



# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Community Center- 415 S. HWY 395

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May 08, 2025 at 5:30 PM

## AGENDA

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. MINUTES**

[A.](#) April P&R Meeting Minutes - 4/17/2025

**3. REPORTS AND BUSINESS**

A. Director's Report

**4. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Pickleball Ribbon Cutting - June 14th

B. Upcoming Events & Programs

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**6. COMMITTEE OPEN DISCUSSION**

**7. NEXT MEETING - June 12**

**8. ADJOURN**

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## Parks & Recreation

# Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes April 17, 2025

### Committee Members:

- Position #1 ☒ Jay Ego  
 Position #2 ☒ Mary Mejia-Weaver  
 Position #3 ☒ Hunter Tibbals  
 Position #4 ☒ Carlisle Harrison  
 Position #5 ☐ Erica Juarez  
 Position #6 ☒ Angel Aguilar  
 Position #7 ☒ Doug Minton

### City Representatives:

- ☒ Jackie Myers, *Council Representative*  
☒ Maria Duron, *Council Representative*  
☒ Brandon Artz, *Parks & Recreation, Director*  
☒ Kasia Robbins, *Parks & Recreation, Rec Manager*  
☐ Kelly Schwirase, *Parks & Recreation, Admin*  
☐ Yaneisy Perez, *Youth Advisor*

### Members of the Public:

No members of the public present.

### Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Hunter Tibbals, confirming a quorum.
- March minutes reviewed and approved with a motion and vote.

### Cimarron Park Renaming Discussion

- **Led by:** Brandon Artz
- **Update:** No significant progress on playground construction; bidding planned for fall or early winter due to seasonal pricing concerns.
- **Naming Proposals:**
  - Considered names: Sherman Park, Studebaker Park, Jackrabbit Flat.
  - Community survey indicated preference for naming after a person, with Sherman and Studebaker as top contenders.
  - **Sherman Park Advocacy:** Carlisle Harrison highlighted Rick Sherman's 50+ years of community service, including Christmas Express, Shriners Hospital support for 300+ children, and 20+ years as fire board chairman (pro bono).
  - **Studebaker Park:** Suggested by the police chief due to Randy Studebaker's popularity, but not strongly pushed. Concerns raised about eligibility under park naming criteria (long-term, pro bono contribution).
  - **Criteria Discussion:** Policy allows naming after living persons if they meet contribution standards or donate significantly to the park. Studebaker deemed ineligible by some due to his 10-year paid employment.
  - **Concerns:** Jackie Myers suggested avoiding naming after recent or living persons to prevent contention. Some resistance to re-surveying the community, as prior input favored a person's name.
  - **Outcome:** Motion by Carlisle Harrison, seconded by Doug Minton, to nominate Sherman Park. Committee voted in favor of Sherman Park, to be forwarded to City Council for final approval.

### Forestry Grant and Tree Inventory

- **Update by:** Brandon Artz
- Funding uncertainty with USDA grant through River Network; some pass-through partners cut off.
- Plan to maximize fund use with Arbor Pro for tree inventory and urban forest plan (~\$100,000 contract, 10% of \$1M grant).
- Invoicing every two weeks to secure reimbursements; conservative approach to avoid financial risk if funds are cut.



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### **Community Center Issues**

- **Reported by:** Brandon Artz
- Mold found in offices due to water seepage; remediation completed, final painting underway, staff to return by Monday.
- Flooding in women's restroom and kitchen during a quinceañera due to sewer system dip; bidding planned to fix sewer issue.

### **Pickleball Complex Progress**

- **Update by:** Brandon Artz
- All 10 courts poured, lights installed, fence mesh to be added. Painting scheduled for mid-May after curing.
- Named Good Shepherd Pickleball Complex due to donation. Ribbon cutting planned for June 14, 2025.

### **Other Project Updates**

- **Harrison Park:** Security cameras installed, awaiting US Cellular connection (~\$75/month, cost-effective).
- **Horizon Park:** Construction delayed due to other priorities and pool prep.
- **Harkenrider Landscaping:** Budget-dependent, awaiting allocation.
- **Cimarron Park:** Installation ongoing.
- **Pool Prep:** Operational by May 10 for second-grade swim lessons.

### **Events and Programs**

- **Past Events:**
  - **Enchanted Daddy Daughter Dance:** Sold out (370 tickets), successful with waterfall decoration.
  - **Cast and Catch Kids Fishing Derby:** Revamped with high school soccer team support, new prizes for fish weight/length.
  - **Arbor Day Tree Giveaway:** Poor turnout despite ideal weather, possibly due to lack of advertising.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **Easter Carnival and Egg Dash (April 18):** Revamped with multiple rounds, glued eggs for sustainability, supported by New Hope Church donation.
  - **Spring Bazaar (May 3):** Planning underway.
  - **Swim Lesson Registration (May 9):** Two-week courses.
  - **I Love My City Day (May 17):** Recycling and hazardous waste events, volunteers needed.
  - **AWS/Arbor Day Planting (May 3):** 57 trees at EOTEC/fairgrounds, \$23,000 donated by AWS.

### **Other Business**

- **Riverfront Park Equipment:** Removed due to flooding and vandalism; usable parts donated to Echo.
- **McKenzie Park Clock:** Electrical issues being addressed, reprogrammed, awaiting sync check.
- **Volunteer Needs:** Requested for I Love My City Day and AWS planting event.

### **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned with no further discussion items.
- Next meeting: Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm