



MINTUES FOR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (APRD)
ASHLAND SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)
October 12, 2026
ASHLAND SENIOR CENTER, 1699 HOMES AVE - 3:330PM

Advisors Present: Commissioner Gardiner, Johnson (Chair), Englehardt (Vice Chair)
Talbert, Toyokawa,
Staff Present: Deputy Director Dials, Manager Mettler, Coordinator Holt
Absent: Winner

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.
- II. **Opening** – Chair Johnson welcomed everyone.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Chair Johnson asked for approval of minutes from October 13, 2025. Motion by Talbert, 2nd Toyokawa. Johnson -Yes, Englehardt-Yes.
- IV. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA** – None
- V. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None
- VI. **BUSINESS**
 1. **APRC Liaison – Commissioner Mike Gardiner**
 - Commissioner Gardiner reported that the Winburn Way walking trail is being assessed for safety improvements, adding 2 handicap parking spots for Japanese Garden. Vote to move forward will be held at APRC Business Meeting on Jan 14, 2026.
 - Ice Rink is on track to open next winter.
 2. **Senior Services Division Manager Report – Manager Natalie Mettler**

Mettler highlighted the following in her Manager's report:

- Continuing increase in service statistics. Demand for Senior Service resources keeps increasing.

3. **Education Report – Senior Services Coordinator Holt**

- Continuing collaboration with Rogue Community Health, Bristol Hospice, Visiting Angels, Jackson County Library Service.
- Senior Center classes are near maximum capacity.
- Spring Tea Party with Bristol Hospice on March 11.
- Jackson County Library Services to expand classes about using their services.
- Central Point Parks and Recreation reached out to Ashland Senior Services about our Mah Jongg activity group; staff are exploration opportunities for collaboration between Central Point and Ashland Senior Centers.

4. **Draft Bylaws**

- Bylaws in line with City of Ashland policy for advisory committees.
- Vice Chair Englehardt motion to approve, Talbert 2nd. All voted yes. Bylaws are approved.

5. **2026 Plan for ASAC**

- Approval to bring back community partner presentations to ASAC meetings.

6. **Items from Committee Members**

- Commissioner Gardiner suggests election of officers at today's meeting.
- Chair Johnson continues, Vice Chair Englehardt continues. Motion by Talbert, 2nd Toyokawa.

VII. **Next meeting** – Monday, April, 3:30-5:00pm in person

VIII. **Adjournment** – 4:57pm

Respectfully submitted by Shannon Holt, Senior Services Coordinator, Ashland Parks and Recreation Department