



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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 Minutes

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

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes02-Dec-2025-01-52-49](#)

D. Director's Report

E. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

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

Attachments: [Bill Witt Resolution - Approved - ac edits \(002\)](#)

F. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

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

Attachments: [2026 PRAC Meeting Calendar](#)

4. [25-1872](#) Discussion Regarding the 2025 PRAC Annual Report

Attachments: [PRAC Annual Report 2024](#)

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

G. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

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

H. Future Agenda Items

I. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 12, 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, Joe De La Paz, Jay N. Gardner, Mark Borgeson, Jeremy Berry, and James Lehnert

Absent: 3 - Joan Adams-Wolfe, George Woods, and Ariana Jones

B. Public Comment

Shirin Delsooz, District 5, addressed the Committee and spoke to trail connectivity (3-mile route) through Brockhampton Park. She believes that constructing a trail through the park would provide traffic relief around Staples Street/Saratoga Boulevard, especially during weekday mornings/afternoons when children are being picked up from nearby schools. She believes creating a trail (shortcut) through the park will provide safer/faster options of travel by connecting neighborhoods; is beneficial/logical as it would connect access to schools, a public library and commercial nodes.

C. Approval to Excuse Absences: George Woods, Joan Wolfe and Joe De La Paz

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

D. Approval of Minutes

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

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

E. Director's Report

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

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

- Marina Projects
- Beach & All Terrain Wheelchairs
- 2026 TRAPS Conference

- Sherrill Park
- Rancho Vista Park Playground
- Amenities for Special Populations

F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

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

At the last meeting in October, Chair Lindsey requested Staff provide budget data for the personnel (Recreation Coordinators/Lifeguards) during their recommended alternative schedules. Based on PRAC's recommendations regarding operating hours during Spring Break, Staff believes it is not feasible to open the recreational pool but it may be more feasible for the lap pool. Staff also provided recovery cost data to assist PRAC with their recommendation regarding utilization fees.

In preparation for this agenda item, Chair Lindsey and Vice Chair Cronnon provided draft recommendations for the Committee's deliberation. After analyzing Staff's data, the Committee agreed upon the following recommendations:

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.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cronnon to approve the initial recommendations listed above and it was seconded by Jeremy Berry. The motion passed. For the next meeting in

December, the Committee plans to finalize their recommendations upon a second reading based on an official Staff response.

G. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

Grant Subcommittee - Jay Gardner mentioned that he met with the PARD Grant Coordinator and discussed upcoming initiatives for a trail at Bill Witt Park.

ISAC - Jay Gardner: He stated that with the upcoming approval of the Island Mobility Plan in January, PRAC could also incorporate components of the Plan to assist with Strategic Planning for trails.

Mark Borgeson updated the Committee on the upcoming Sports Facilities Companies (SFC) Sports Feasibility Presentation sessions.

H. Future Agenda Items

- 2026 Bond Recommendations
- 2026 PRAC Meeting Calendar
- PRAC 2025 Annual Report

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 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.

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

Linda Lindsey, Chair

2026 Meeting Calendar
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
(Second Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m.)

City Hall - 1201 Leopard Street

January	1/14/2026
February	2/11/2026
March	3/11/2026
April	4/08/2026
May	5/13/2026
June	6/10/2026
July	7/08/2026
August	8/12/2026
September	9/09/2026
October	10/14/2026
November	11/11/2026
December	12/09/2026

Regular meetings shall be held monthly at the Committee's discretion.

Special meetings may be held by call of the Chair, or Vice-chair in the absence from town of the Chair, or by any three (3) members.



City Board, Commission & Committee

Annual Report to City Council

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

1. State the goals and objectives for the 2024 calendar year.

1. Through interactive communication w/a variety of community groups, present ideas, budgeting thoughts, & feedback to parks & recreation staff concerning past, present, and future action items.
2. Be a community supporter of parks & recreation programming through interactive communication and physical participation.
3. Increase Adopt A Park Involvement by rewriting program requirements & promoting program to the community.
4. Facilitate staff in hiring more beach lifeguards by supporting their recruiting efforts.

2. Description of the action taken in furtherance of the goals and objectives during the 2024 calendar year.

1. Involvement of PRAC committee on setting monthly agenda.
2. Encouragement of community groups to speak at "public forum" during monthly PRAC meetings.
3. Begin Budget discussion w/community members & staff beginning in April.

3. Did the Board make recommendation to Council? If so, what did they recommend?

1. PRAC recommended an increase in pay for beach lifeguards.
2. PRAC requested & received Mayor/council recognition to 12 Adopt a Park participants.

4. What are the goals and objectives for the 2025 calendar year?

1. Increase Adopt a Park participation through recognition, signage, & community promotion at four events w/a goal of 50 additional parks adopted.
2. Enhance opportunities & facilities for people w/disabilities @ a minimum of one park in each district.
3. Explore the expansion of hike & bike opportunities.
4. Provide additional resources for community accessibility & knowledge of hike & bike trails to the community.

5. How many times did the board meet or failed to meet?

Every month except October, when director & main staff were at national convention.

6. How many vacancies did the board have and for how long?

There were four vacancies throughout the year w/all being filled except one which will be filled in April.

Approved by Committee:

Linda L Lindsey

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For Department Head Only:



I have reviewed the report as submitted by the Board Chair. (Please check to confirm.)

Comments (Optional):