



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.