

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
April 7th, 2026

Chair Kazmira Herberger called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. on April 7th, 2026, at Mayors Riverfront Park.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Kazmira Herberger, Isabela Ballez, Rachel Hughes-Nilsson, Karen Wellman, Elizabeth Kraatz, Riley Nilsson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Patrick McVerry, Deidrean Barrett

Commissioner Liaison: Chris Praedel

Introduction of Guests: Adopt-A-Park applicant Jessica Cortes from El Concilio

Changes to the Agenda: None

Special Presentations:

Approval of Minutes: Rachel Hughes-Nilsson motioned; Kazmira Herberger seconded for unanimous approval of the March meeting minutes.

Old Business:

1. Youth and Family Paddle 2026 – Event is scheduled for July 11. Activities include kayaking, scavenger hunt, and educational programming. Staff coordinating logistics including registration visibility and vendor participation (ice cream vendor pending licensing confirmation). Event timing adjusted based on previous attendance trends (July preferred over August).
2. 2026 World Migratory Bird Day – Event continues to expand significantly in scope. Multiple partners and organizations participating (approx. 17 organizations and 10 artists). Coordination efforts include cross-promotion with other local events and outreach to community groups.

New Business:

1. Board Applicant – Seth Chapman – Motion to approve Seth Chapman as a board member. Motion passed unanimously pending Commission approval.
2. Parks and Recreation Millage Discussion – Board discussed potential future millage initiative. Key considerations included determining legal capacity for board involvement, understanding financial impact, identifying priority projects and funding

Chair