



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 ~ 5:00 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Mark Dulin, Chair
Term Ends: 5/2027

Cary Erickson
Term Ends: 7/12/2026

Mary Dawn Kurtzbein, Vice Chair.
Term Ends: 1/2026

Lorna Shelton
Term Ends: 5/2027

Ray Sills
Term Ends: 3/29

Hallie Ralls
Term Ends: 3/29

Owen Sharp
Student Representative
Term Ends: 3/29 or upon graduation

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1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Parks Board Chair**
 - A. Roll Call
(must have 4 of 7 members present for a quorum)
 - B. Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2025
2. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**
(on non-agenda items)
3. **REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS & ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Thriving Communities Grant/Hub City Greenways Update
 - Briefing about the Main Street Corridor and Hayes Lake Trail Plan
 - Upcoming Engagement Events
 - Board discussion about members Hopes, Fears and Ideas for the project(s)
 - B. Hub City Greenways Trail Signage Update
 - C. Selecting two members to serve on Tree Subcommittee
4. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - Consider canceling the June meeting
 - Chair Dulin will be out for July meeting. Topic will be the Veteran's Community Park.
 - August meeting may be substituted for a tree board (subcommittee) meeting.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Please contact Community Development at 360-330-7662 or by email at ABuckler@cityofcentralia.com if you are unable to attend the meeting. Thank you.

1 **Centralia Park Board Minutes**

2 **Monday, April 14, 2025**

3 Time: 5:00 PM – 6:37 PM (approximately)

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5 **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – CHAIR MARK DULIN**

6 Chairman Mark Dulin opened the meeting officially at 5:00 pm.

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8 **A. Roll Call**

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10 **Members Present:** Mark Dulin (Chair), Mary Dawn Kurtzbein (Vice-Chair), Lorna Shelton, Cary Erickson, Ray
11 Sills, Hallie Ralls, Owen Sharp

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13 **Member Absent:** N/A

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15 **Also Present:** Amy Buckler, Deputy City Manager (Parks Director), Kyle Markstrom (Parks and Buildings
16 Operations Manager)

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18 **B. Approval of Minutes:**

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20 Lorna Shelton moved, seconded by Hallie Ralls, to approve minutes from February 10, 2025. All in favor.

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22 **2. Public Comments on non-agenda items**

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26 **3. Other Business**

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28 **A. Introduction of New Board Members**

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30 New and existing board members introduced themselves.

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32 **B. 2025 Parks Work Plan**

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34 Staff reviewed current (2025) parks priorities and what's in store for 2026. The information was received.

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36 **C. Hub City Greenways Update**

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38 Staff shared that it's looking like the City will receive a grant for the Hayes Lake Trail. The board provided the
39 following feedback:

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 - Future expansion of the trail could go around the lake
 - Be mindful of access for emergency services
 - Lighting will be key for safety
 - Police call boxes should be considered
 - Inquire with WDFW about stocking the lake

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46 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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48 The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

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Talking Points for Main Street Corridor and Hayes Lake Trail Plan

- City of Centralia was one of 52 communities (out of hundreds that applied) across the U.S. selected for participation in the US Department of Transportation's Thriving Communities Program (TCP). The program helps communities access federal funding for transportation infrastructure, part of which involves doing good planning and public engagement to advance transportation-related visions.
- City is working to advance the community's Hub City Greenways vision. At the heart of this vision is a taking advantage of inevitable growth to create positive change. Growing in a way that helps us maintain our small town feel and the community connections that are so important to us.
- Hub City Greenways is a long-term plan that is embedded in the City's Parks Plan, and soon in the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan. It will take several decades to fully implement, and will require that the City seek funding from a variety of sources at the local, state, and federal level.
- With this current project we are focusing on planning for the spine of the trail system, the Main Street Corridor and Hayes Lake Trail. This includes establishing a vision and strategies for Main Street Corridor Improvements and public feedback to inform the design for the Hayes Lake Trail project.
- City is focused on Main Street Corridor and Hayes Lake Trail at this stage because these are the spine of the envisioned trail system. They will serve to connect other trails in the system and key destination points within the City.
- Once developed, these trails will have many benefits:
 - Expand healthy recreation opportunities for people of all ages and abilities
 - Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety
 - Protect and restore the health and beauty of the city
 - Make Centralia more attractive for investment
 - Connect Downtown to Borst Park
- City won't do everything. Our goal with this planning is to set ourselves up to access larger grant opportunities, and to spur private investment in the corridor.

- Planning and implementing is an iterative process. A vision has a better chance of coming to life if developed through a strong public process. With a strong vision and subsequent planning and investment, actions by the public and private sectors overtime can build what is envisioned.

Main Street Corridor Plan.

- City is seeking public input to develop a plan for the Main Street Corridor.
- The Corridor is comprised of the existing streets of Main Street and Centralia College Boulevard between Pearl and Yew Streets.
- Within the next 6-10 years the City intends to complete streetscape improvements along Main Street that will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, aesthetics and opportunities for economic development.
- The public engagement process will help us develop the streetscape design, as well as design concept for a gateway to Centralia College. It will also help us identify the safest routes for pedestrian and bicyclists traveling from Yew St to the Hayes Lake Trail.
- While we want to improve opportunities for pedestrians and bikes, cars and buses will also be important modes of transportation in the corridor.
- Setting a vision and design frame for the Main Street Corridor may spur mixed use housing development, leading to a more vibrant corridor and helping the City meet its housing goals. We can also improve stormwater and China Creek.
- With this planning process, we will also identify strategies to advance economic development in the corridor. The technical assistance grant will provide a market study to identify commercial and residential real estate opportunities in the corridor.
- Public investment in the Corridor will be grant dependent, and our work with the Thriving Communities will support identifying grants that are aligned with our objectives.

Hayes Lake Trail.

- City is seeking public input to develop the design for the Hayes Lake Trail.
- The Hayes Lake Trail will be a 10 ft wide paved ADA-accessible joint use path to include pedestrian scale lighting, a boardwalk and trail signage, and extend from E Bridge Street to Borst Park, including access under the I-5 viaduct.

- Construction of the Hayes Lake trail will replace the need for pedestrians or bicyclists to cross the I-5/Harrison intersection when traveling east/west in the city. This will serve as an important safe walking route to school for students trying to access the High School or Middle School. It will also set the stage for the entire Hub City Greenways trail system by creating a key connection at the center.
- The trail will connect to the Borst Lake Trail expanding a popular walking path.
- The Trail will create an east/west connection that connects to Within the next three years the City intends to complete design, engineering and construction of the trail. *[pending grant funding – state decision in April/May when Gov signs budget]*

Hub City Greenways

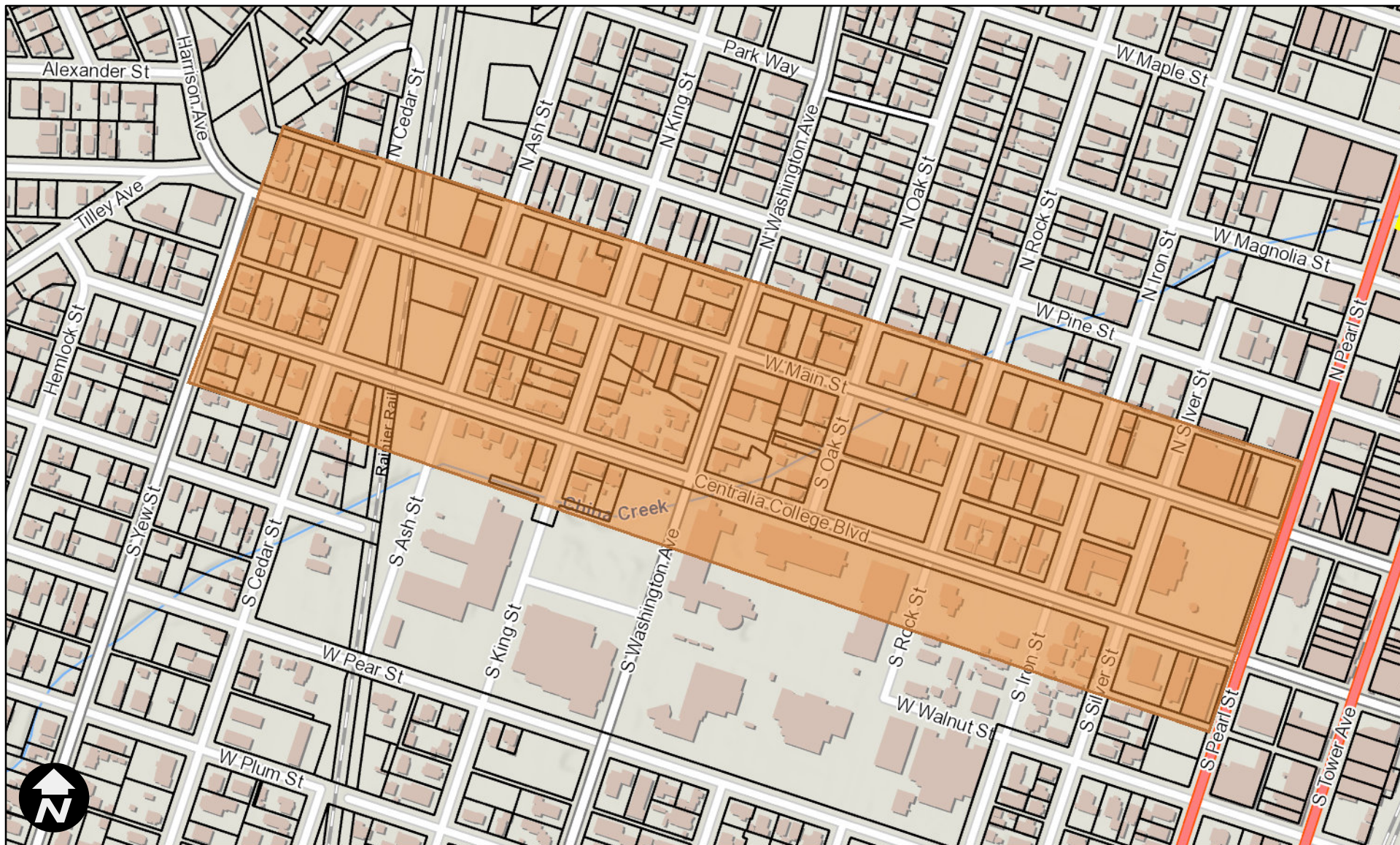
- Hub City Greenways is part of the long-term vision for Centralia and involves:
 - a connected trail system that winds throughout the city and links natural and recreation areas, neighborhoods and other key destinations, and
 - neighborhood hubs along the way that serve as places to connect and engage with one another
- Centralia is growing and we can take advantage of this growth to create positive change.
- Advancing Hub City Greenways can help us grow so that we maintain our small town feel and the community connections that are so important to us.
- Currently we are focused on planning and implementation of key trails in the system, but the neighborhood hubs are also part of our long-term vision.

Hayes Lake Trail

Date: 10/28/2024



Main Street Corridor



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 Parcels

 Parcels

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Hub City Greenway Trails Map



Date: 10/25/2024



Legend

- Neighborhood_Nodes
- China Creek Buffer
- I5 Centralia to Chehalis Trail
- Interstate5
- Future Westside Connector Road
- Rail/Road
- Centralia College
- Parks_OpenSpace2023

