

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
May 6th, 2026

Chair Kazmira Herberger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 6th, 2026, at Mayors Riverfront Park.

Roll Call:

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Patrick McVerry

Commissioner Liaison: Chris Praedel

Introduction of Guests: Kim Steele – The Community Learning Hub through Ripple Effects Community Inclusion Center. Sarah Van Hyfte – Assistant City Attorney. David Marquardt – Deputy City Manager

Changes to the Agenda: None

Special Presentations: None

Approval of Minutes: April meeting minutes will be approved at the June meeting.

Old Business:

1. Youth and Family Paddle July 11, 2026 – Board discussed event planning updates, including registration, event layout, scavenger hunt coordination, vendor placement, and volunteer responsibilities. Staff and board members coordinated logistics for activity stations, information tables, and participant engagement.
2. World Migratory Bird Day May 16, 2026 – Board discussed event updates and partnerships with participating organizations. Updates included craft activities, vendor coordination, and promotional materials. Additional discussion included community participation, educational programming, and event setup.

New Business:

1. Bronson Park Lease – Discussion regarding the Bronson Park lease was postponed until June meeting.

Event Recommendations: None

Adopt-A-Park Applications:

1. Applicant for Henderson Tot Lot – Kim Steele for The Community Learning Hub through Ripple Effects Community Inclusion Center. Applicant presented plans for community engagement, beautification efforts, and park stewardship activities. Available support was reviewed including tools, materials, and volunteer coordination. Board approved adoption of Henderson Tot Lot.

Comments:

Citizens: None

Commission Liaison: None

Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report: Update provided regarding upcoming events, and department programming.

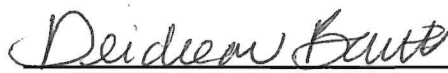
Staff: None

Board Members: Board members shared updates regarding upcoming events, environmental programming, and outreach opportunities.

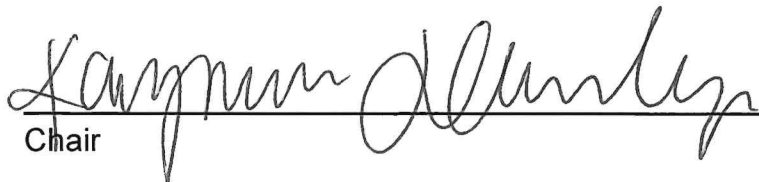
Adjournment: 7:13 p.m.

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Spring Valley Park.

Respectfully submitted by Deidrean Barrett, Recording Secretary

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Recording Secretary

 6/2/2026

Chair