



4/23/2026

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 210 W 6TH AVE**

6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Roll Call
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Welcome New Commissioners

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a.
 - Meeting Minutes: February 26, 2026, Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting

4. VISITORS

- a. John McIntosh-Col Park HWY Replica Signage

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a.
 - a. Facilities and Parks Tour – Discussion opportunity for new Commissioners to take a tour of the parks system. Date and time will be determined based on availability of Commissioners.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Work Plan Updates — Discuss any progress or updates on our current Work Plan

7. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

8. NEXT MEETING DATE: MAY 28, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. IN CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

9. CONCLUSION



Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES
Thursday February 26, 2026, 6:00 pm
City Hall Council Chambers



1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Commission Chair Ken Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Drea Myers completed a roll call.
- b. Commissioner Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parks and Recreation Commissioners, City Council Liaison, and Staff Present:

Commission Chair Ken Hahn	Brandon Lange, Recreation Manger
Commissioner Creek	Haley Pink, Recreation Supervisor
Commissioner Haffner	Chase Wharton, Events Supervisor
Commissioner Thornton	Drea Myers, Recorder
Commissioner Michelle Haffner	Jared Williams, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Martinez
Commissioner Villegas

2. HONORS & RECOGNITION

- a. NA

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Commissioner Haffner moved to approve the February 26, 2026 agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Thornton, the motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Commissioner Creek made a motion to approve the January 22, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Haffner, the motion was carried out unanimously.

5. VISITORS

- a. Luke -Came to advise the Commission of some upgrades they would like to see at Monopoly Park. The upgrades requested are swings, sidewalk extension and a community garden.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Workplan Discussion
 - *Staff and Commission went over the workplan to discuss a timeline on when the workplan items might be complete.
- b. Grant Program
 - *Events Supervisor went over a presentation regarding the fee waiver grant program the City of Kennewick is rolling out.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. N/A

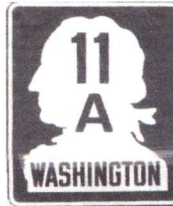
8. POLL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drea Myers, Recorder

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MEMORANDUM

February 17th, 2026

BY HAND DELIVERY

Dear Ms. Myers,

I am a 54-year resident of Kennewick, and I have been interested in local history; especially including our city's Parks and Recreation facilities.

This matter involves some little-known history. About 100 years ago, this year, the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO)¹ created the "First Interstate Highway System" known as the United States (U.S.) Route System. In an amazing example of interstate cooperation, the state highway engineers of the 48 states collaborated on a national basis to create and publish a national highway map for the first time showing the new US Route (federal) system. Washington state was included on the national map and Rand McNally, a map publisher, even issued an atlas. Prior to this time highways were named, not numbered. This revolutionary step changed our highways to a nationally numbered system with uniform signage and route markers.

This is particularly significant because Columbia Park contains one of the only original U.S. highway segments, using concrete pavement, still in existence in Washington. U.S. 410 was established in 1926 and routed through what is now Columbia Park before the nearby freeway was completed in 1951. I believe it was one of the first paved state highways in Benton County and is an official segment of the "Yellowstone Trail Route".²

I propose to honor this unique history with historically correct replica signage³ at key points in Columbia Park. I strongly believe this would be a

¹ Now known as the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

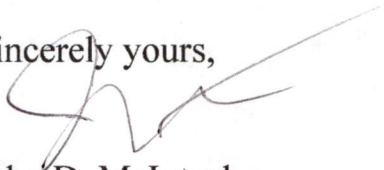
² See Yellowstonetrail.org

³ Attachment I shows a Washington State Highway Commission standard manual page depicting specifications for ca. 1926. Attachment II shows the US 410 route shield marker ca. 1926. Attachment III shows the "Historic Highway Program signage used in other states.

striking outdoor exhibit and enhance the experience of this historic site for visitors. It should include where appropriate, the "Historic Highway" route shield markers for US 410 shown in Attachment III.

I would respectfully request the opportunity to address the Commission on this proposal at your next available meeting.

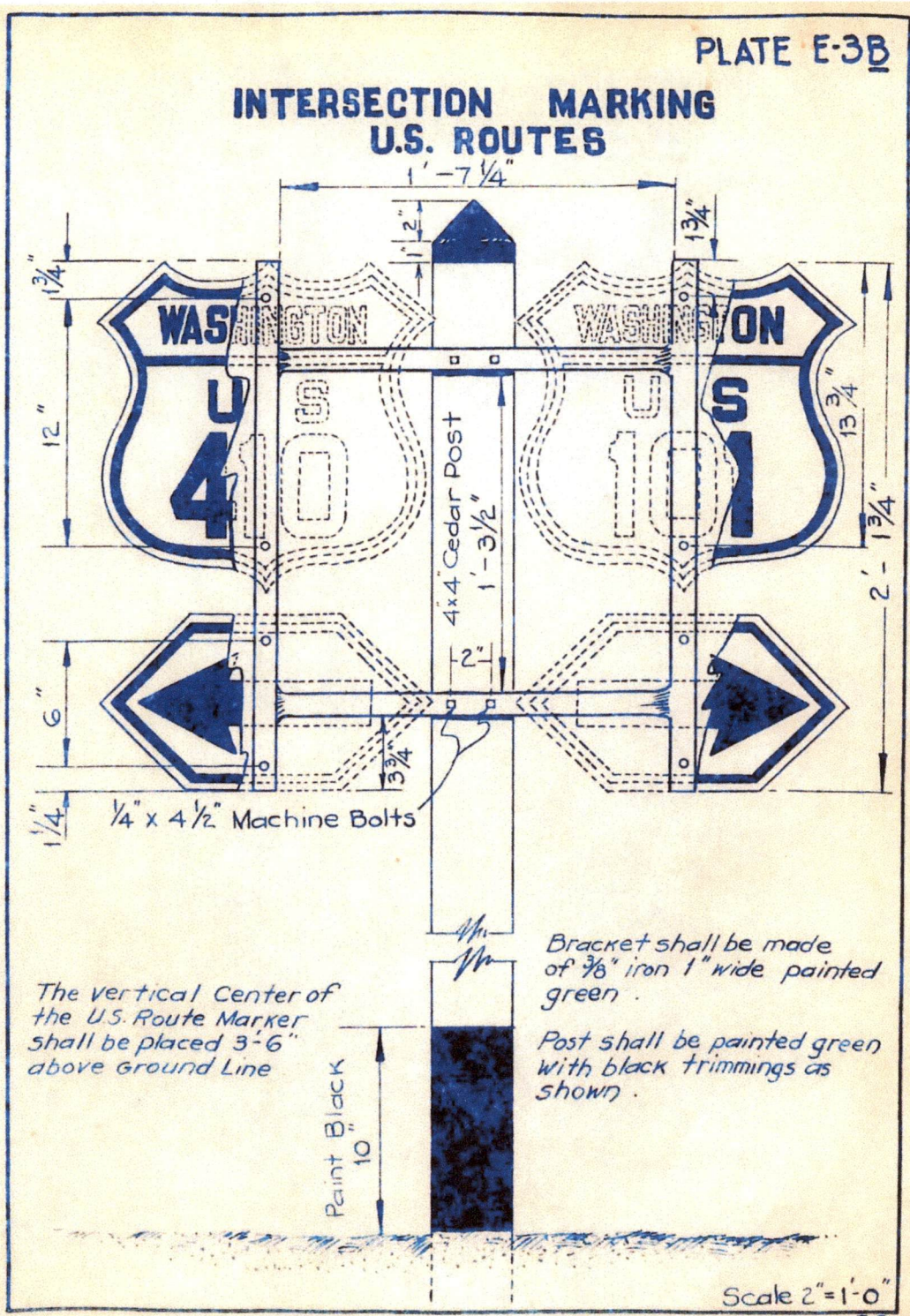
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. McIntosh", written over the "Sincerely yours," text.

John D. McIntosh

C: file

Attachment I





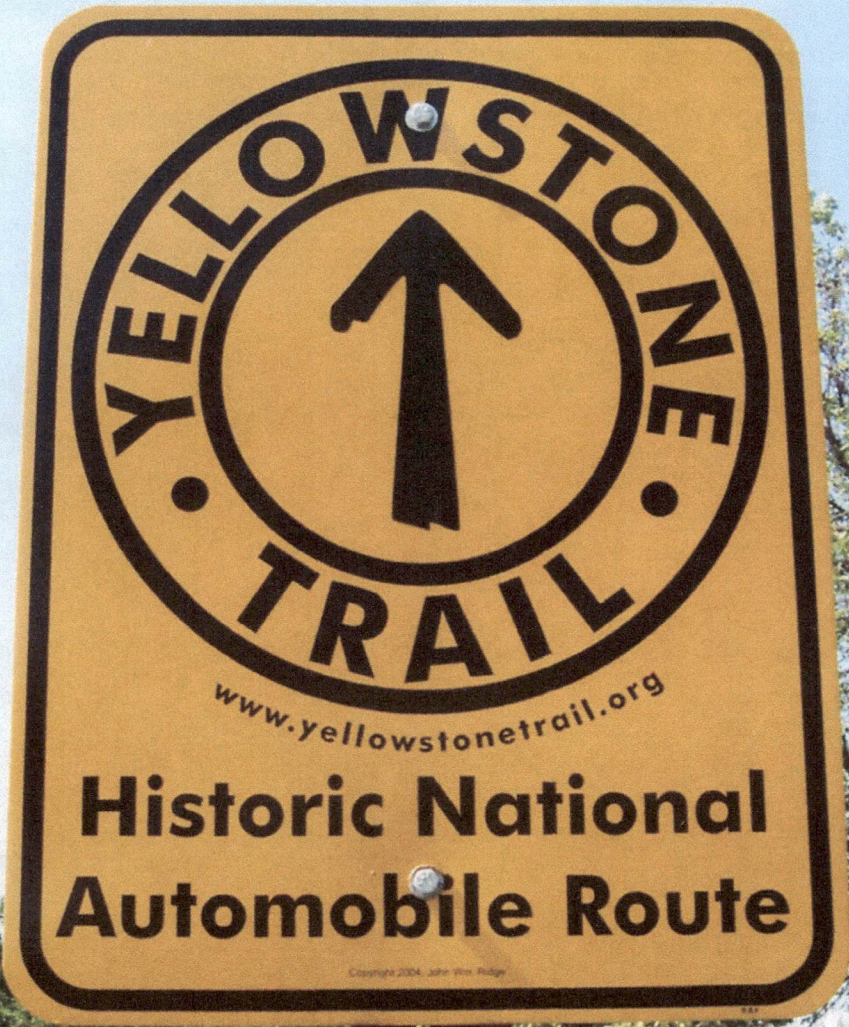
Attachment II



Attachment III. This is a sample of the “Historic Highway” program signage currently in use. It is proposed that former US 410 in Columbia Park and environs be so marked to promote visitor interest in local history. It should read US 410.



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2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan



COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA	Comp Plan	TASKS DESCRIPTION	COMMISSION LEAD	STAFF LEAD	PROGRESS
Community Safety	Enhance Community Safety Through Safe Parks	Park Assessments	All	Jared	April
		Review, assess, and recommend updates to facility and park safety environment.	Joe, Sergio	Jared, Haley, and Drea	Now
Responsible Government	Organizational Excellence and Financial Stewardship	Present to Council as needed.	Ken, Uby	Drea/Director	On going
		Solicit donations and research grant opportunities while providing input.	Michelle	Director/Brandon	March
Quality of Life	Leverage the Potential of Recreation as an Economic Driver	Community engagement (Arbor Day, NNO, Family Fun Day, Rec-2-U, 9/11, Veterans Day, Earth Day, Youth Basketball, etc.). Every Commissioner attends at least 1 event/program and Commission presence at all events.	All	Brandon/Drea	On going
		Support new recreation initiatives. Develop plan for advocacy to Council. - Pool	Ken	Haley/Director	Meet after council retreat
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	Maintain Recreation Infrastructure	Senior and Adult Programming Evaluations (KCC location).	Uby	Haley	Haley will reach out
Economic Development	Organizational Excellence and Financial Stewardship	Identify and recommend potential funding mechanisms for future recreational facilities.	Joe, Ken, Sergio	Director	Wait for Director
Infrastructure and Growth	Maintain Recreation Infrastructure	Assist with design of Columbia Park splash pad.	Michelle	Jared and Chase	Funding deficit
		Develop plan to add a minimum of 3 new dog park amenities.	Ken	Jared and Chase	Jared will reach out