



MINTUES FOR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
ASHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (APRD)
ASHLAND SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)
July 13, 2026
ASHLAND SENIOR CENTER, 1699 HOMES AVE - 3:30PM

Advisors Present: Commissioner Gardiner, Engelhardt (Vice Chair) Talbert, Winner, Acuña, Theobald

Staff Present: Interim Director Dials, Manager Mettler, Coordinator Holt

Absent: Johnson (Chair), Toyokawa

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Vice Chair Englehardt called the meeting to order at 3:31pm.
- II. **Opening** – Vice Chair Englehardt welcomed everyone.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. Vice Chair Englehardt asked for approval of minutes from January 12, 2026. Motion by Talbert, 2nd Theobald. Winner –Yes, Acuña–Yes, Talbert–Yes.
- IV. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA** – None
- V. **PUBLIC FORUM**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) **Linda Reid/ Montana Hauser – Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee (HHSAC)**
 - Reid and Hauser talked about the upcoming HHSAC Community Resource fair which will be moved to Bellview Grange due to expanding attendance.
 - Community Resource Fair will host approximately 50 organizations.
- VII. **PRESENTATION**
 - a) **Ashland at Home (AHH) – Barbara Talbert, President of AAH Board of Directors**
 - Talbert presented an overview of AHH services for older adult community members in Ashland and Talent.

Topics discussed:

- Age of volunteers. Tends to be older adults, but open to 18 and over.
- Cost of AHH services – \$300 annual
- Biggest need is transportation
- Types of services provided by AHH

VIII. BUSINESS

1. APRC Liaison – Commissioner Mike Gardiner

- Commissioner Gardiner reported that ADA parking and sidewalks for Japanese Garden and Butler-Perozzi Fountain are moving forward.
- Parks Division has identified and is working on mitigating tripping hazards.
- Upcoming Joint Meeting of Ashland City Council and Park Commission will discuss next biennium budget.

2. Senior Services Division Manager Report – Manager Natalie Mettler

Mettler highlighted the following in her Manager's report:

- Recent events and increased engagement.
- Former Superintendent Glatt is current featured artist in *Seniors Celebrating Creativity* art show.

3. Education Report – Senior Services Coordinator Holt

- Continuing collaboration with Rogue Community Health, Bristol Hospice, Visiting Angels, Jackson County Library Services.
- Ashland Senior Center will be hosting a Virtual Bucket List Tour with Virtual Reality this fall.
- Looking to host a panel or series of home health care providers.
- Piloting a new yoga series on strength and bone health with Committee Member Theobald.

IX. Next meeting – Monday, October 12, 3:30-5:00pm in person

X. Adjournment – 4:58pm

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