)

To Battle Ground Skatepark\*

  1:10 PM (Monday)— 1 hr 23 min  
2:33 PM  
 >  009 >  025  
1:17 PM from NW 139th St & 10th Ct  
 8 min  
[Details](#)

To Marshall Skate spot\*



# Benefits of Skateparks

- Promotes Physical Activity
- Provides a Safe Space
- Builds Community
- Supports Youth Engagement
- Encourages Creativity and Skill-Building
- Accessible and Inclusive
- Reduces Property Damage
- Boosts Local Economy
- Potential for Youth Development Programs
- Gets kids outside, away from screens

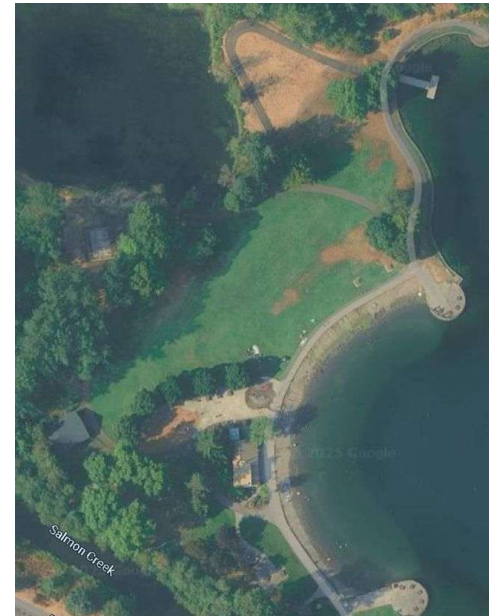
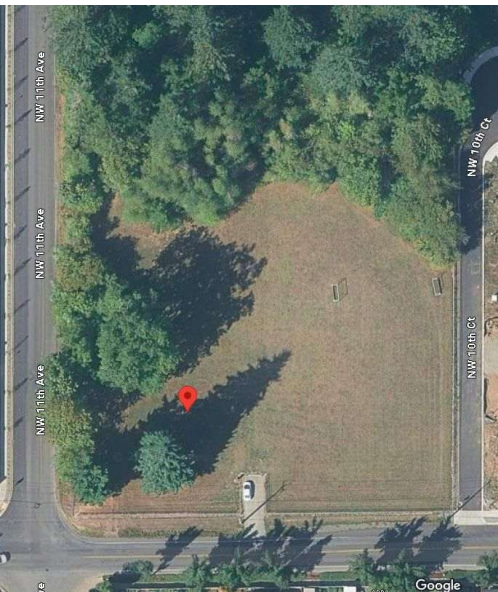






# Proposed Solutions

- Build a skatepark at 1014 NW 149th St
- Build a skatepark at Kline Park







## **Benefits of building a skatepark at 149th St vs Kline**

### **1014 NW 149th St**

- In a neighborhood with a large number of youth
- Between Salmon Creek and Ridgefield and both neighborhoods are expanding
- Next to multiple schools
- Vacant lot owned by the county

### **At Kline**

- In an already popular park
- There is some free space
- There are bathroom facilities and parking in place already
- More tree coverage for shade

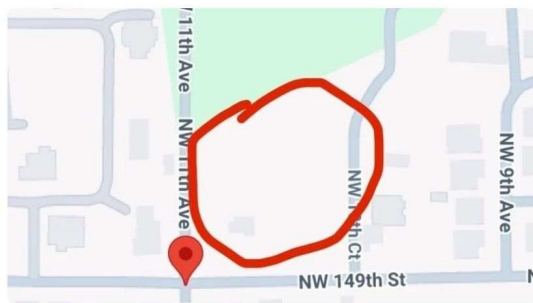




# Community support

## Petition with almost 90 local signatures

### Build a Skate Park in Salmon Creek, Vancouver WA



88<sup>+</sup>  
Verified signatures

Let's get to 100 signatures!

Petitions with 1,000+ supporters are 5x more likely to win!

**Sign this petition**

First name

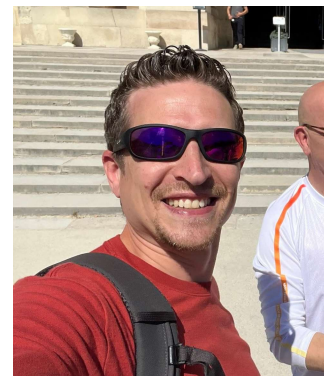
Last name



"I think it would be a great additive to salmon I mean the closest park to it is like tiny and it's nothing good but the closest real park is all the way in like battle ground or closer to downtown Vancouver." - Giovanni



I am a skateboarder in the salmon creek area I would thoroughly enjoy a skatepark that is local to me. It would help save on gas and lower emissions." -Adam Bereczki



"Having a local skatepark would allow Antone and his friends a close place to skate and do what they love. Coordinating rides with other parents can become difficult at times, so I fully support having a skatepark close by where they could improve their skills and have a great place to gather." -John Jamiel