



# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Community Center- 415 S. HWY 395

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February 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM

## AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. MINUTES
  - [A.](#) January 2026, P&R Committee Minutes
3. REPORTS AND BUSINESS
  - A. HFAC Splash Pass Fees
  - B. Director's Report
4. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - A. Upcoming Programs & Events
5. COMMITTEE OPEN DISCUSSION
6. NEXT MEETING
  - A. Next Meeting: March 19, 2026
7. ADJOURN

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# Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes     January 8, 2026

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>City Representatives:</u>	<u>Youth Advisors:</u>
Position #1 <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Ego	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Myers, <i>Council Representative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Aspyr Inners
Position #2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Mejia-Weaver	<input type="checkbox"/> Maria Duron, <i>Council Representative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yaneisy Perez
Position #3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunter Tibbals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon Artz, <i>P&amp;R, Director</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Gabriel Richards
Position #4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carlisle Harrison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kasia Robbins, <i>P&amp;R, Rec Manager</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazmin Sanchez
Position #5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Hughes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myana Hibbert, <i>P&amp;R, Rec Coordinator</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sofia Rodriguez
Position #6 <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant		
Position #7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Minton		

## Members of the Public:

Helen Nevin

## Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Hunter Tibbals at 5:36pm with a quorum present.
- Committee members, city representatives, and staff introduced themselves, sharing their roles and personal reasons for serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

## Minutes

- M. Mejia-Weaver moved and C. Harrison seconded motion to approve the minutes:
  - A. November 2025, P&R Committee MinutesMotion carried unanimously.

## Reports & Business

### Naming of Newport Park Basketball Courts

Councilor Barron in a 2025 City Council meeting, proposed naming the Newport Park basketball courts in honor of Joe Thompson.

- Committee Members discussed
- the naming of the courts and park history
  - background on Joe Thompson.
  - city's policy on naming public facilities

No motion made.

### Aquatics Recap 2025

Recreation Manager Robbins gave a recap report on the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center 2025 season.

- Presented 2025 statistics: 82,218 facility visits, \$137k in Admission Revenue, \$62k in concessions revenue, 1,619 swim lesson participants.
- Discussed strong overall performance and operations, cost recovery at 80%
- Discussed upcoming Pasco aquatic facility opening and potential regional impact.
- Reviewed kiddie pool usability issues with planned improvements.



## ***Parks & Recreation***

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### **Director's Report**

Director Artz gave a report on the ongoing operations and events around the Department.

- Christmas events recap: ~2,600 attendees at Tree Lighting, 168 at Pancakes with Santa.
- Personnel updates: new operations coordinator starting soon; recreation coordinator hiring in progress.
- Park projects:
  - Belt Park bridge replacement planned via high school shop
  - Sherman Park design finalized with \$320,000 budget, bidding targeted for spring 2026.
- Outlined 2026 Department Goals:
  - Parks
    - Finalize Community Forest Plan, continue planting trees, design Main Street Tree plan.
    - Construct Sherman Park
    - Install Horizon Park Playground
    - Trees and irrigation on HEROS.
  - Recreation Programs & Activities
    - Rebuild and relaunch programs that were previously placed on hold
    - Add 2 new youth and/or teen programs
    - Introduce 1 new family-focused program
    - Create a Quarterly Activity Guide (in-house production) to improve communication and program awareness
  - Community Center
    - Increase rental utilization by supporting multiple rentals per day and quick turn-over between events
    - Develop and publish a Community Center Rental Brochure (website + printed)
    - Improve scheduling efficiency to maximize rental availability and revenue
  - Hermiston Family Aquatic Center
    - Launch a new Pass Holder Program to increase pass sales and reduce household-related barriers
    - Enhance the Multi-Use Pool experience with a small, non-plumbed slide to expand recreational offerings
  - Harkenrider Senior Activity Center
    - Restructure Senior Agreement with Senior Board
    - Increase facility rentals through inclusion in the Rental Brochure
    - Streamline rental processes to ensure accurate scheduling and conflict reduction
- Harkenrider Center agreement review on February 4th: planned restructuring discussion with senior board.

### **Program/Events Update**

- Swim lesson registration opens February 7.
- Daddy Daughter Dance scheduled for March 21.
- Spring Market set for March 28.
- Youth basketball ongoing with over 400 participants; soccer signups active.
- Rotary tree giveaway planned for first Saturday in April (needs promotion support).

### **Open Discussion**

- C. Harrison discussed Rotary Tree Giveaway.
- Discussed plans and potential future of old Carnegie library building.

### **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm
- Next meeting: Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm