



# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Community Center- 415 S. HWY 395

*Where Life is Sweet*

**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 & Recreation

# Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes January 8, 2026

Section 2, Item A.

### Committee Members

- Position #1  Jay Ego
- Position #2  Mary Mejia-Weaver
- Position #3  Hunter Tibbals
- Position #4  Carlisle Harrison
- Position #5  Stephanie Hughes
- Position #6  Vacant
- Position #7  Doug Minton

### City Representatives:

- Jackie Myers, *Council Representative*
- Maria Duron, *Council Representative*
- Brandon Artz, *P&R, Director*
- Kasia Robbins, *P&R, Rec Manager*
- Myana Hibbert, *P&R, Rec Coordinator*

### Youth Advisors:

- Aspyn Inners
- Yaneisy Perez
- Gabriel Richards
- Jazmin Sanchez
- Sofia Rodriguez

### 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.



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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