

Bastrop Parks and Recreation / Public Tree

Advisory Board Agenda

Bastrop City Hall City Council Chambers

1311 Chestnut Street

Bastrop, TX 78602

(512) 332-8800



August 06, 2026

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. Anyone in attendance wishing to address the Board/Commission must complete a citizen comment form and give the completed form to the Board/Commission Secretary prior to the start of the Board/Commission meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, the Board/Commission cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, the Board/Commission is limited to making a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to the City Manager for research and possible future action. Profanity, physical or other threats are not allowed and may subject the speaker to loss of the time for comment, and if disruptive to the conduct of business, could result in removal of the speaker.

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

3A. Consider and act to approve Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes from Thursday, July 2, 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

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 Gardners

Submitted by: Joni Groom, Master Gardners

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Discuss and consider TxDOT Grant Application

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

5B. Discussion on Term Limit Reappointments

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: July 30, 2026 at 2:40 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/ Sandy Holder
Sandy Holder, PARD/PW Technician



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2026

TITLE:

Consider and act to approve Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes from Thursday, July 2, 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:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- N/A



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 6, 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 AND RECREATION:

Item 4A.

Parks Crews Planted trees at Bob Bryant.

Parks Crews moved the Bleachers at Bob Bryant for an event.

Parks Crews put new Splashpad Rules signs at both new Splashpads!

Parks Crews Trimmed trees along Main Street and in Fishermans Park.

Parks Crews installed American Flags along Main St and Chestnut St in Celebration of America's 250th Birthday!! Happy Birthday America!!

Parks Crews decorated Fishermans Park for Big Bang Event and 4th of July!

Parks Crews landscaped the Riverwalk and cleared the area around by Neighbors that the Contractor had the fence.

Parks Crews Landscaped City Hall.

Parks Crews power washed the Restrooms and Pavilion at Fishermans Park.

Parks Crews worked the dirt and repaired various things at Mayfest Park to get ready for Homecoming!!!

Parks Crews cleaned around the shop and storage areas, due to the rain.

Parks Crews worked at Mayfest Park to get ready for Homecoming-painting and landscaping!

Parks Crews Closed the Riverwalk due to the Colorado River rising above the banks.

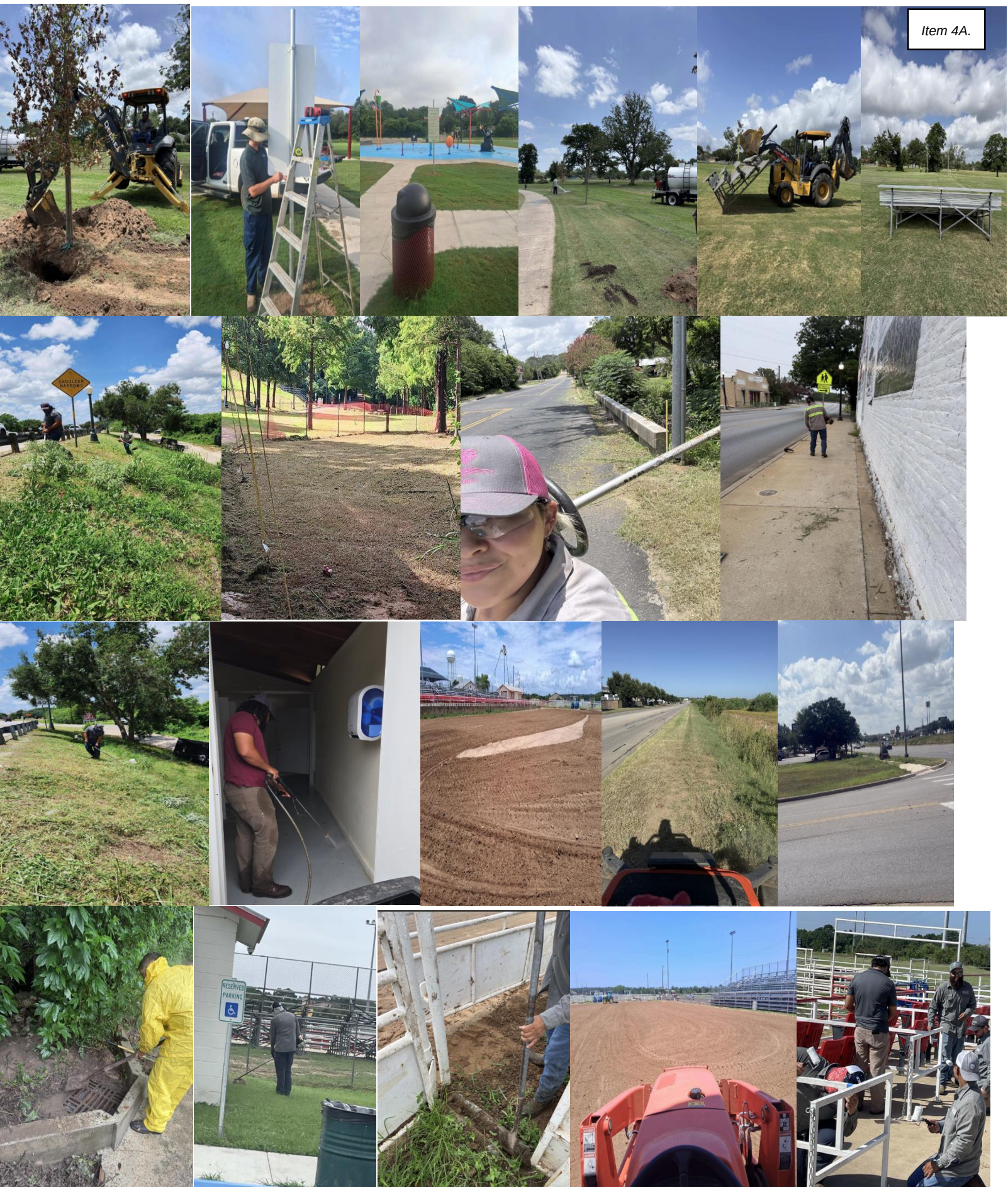
Parks Crews landscaped City Hall.

Parks Crews Takes care of the Banners at Banner Plaza every week for events!

Parks Crews worked tirelessly at Mayfest Park in the final week to get everything ready for Homecoming!! From painting railing and announcer's booth, adding fresh dirt to the arena, cleaning the concession stand, picking rocks out of the Arena, setting up bleachers and tables, and landscaping! Great job guys!!! Homecoming is going to be Amazing!!!

Beautification team was Landscaping Bastrop the ROW's and The Gateways to the City and picked up trash along the ROW's.





Item 4A.





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 6, 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

We had a good July at the Lost Pines Complex with some much needed rain that really helped the lakes at both parks.

Lost Pines Complex visitation data through June 2026:

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Park Name	YTD Fiscal Year 2026	YTD Fiscal Year 2025	Increase/Decrease	Percentage inc/dec
Bastrop SP	118,482	112,665	5,817	5.2%
Buescher SP	44,457	50,785	-6,328	-12.5%
Complex Totals	162,939	163,450	-511	-0.3%

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.

- The Lake Mina bridge was completed and looks great.



- The Texas A&M Forest service along with a contractor are working 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.
- Several Texas Parks and Wildlife firefighters participated in a joint helicopter training with Texas Parks and Wildlife Games Wardens, Texas A&M Forest Service, and ESD2 staff at Bastrop State Park. During this training participants learned how to communicate with helicopters and coordinate bucket drops during wildfire events.





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: August 6, 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: August 6, 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

Bastrop County Master Gardener Association Partnership Update to the Bastrop Parks Board August 2026

Submitted by:

Joni Groom

Bastrop Parks Board Ex Officio Committee Representative

Bastrop County Master Gardener Association

Bob Bryant Demonstration Garden

In addition to the ongoing stewardship and maintenance of the Bob Bryant Demonstration Garden, Master Gardener volunteers completed installation of new irrigation lines serving the Fruit Tree Guild and Pocket Prairie demonstration areas. These improvements support the continued development of both educational exhibits while improving water efficiency and long-term sustainability.

Bob Bryant Park also served as the host site for BCMGA's Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp. This year's "Wildlife and Gardening" theme introduced local youth to gardening, environmental stewardship, and the importance of our public parks through hands-on educational activities.

Fisherman's Park Tree Identification Project

Planning continues on the Fisherman's Park Tree Identification Project. BCMGA volunteers are refining educational tree identification signage that will enhance visitors' appreciation of the park's diverse tree collection while creating a lasting educational feature for the community.

Downtown Planters

The Downtown Planters continue to provide a colorful welcome to residents and visitors. During the past month, BCMGA purchased new identification signage recognizing the Association's stewardship of the downtown planters. Installation is expected in the coming weeks.

BCMGA appreciates the City's continued assistance with watering the downtown planters, which helps keep the displays healthy and attractive throughout the summer.

Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry Educational Garden

A significant milestone was reached with the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between BCMGA and the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry. As the raised-bed gardens are completed, BCMGA looks forward to providing research-based horticultural education that will support volunteers and promote successful vegetable gardening for the benefit of the community.

Public Education

Preparations continue for BCMGA's Water Conservation Symposium on September 26, 2026, and the Fall Plant Sale on October 3, 2026, both of which provide educational opportunities for Bastrop County residents.

Looking ahead, BCMGA and the City have begun planning a Winter Garden Series at Bob Bryant Park. Working with Leah Johnston, BCMGA is developing a series of seasonal, research-based gardening programs that will provide residents with practical gardening education while showcasing the demonstration gardens throughout the year.

Appreciation

BCMGA appreciates the continued support and partnership of the City of Bastrop Parks Department, especially Jason Alfaro and Sandy Holder, whose responsiveness and collaboration continue to contribute to the success of these community projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Bastrop County Master Gardener Association

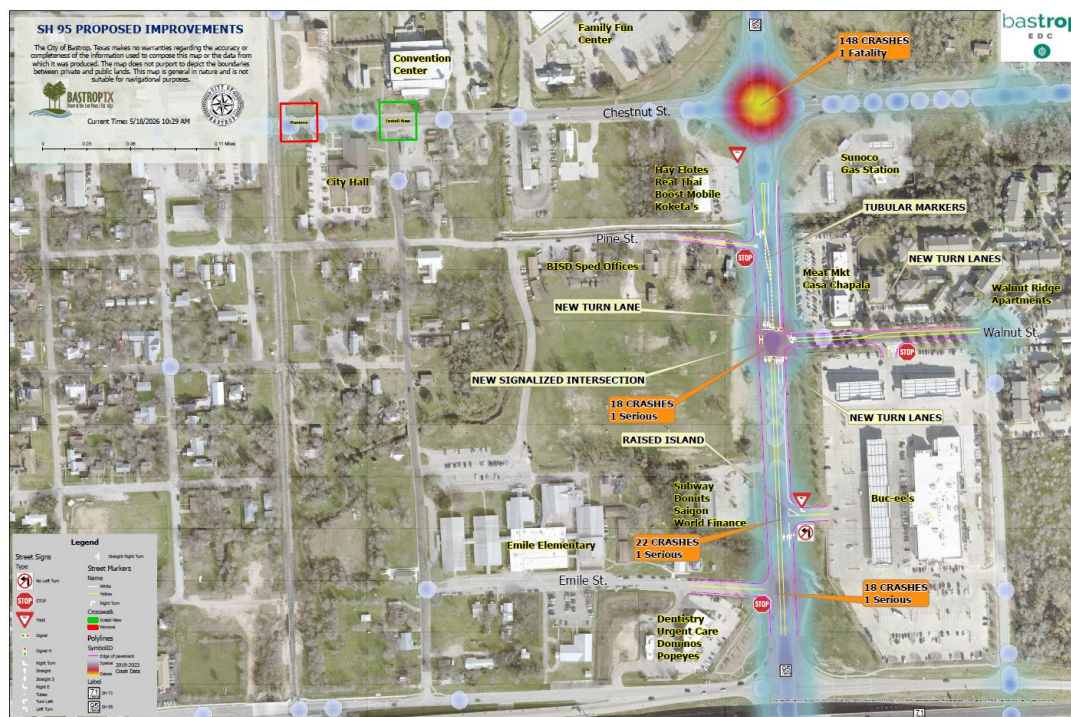


Memorandum

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: August 6, 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:



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2026

TITLE:

Discussion on Term Limit Reappointments

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- Several member Terms are up September 2026
- Need to reapply for appointment no later August 16th

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2026

TITLE:

Discussion on Parks Projects

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- Status on basketball court re-surfacing similar to top court at fishermen's (approved in 2025)
- addition of light at Bob Bryant basketball court
- Any other Parks Projects to Discuss

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS: