



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

5:30 PM

City Hall 1201 Leopard St. Basement Training
Room.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee shall advise the City Council as to all public parks and the buildings therein, public outdoor recreation areas and centers, and any other grounds placed under its purview by the City Manager.

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

B. Public Comment

Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to speak at the Committee meeting. When addressing the committee, please give your name/address & state your point as briefly as possible. Please be advised that the Open Meetings Act prohibits the board members from responding to or discussing your comments at length. The law only authorizes them to do the following:

- 1) Make a statement of factual information;*
- 2) Recite an existing policy in response to the inquiry; or*
- 3) Advise the citizen that this subject will be placed on an agenda at a later date.*

C. Approval of Absences: Adam Rios

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [26-0049](#) PRAC Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes08-Jan-2026-03-43-47](#)

E. Director's Report

2. [26-0077](#) Ex-Officio Updates - Brook Kaufaman, President & CEO, Visit Corpus Christi

F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [25-1571](#) Resolution for Expanding Operating Hours at Bill Witt Aquatic Center

Attachments: [Bill Witt Resolution - Approved - ac edits \(002\)](#)
[Staff Response-PRAC Resolution Bill Witt Aquatic Cntr](#)

4. [25-1898](#) Discussion Regarding Holly Train Trestle to Tourism Trail

Attachments: [Holly -Train Trestle](#)

G. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

5. [25-1872](#) Approval of the 2025 PRAC Annual Report
6. [26-0050](#) Discussion Regarding PRAC Recommendations for Bond 2026

H. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

- *Island Strategic Action Committee*
- *Water Shore & Beach Advisory Committee*
- *Pedestrian & Bicycle Connectivity Subcommittee*
- *Adopt-A-Park Subcommittee*
- *PRAC Strategic Action Plan Subcommittee*
- *Grant Subcommittee*
- *Marina Advisory Committee*

I. Future Agenda Items

J. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 10, 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.

B. Public Comment: None.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. [25-0339](#) PRAC Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2025

A motion was made by Joe De La Paz to approve the minutes listed above and it was seconded by Jeremy Berry. The motion passed.

D. Director's Report

Robert Dodd, Director of Parks & Recreation, gave department update regarding hike/bike trail projects and portable restroom requests at the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve; sports field use agreements.

Chair Lindsey brought up a recommendation to acknowledge former, long standing PRAC members who have served the Committee. She would like to invite them back to a PRAC meeting to ceremonially show appreciation for their service. A motion to support this effort was made by Mike Lehnert and it was seconded by Jay Gardner. Staff said they will begin coordinating this effort.

E. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

2. [25-1571](#) Resolution for Expanding Operating Hours at Bill Witt Aquatic Center

PRAC discussed tabling this item for their December 10, 2025 meeting since PARD was unable to provide a Staff response to their proposed Resolution. Mr. Dodd ensured PRAC that a response will be submitted prior to their next meeting for their review in preparation for action at the January 14, 2026 meeting. A motion to table this item to the January 14, 2026 meeting was made by Thomas Cronnon and it was seconded by Mike Lehnert. The motion passed.

F. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [25-1871](#) Approval of the 2026 PRAC Meeting Calendar

A motion to approve the 2026 PRAC meeting calendar was made by Thomas Cronnon and it was seconded by Joe De La Paz. The motion passed.

4. [25-1872](#) Approval of the 2025 PRAC Annual Report

No action was taken on this item as it was for informational purposes.

5. [25-1898](#) Discussion Regarding Holly Train Trestle to Tourism Trail

PRAC began discussion with questions regarding the project scope. Specifically the type of potential amenities to be included along with the trestle trail. Local Flour Bluff groups such as the Flour Bluff Business Association have had discussions regarding the scope of the project. These group discussions have focused on recommending minimal amenities and prefer that the addition of restroom facilities or a parking lot would negatively impact the surrounding area.

Public input was obtained as this project was part of Bond 2022 elections to fund the design and it is currently in the design phase (60%). Once the project is fully constructed it will become a Parks & Recreation asset. Staff said this project is still in the early phases and there is opportunity for more public input. Further discussion took place regarding the potential for additional public funding for amenities as plans are conceptual. PRAC requested that they receive continued updates on this project. No action was taken on this item.

G. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

ISAC - Jay Gardner:

- Island Mobility Plan to be approved in January.
- Distribution of Information on Beach Access Wheelchairs.
- Discussed the Proposed Beach Parking Permit fee increase.

WBAC - Jonathan Atwood, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation

- Beach Management Plan was approved.
- Discussed the Proposed Beach Parking Permit fee increase.
- Chair Elections were held.

H. Future Agenda Items

- Bond 2026
- 2025 PRAC Annual Report
- Proposed PRAC Resolution to Expand Bill Witt Pool operating hours.
- Holly Trestle Trail

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

WHEREAS, \$12.2 million was approved by the voters for the Bill Witt Aquatic Center in 2022 demonstrating a clear public desire for recreational swimming opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Bill Witt Aquatic Center opened to the public on May 23, 2025, and operated at or near capacity during both lap and open swim hours until the end of the summer pool season;

WHEREAS, the Bill Witt Aquatic Center is currently not included on the schedule for any extended hours during the “off season;” and

WHEREAS, the members of the City of Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee have received multiple requests for extended hours at the Bill Witt Aquatic Center during the “off season” months.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee requests that the City of Corpus Christi City Council consider the following recommendations for keeping the Bill Witt Aquatic Center open to the public beyond the traditional summer pool season and for recovering costs for the same.

Recommendation #1:

That the Bill Witt Aquatic Center remain open for lap swimming during the Winter Season on Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.

Recommendation #2:

That a utilization fee be charged for access to all pools open for either lap or recreational swimming during the **Winter Season** to assist in cost recovery for the extended hours and that payment of this fee shall grant access to any pool open on the same day.

Recommendation #3:

That the Parks and Recreation Department explore the possibility of a system wide “Monthly Pass” or “Season Pass” for individuals who would utilize the facilities extensively during the **Winter Season**.

Recommendation #4:

That the Bill Witt Aquatic Center be included in the Spring Break lap pool schedule for 2026 and beyond and that, during Spring Break week, open swim hours should be free to the public.

Recommendation #5:

Beginning the first weekend of April 2026, the lap pool at Bill Witt will be open during weekends to include Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, weather permitting, until regular summer hours begin during Memorial Day weekend.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 202____.

Linda Lindsey, Chair



January 6, 2026

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

City Staff Response to the Proposed Resolution to Expand Operating Hours at the Bill Witt Aquatic Center

For Review at the January 14, 2026 PRAC Meeting

Members of the City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee have received much input from the community requesting extended hours at the Bill Witt Aquatic Center during the “off season” months.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee request that City Council consider the following recommendations to keep the Bill Witt Aquatic Center open to the public beyond the traditional Summer schedule and for recovering costs for the same:

Recommendation #1:

That the Bill Witt Aquatic Center remain open for lap swimming during the Winter Season on Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.

Recommendation #2:

That a utilization fee be charged for access to all pools open for either lap or recreational swimming during the Winter Season to assist in cost recovery for the extended hours and that payment of this fee shall grant access to any City-owned and operated pool open on the same day.

Recommendation #3:

That the Parks and Recreation Department explore the possibility of a system wide “Monthly Pass” or “Season Pass” for individuals who would utilize the facilities extensively during the Winter Season.

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That the Bill Witt Aquatic Center be included in the Spring Break lap pool schedule for 2026 and beyond and that, during Spring Break week, open swim hours should be free to the public.

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Beginning the first weekend of April 2026, the lap pool at Bill Witt will be open during weekends to include Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, weather permitting, until regular summer hours begin during Memorial Day weekend.

City Staff Response

The Parks & Recreation Department do not recommend opening the Bill Witt Aquatic Center for Winter operations due to staffing limitations and budgetary constraints. Winter operations would require an additional \$20,000 in staffing costs. Currently, the Department does not have any budgeted funds for these staffing costs. The hiring and onboarding of five part-time employees would require additional time.



HOLLY TRAIN TRESTLE

Flour Bluff Town Hall Meeting
November 10, 2025



Project Description

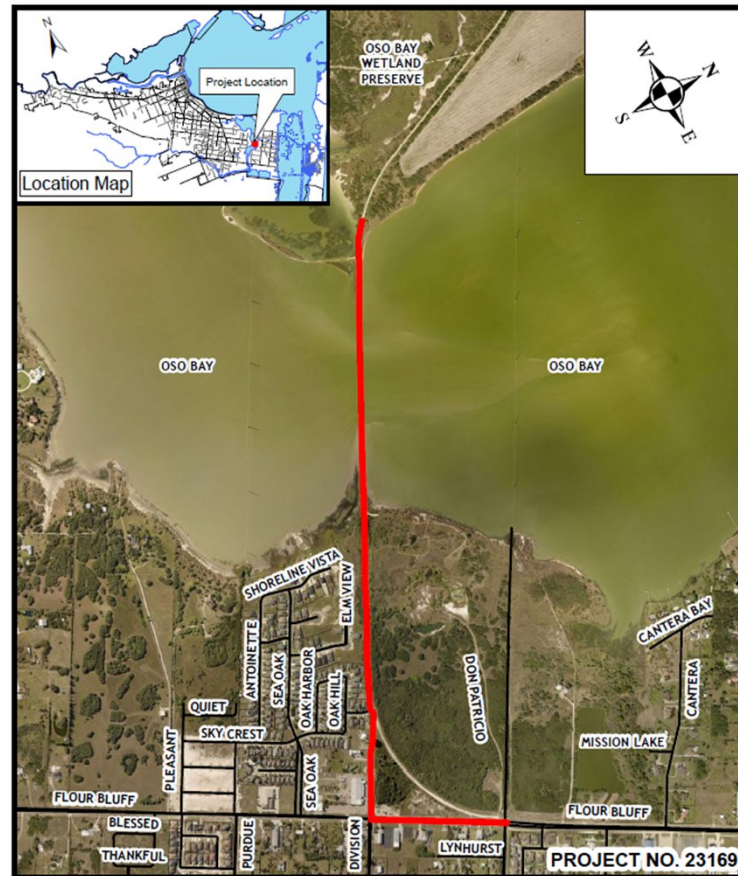
HOLLY TRAIN TRESTLE

The project involves design and construction of a 15-foot-wide shared-use path from the existing path on the west side of Oso Bay along Division Road to Flour Bluff Drive, and along Flour Bluff Drive from Division Road to Don Patricio Road, and a pedestrian bridge across Oso Bay using existing pilings from the abandoned train trestle bridge. The trail across the bay will be approximately 0.67 of one mile.



PROJECT MAP

HOLLY TRAIN TRESTLE



Project Funding History

HOLLY TRAIN TRESTLE

- Voters expressed support for this project when they approved the 2022 Bond Package that included \$500,000 for the preliminary design and investigation to convert the damaged railroad crossing to an ADA-accessible hike and bike trail
- Project was awarded \$13,577,158 by Texas Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program under the 2023 Call for Projects. \$11,797,839 is for construction and \$1,779,319 is for State direct and indirect costs. The Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the TXDOT was authorized by City Council in April 2025.
- City is responsible for all other soft costs such as design and permitting, city is responsible for any overage
- Design cost is funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) interest money in an amount of \$1,300,000 in April 2025 City Council meeting



Project Current Status

HOLLY TRAIN TRESTLE

- Freese & Nichols (FNI) is the engineer, authorized by Council in May 2025
- Professional services cost \$1,263,059.00 – professional services include detailed design of the trestle, bid, and construction administration
- Project is currently at 60% design



Project Design Includes

HOLLY TRAIN TRESTLE

- Construction of the 15-foot trail
- Lighting improvements
- Water line installation
- Parking lot
- Storm drainage system
- Updated signage and signalization

Additive Alternates (TBD based on the funding availability)

- Kayak Launch
- Fish Cleaning Station



Project Cost

Item	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
Base Bid 1 - 60% Submittal OPCC					
SUBTOTAL PART A - GENERAL (ITEMS A1 THRU A17)				\$	426,300.00
SUBTOTAL PART B - STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ITEMS B1 THRU B33)				\$	930,400.00
SUBTOTAL PART C - TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS (ITEMS C1 THRU C18)				\$	5,549,800.00
SUBTOTAL PART D - TRESTLE IMPROVEMENTS (ITEMS D1 THRU D11)				\$	1,285,900.00
SUBTOTAL PART E - ADA IMPROVEMENTS (ITEMS E1 THRU E8)				\$	65,800.00
SUBTOTAL PART F - LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS (ITEMS F1 THRU F5)				\$	522,700.00
SUBTOTAL PART G - I.T. IMPROVEMENTS (ITEMS G1 THRU G6)				\$	258,100.00
SUBTOTAL PART H - SIGNALIZATION IMPROVEMENTS (ITEMS H1 THRU H32)				\$	265,000.00
SUBTOTAL PART I - STORM WATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (ITEMS I1 THRU I12)				\$	154,000.00
SUBTOTAL PART J - PARK SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS (ITEMS J1 THRU J6)				\$	18,700.00
SUBTOTAL PART K - LAND ACQUISITION (ITEM K1)				\$	300,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT BASE BID (PARTS A THRU K)				\$	9,777,000.00
CONTINGENCY (15%)				\$	1,466,550.00
YEAR 2027 CONSTRUCTION ESCALATION (17%)				\$	1,662,090.00
TOTAL PROJECT BASE BID (PARTS A THRU K + CONTINGENCY AND ESCALATION)				\$	12,905,640.00
SUBTOTAL PART L - ADDITIVE ALTERNATE NO. 1 - KAYAK LAUNCH (ITEMS L1-L8)				\$	159,600.00
SUBTOTAL PART M - ADDITIVE ALTERNATE NO. 2 - FISH CLEANING STATION (ITEMS M1-M5)				\$	123,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT ADDITIVE ALTERNATES NO. 1 & NO. 2 (PARTS L & M)				\$	282,600.00



PROJECT SCHEDULE

HOLLY TRAIN TRESTLE

2025 - 2026	2026	2026 - 2027
June - March	April - July	August - November
Design	Bid/Award	Construction

Project schedule reflects City Council award for design in June 2025 with anticipated construction completion by August 2027





Thank you!

