



## Meeting Minutes

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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Wednesday, May 14, 2025

5:30 PM

City Hall, Basement Training Room

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#### A. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

**Present:** 9 - Linda Lindsey, James Lehnert, Adam Rios, Thomas Cronnon, Joan Adams-Wolfe, Joe De La Paz, George Woods, Mark Borgeson, and Christopher Hegg

**Absent:** 2 - Shawn Flanagan, and Jay N. Gardner

#### B. Public Comment

Will at 1314 Miami Drive addressed the Committee and spoke to Bill Witt Park. He stated that the park is in need of more lighting and more lighting around the dog park. He said the park is very dark during the evening hours, especially during the winter months when it gets darker sooner.

#### C. Approval of Absences: Thomas Cronnon, Mike Lehnert & George Woods

A motion was made by Joe De La Paz to approve the absence of George Woods and it was seconded by Chris Hegg. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Adam Rios to approve the absence of Mike Lehnert and it was seconded by Joe De La Paz. The motion passed.

The absence for Thomas Cronnon was not approved/excused as he requested not to be considered because he did not give prior notification.

#### D. Approval of Minutes

1. [25-0339](#) PRAC Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2025

A motion was made by Joan Wolfe to approve the minutes listed above and it was seconded by George Woods. The motion passed.

#### E. Director's Report

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

Robert Dodd, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave the following updates:  
- Bill Witt Aquatic Center Ribbon Cutting

- Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park Helicopter Project
- Summer Splash Pad Schedule (Weekends Only)

Interim Assistant Director, Jonathan Atwood, also gave an update regarding ongoing Marina projects.

After the report concluded, the Committee discussed City splash pads. Concern was raised regarding the Summer schedule and how it may be best to keep them operating Tuesday through Sunday rather than just the weekends. Mr. Dodd had explained that Leadership made the decision to reduce operating hours for the Summer season due to the ongoing drought.

A motion was made by Mike Lehnert recommending that City splash pad remain at full operating hours during the Summer season and not just weekends only. The motion was seconded by Adam Rios and the motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion took place regarding the Summer schedule for Bill Witt Aquatic Center. Mr. Dodd stated that after the end of the season, Leadership would reevaluate the possibility of a "year round" schedule.

#### **F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action**

##### **3. [25-0159](#) Discussion Regarding Proposed Parks & Recreation Budget Initiatives/Priorities for FY26**

Mr. Dodd gave details regarding the Department's budget requests for FY 2026 which included items for maintenance/operation costs for Hillcrest Parks/T.C. Ayers Aquatic Center, Beach Parking Permits (printing costs), Athletic Maintenance (Phase II), Networked Controllers for pools/splash pads, CDBG Engineering Projects and the development/maintenance of a connectivity trail system. Discussion took place regarding opportunities the Department could undertake to increase revenue as a way to help offset the budget deficit. The Department may look into increasing rates for the After Hour Kid Power program (Summer); the Committee inquired about raising the fee for beach parking permits. As a new source of revenue, a suggestion was also brought up regarding the addition of a strategically placed golf driving range located on the south side of the City. No action was taken on this item.

#### **G. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports**

Adopt-A-Park: Metal signage has been acquired for parks that have been adopted. Goal is to have an additional 50 parks adopted by the end of the year.

Chair Lindsey mentioned that the subcommittee for the PRAC Strategic Action Plan will commence in September 2025.

#### **H. Future Agenda Items**

- Visit Corpus Christi CEO

**I. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.