



Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of commissioners present, Chair Fushille called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Paul Fushille, Chair

Kristy Caldwell, Vice Chair

Hope Boatright

Olivia Barnard (*arrived at 6:03 p.m.*)

Larry Lane

Ryan Strittmatter

Taylor Houston

Commission Members absent were:

Tyson Joe

Thomas Lengel

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson

Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox

Deputy City Secretary Maverick Coleman

City Attorney Aniz Alani

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the Commission on any issue, regardless of whether it is posted on this agenda, may do so during Presentation of Citizens. It is the request of the Commission that individuals wishing to speak on agenda items with a public hearing hold their comments until the item is being considered. Individuals are allowed two (2) minutes each to speak regarding issues not on the agenda and two (2) minutes per item on the agenda may not cede or pool time. Those requiring the assistance of a translator will be allowed additional time to speak. Individuals are not required to sign in; however, it is encouraged. Individuals that wish to share documents with the Commission must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least nine (9) copies; if nine (9) copies are not provided, the Commission will receive the documents the following day. Audio Video presentations will not be accepted during Presentation of Citizens. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation of Citizens; however, the Chair may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

No one spoke during presentation of citizens.

MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of the February 18, 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Vice Chair Caldwell, to approve the February 18, 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

2. **Discussion and possible action to approve proposed interpretive signs to be installed at Charro Ranch Park by Michael Meves and the Hays County Master Naturalists, and funding for them.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Strittmatter and seconded by Commissioner Houston, to approve the proposed interpretive signs to be installed at Charro Ranch Park by Michael Meves and the Hays County Master Naturalists, and that \$3,210 be taken out of Parkland Development fees. The motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Parks & Recreation Commission's Fiscal Year 2027 budget recommendation and budget committee appointments.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnard and seconded by Commissioner Boatright, to establish a subcommittee with Commissioners Barnard, Lane, Strittmatter, and Caldwell, to review the Parks & Recreation Commission's Fiscal Year 2027 budget recommendation. The motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

4. **Parks & Community Services Director's Report.** *Andy Binz, PCS Director*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports relate to the administration of the City's Parks. The Commission may provide staff direction; however no action may be taken.

5. **Arrowhead Park**
Commissioners: Houston, Lengel, and Boatright
6. **Charro Ranch Park**
Commissioners: Fushille and Lengel

7. **Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee**
Commissioners: Boatright and Lengel
8. **Founders Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioners: Houston, Scheppler, and Joe
9. **Rathgeber Natural Resource Park**
Commissioners: Strittmatter, Caldwell, Fushille and Barnard
10. **Sports & Recreation Park Committee**
Commissioners: Strittmatter, Scheppler, and Joe
11. **Veterans Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioners: Caldwell and Fushille

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission has the right to adjourn into closed session on any item on this agenda and at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by law or by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), 551.0761 (Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility), and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits). Any final action or vote on any Closed Session item will be taken in Open Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

May 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
June 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
July 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
August 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
September 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
June 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright and seconded by Commissioner Houston, to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.