

**Bastrop Parks and Recreation / Public Tree
Advisory Board Agenda**

**Bastrop City Hall City Council Chambers
1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 332-8800**



September 03, 2026

Agenda - Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board at 5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

3A. Consider and act to approve Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes from Thursday, August 6, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Submitted by: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

4. REPORTS

4A. Receive a report on the operations and projects of the Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Update

Submitted by: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

4B. Receive a report on the operations of the Bastrop State Park.

Submitted by: Nathanael Gold, Bastrop and Buescher State Parks Complex Superintendent

4C. Receive a report on the Bird City Coalition

Submitted by: Luke Thompson, Bird City Committee

4D. Receive a report on the Master Gardeners.

Submitted by: Joni Groom, Master Gardners

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Receive and discuss the Veterans Memorial

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

5B. Discuss and consider TxDOT Grant Application

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

5C. Discussion on Parks Projects

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

6. ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, www.cityofbastrop.org and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: August 26, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/Sandy Holder
Sandy Holder, Pard and PW Technician



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2026

TITLE:

Consider and act to approve Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes from Thursday, August 6, 2026 Regular Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Section 551.021 of the Government Code provides as follows:

(a) A governmental body shall prepare and keep minutes or make a tape recording of each open meeting of the body.

(b) The minutes must:

1. State the subject of each deliberation; and
2. Indicate the vote, order, decision, or other action taken.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider and act to approve Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes from Thursday, August 6, 2026 Regular Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- N/A

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD**August 6, 2026**

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council meeting room, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Margaret Robinson, Jim Beggs, Luke Thompson, Rick Rivera, Deborah Jones, and Nathanael Gold. Ex-Officio Member Joni Groom was present. Council Member Cynthia Sanders-Meyer was present. Staff present were Parks and Recreation Director Jason Alfaro and Public Information Officer Colin Guerra.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m. Chair Deborah Jones called the meeting to order.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen Janis Cook discussed pest control at the Bastrop Dog Park and concerns related to chemicals used. Director Alfaro informed Citizen Cook that chemicals harmful to mammals would not be used.

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

3A. July minutes needed revision and will approved at the September 2026 Parks Board meeting.

4. REPORTS**4A. Parks & Recreation Report**

Report was given by Parks and Recreation Director, Jason Alfaro.

4B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Lost Pines State Park Complex Superintendent, Nathanael Gold.

4C. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Luke Thompson, Bird City Committee

4D. Master Gardner Report

Report was given by Joni Groom, Master Gardners

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**5A. Discuss and consider TxDOT Grant Application**

No action taken.

5B. Discussion on Term Limit Reappointments

Item was discussed. No action taken.

5C. Discussion on Parks Projects

Items were discussed, no action taken.

5D. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKPLAN

Items were discussed, no action taken.

Member Margaret Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm. Member Rick Rivera seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Chair, Deborah Jones

Secretary, Nathanael Gold



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2026

TITLE:

Receive a report on the operations and projects of the Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Update

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Review the City of Bastrop Parks & Recreation monthly operational and project report

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks & Recreation Operations Project Report

PARKS:

Item 4A.

Parks Crews Power washed the restrooms, worked the dirt and shredded at Mayfest before Homecoming. Cleaned up after Homecoming.

Parks Crews started removing the khaki weeds and stickers by hand from the Dog Park.

Parks Crews removed and replaced banners at Banner Plaza.

The Parks team pulled up khaki weed at Bark Park.

The team power-washed the outlook at Riverwalk.

The team repaired the gate at the Pine St. lot.

The team trimmed vines and leaf-blew the Riverwalk.

The team installed pavilion lock boxes at Fisherman's.

The team watered trees and picked up broken limbs in all parks.

The team sprayed for bees at Bob Bryant Park.

The team trimmed trees on Pine St.

The team planted trees at Bob Bryant Park.

Parks Crews completed a work order from WWW to remove a tree from Bob Bryant Plant

Parks Crews replaced the restroom door at Bob Bryant Restroom.

Parks Crews power washed the Pavilion at Delgado Park.

Parks crews painted and covered the graffiti at Hunter Crossing.

Parks Crews assisted in installing solar lights this week at the Dog Park.

Parks crews performed normal maintenance at the parks and shredded Pecan Park areas.

Parks Crews completed 4 work orders for picking up trash, dumped couches and mattresses in Hunters

Crossing, on Hwy 71 by Wendy's and on Old Austin Hwy.

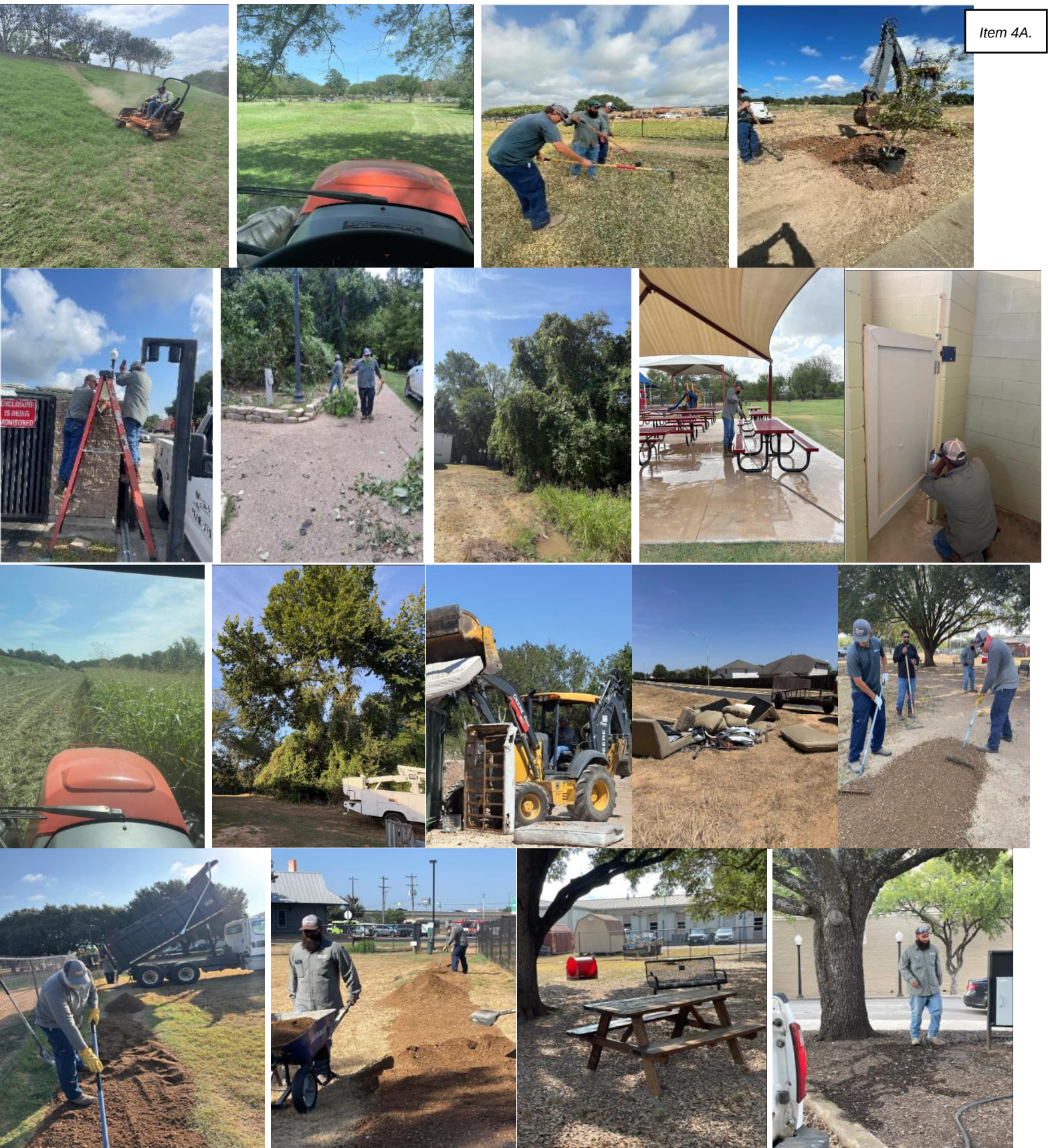
Parks Crews installed new picnic tables and worked adding granite to the walking trail at the Dog Park.

Parks Crews were busy watering all the parks trees to help them through this horrible heat.

Parks crews added some new planters' pots to Main St.

Parks Crews were busy picking up trash along the highway.







STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2026

TITLE:

Receive a report on the operations of the Bastrop State Park.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Nathanael Gold, Bastrop and Buescher State Parks Complex Superintendent

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Review the Bastrop State Park monthly operational report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the Bastrop State Park monthly operational report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bastrop State Park Monthly Operational Report

It has been a hot August so far here at the Lost Pines Complex, but our visitors are still out enjoying the parks.

Lost Pines Complex visitation data through July 2026:

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Park Name	YTD Fiscal Year 2026	YTD Fiscal Year 2025	Increase/Decrease	Percentage inc/dec
Bastrop SP	129,689	123,503	6,186	5%
Buescher SP	47,389	54,063	-6,674	-12.3%
Complex Totals	177,078	177,566	-488	-0.2%

We continue to see an increase in visitation at Bastrop SP while Buescher SP continues to see a decrease in visitation. We still believe that the decline in the Buescher SP visitation is due to the heat this summer. Bastrop SP has air conditioned cabins and full hookup RV sites while Buescher does not. Due to the lack of rainfall, the lake at Buescher is low and has not been as big of a draw for our visitors as in past years.

- The Texas A&M Forest service along with a contractor are continuing work on a shaded fuel break along Park Road 1C between Bastrop and Buescher State Parks. This project will create a shaded fuel break that will serve as a barrier should a wildfire start in the area and allow for more visibility making it safer for visitors traveling on the roadway.



Before Treatment



After Treatment

- The Bastrop State Park pool had a great season and has served 8,046 people so far this pool season; this does not include visitation numbers for City of Bastrop pool activities. Due to lifeguard numbers, the pool is now only open on Saturday and Sunday. The last day of the 2026 pool season is Monday, September 7th.

Have a great rest of the week.

Thanks,
Robbie

Robbie Boyer
Site Manager
Buescher State Park
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Cell: 512-718-7425



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2026

TITLE:

Receive a report on the Bird City Coalition

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Luke Thompson, Bird City Committee

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Review staff Bird City Coalition Report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Bird City Coalition Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2026

TITLE:

Receive a report on the Master Gardners.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Joni Groom, Master Gardners.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Monthly Review of the Master Gardners Report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Master Gardners Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- N/A



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2026

TITLE:

Receive and discuss the Veterans Memorial

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The Bastrop Cultural Arts Commission invites sculptors to submit designs for consideration for a Veterans Memorial Sculpture. Bastrop has a large community of Veterans, and the Commission seeks to honor the memory of fallen soldiers through the timeless beauty of iconic art. The Commission requests that the image of Julius Thomas (the first Bastropian killed in the Vietnam war) be included in the memorial sculpture. Possible Location Next to the American Legion building at Mayfest Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Veterans Memorial Proposal

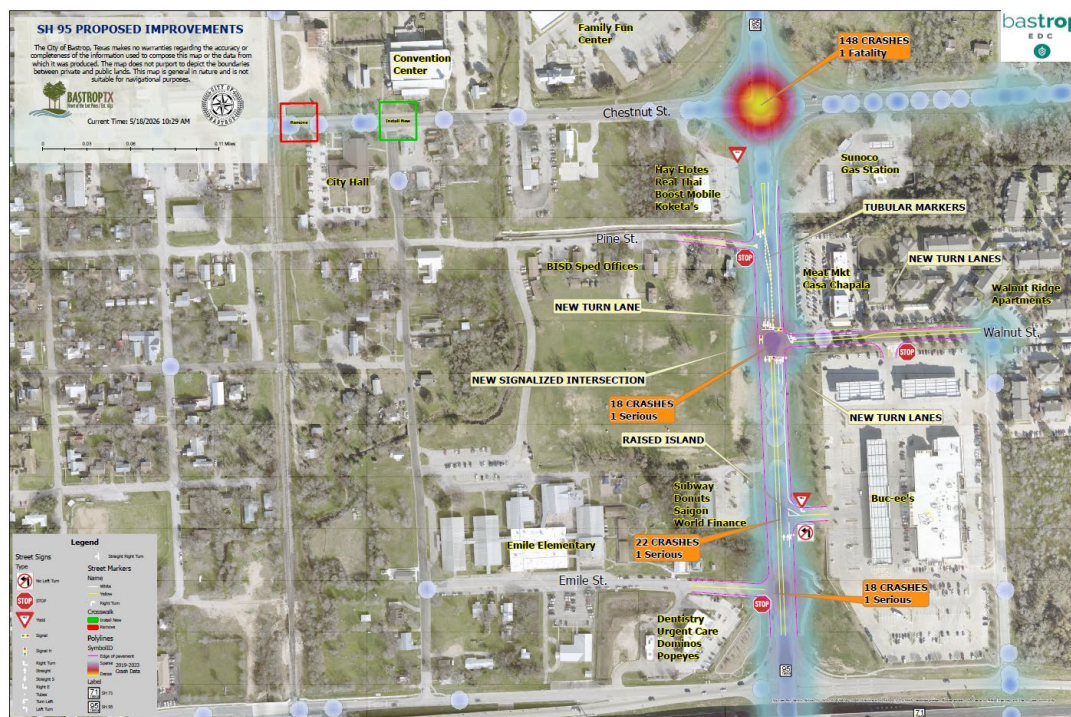


Memorandum

TO: Bastrop Parks Board
FROM: Jill Strube, Ph.D., BEDC Business and Community Development jill@bastropedc.org
RE: Activities related to trails in Bastrop
DATE: July 24, 2026
CC: Jason Alfaro jalfaro@cityofbastrop.org, Elizabeth Wick ewick@cityofbastrop.org

1. SS4A Grant Application

The City of Bastrop has submitted a grant through the Texas Department of Transportation (Safe Streets for All) program that would reduce pedestrian and vehicular crashes along Chestnut (near the Convention Center) and from Pine Street to Emile Street along SH95. This would include a streetlight at Walnut Street (in between Buc-ee's and Casa Chapala).



2. Public Meetings for Update to the Transportation Master Plan/SS4A Safety Action Plan

The City of Bastrop is beginning to schedule public meetings to discuss issues related to transportation, sidewalks, hiking trails, bike facilities, and so forth to develop comprehensive and resident-led conversations about needs and solutions. These efforts will go towards identifying projects that should be included in the plans and subsequently also towards seeking funding to pay for those projects.

City staff would be interested in providing more information and hearing your input at an upcoming Parks Board meeting. Please let us know when you would like to schedule the team to be on your agenda.



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2026

TITLE:

Discuss and consider TxDOT Grant Application

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:



Parks Board Agenda Items

From Leah Johnston <ljohnston@cityofbastrop.org>

Date Wed 8/26/2026 3:16 PM

To Jesslyna Olivares <jolivares@cityofbastrop.org>; Jason Alfaro <jalfaro@cityofbastrop.org>

Cc Sandy Holder <sholder@cityofbastrop.org>

Just following up from our conversation! Here's the write-up for the Parks Board agenda regarding the Recreation Center closing on Veterans Day and Good Friday.

The Recreation Center is currently open on both of these holidays while all other City offices are closed (including the Library). We would like to request that the Recreation Center also close on these two days to be more consistent with the City's holiday schedule.

For **Veterans Day**, 2 of our 3 staff members are veterans, so having the Recreation Center closed would allow them to have the holiday off and observe Veterans Day.

For **Good Friday**, all 3 of our staff regularly attend church and observe Good Friday, so having the day off would allow them to participate in their usual religious observances.

The request is to have the Recreation Center closures align with the City's schedule for these two holidays for consistency, as well as for the staff considerations outlined above.

Veterans Day is November 11, 2026

Good Friday will be March 26, 2027

Thank you,



Leah Johnston
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STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2026

TITLE:

Discussion on Parks Projects

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- Closing Recreation Center for Veterans Day and Good Friday
- Any other Parks Projects to Discuss

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS: