



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

5:30 PM City Hall 1201 Leopard St. Basement Training Room.

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Lindsey called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

Present: 8 - Linda Lindsey, Adam Rios, Thomas Cronnon, Jay N. Gardner, Mark Borgeson, Ariana Jones, Jeremy Berry, and James Lehnert

Absent: 3 - Joan Adams-Wolfe, Joe De La Paz, and George Woods

B. Public Comment: None.

C. Approval to Excuse Absences: None.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [25-0339](#) PRAC Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2025

A motion to approve the minutes listed above was made by Mike Lehnert and it was seconded by Mark Borgeson. The motion passed.

E. Director's Report

2. [25-0340](#) Parks & Recreation Updates for November 2025

Robert Dodd, Director of Parks & Recreation, updated PRAC on the following items:

- Amenities at Regional Parks for Special Populations
- Grants & Contracts Coordinator
- Rancho Vista Park Playground
- Commodore Master Plan
- Lighting at Bill Witt Dog Park
- Ribbon cutting for the Helicopter at Sherrill Park
- TRAPS Lunch & Learn event in August
- TRAPS South Region Workshop event in September

To assist PRAC with their Strategic Planning process, Mr. Dodd also provided information regarding future projects and the Departments accomplishments towards installing park amenities.

F. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [25-1570](#) Discussion Regarding PRAC Priorities/Goals for FY26

The following three goals were identified by PRAC as high priority for their Strategic Planning purposes:

1. Park Improvement Recommendations:

- Trash Cans/Benches at Waldron Park (around new parking lot)
- Increase shade and seating areas
- Increase Adopt-A-Park participation
- North Beach Beautification
- Playground upgrades for accessibility and special populations in each district

2. Recommendations for Additional Hours of Operation for Bill Witt Aquatic Center:

- Lap Pool: Sept. to Nov.; Feb. to May - Mon/Wed/Thurs - 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- During Spring Break
- During Weekends: Easter to Memorial Day; Memorial Day to end of September.

3. Recommendations for Hike/Bike Trails (Improvement/Awareness):

- Path from the North side of North Beach to Eco Park
- Path from Yorktown Boulevard/Roddfield Road to Flour Bluff Drive

A motion to approve the specific goals listed above was made by Jay Gardner and it was seconded by Mike Lehnert. The motion passed unanimously.

4. [25-1571](#) Discussion Regarding a Possible Resolution for Expanding Operating Hours at Bill Witt Aquatic Center

Chair Lindsey began the discussion by asking Committee members to describe the type of input they have received from city residents regarding Bill Witt Aquatic Center. The consensus seems to be that there is some confusion about operating hours. There is a common sentiment that with the Pool being a new, multi-million dollar facility with great amenities, the public should have access on a more frequent basis. To prepare for a possible Resolution to expand operating hours, Chair Lindsey requested Staff provide budget data to reflect the cost of providing lifeguard services during the recommended alternative schedules (described in item #3).

It was clarified that there is a difference in lifeguard service between the lap pool and the recreational pool. PRAC's intention is to promote additional hours for the lap pool and additional hours for the recreational pool during Spring Break/weekends after the Easter Holiday. She asked if Staff could strive to have the requested information available prior to their next meeting in November.

G. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

ISAC: Jay Gardner provided updates to the following topics.

- Proposed skate park at Billish Park (TIRZ funds)

Marina/Water Shore: Jonathan Atwood provided updates to the following topics.

- Beach Management Plan Review (Beach Nourishment)
- Marina Fuel Station
- CIP Projects

H. Future Agenda Items

- Beach Wheelchairs
- Portable Restrooms at Oso Wetlands Preserve
- Special Populations Amenities
- Grant Subcommittee

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.