



# Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5:30 PM

The Tom Hardin Room – 100 Public Square, Mount Pleasant, TN

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## 1. Call to Order

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Mrs. McWilliams asked everyone to stand for the pledge and asked Mr. Smith to give the invocation.

## 3. Roll Call

### A. Parks and Recreation Commission Board Members

Luemma McWilliams - Chair Person

Loree Knowles - City Commissioner

Katrina Holt -Member

Bedford Smith - Member

Kathy Pepe - Member

Larry Patton - Member

Anna Arnold - Member

## 4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

### A. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes 2-12-2025

#### A. February meeting minutes

Mrs. McWilliams asked if there were any corrections to the February minutes

Mrs. Knowles made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Ms. Pepe seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## 5. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

### A. Election of Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary

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Mrs. McWilliams asked for nominations for Chair Person. Mr. Smith nominated Mrs. McWilliams, she accepted the nomination and Mr. Patton seconded the nomination. Mrs. Knowles ask for a motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Mrs. McWilliams asked for a nomination for Co-Chair Person. Mrs. McWilliams nominated Mr. Smith, after he volunteered. Ms. Knowles made the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

Mrs. McWilliams asked for a nomination for Secretary. Mrs. McWilliams nominated Ms. Pepe, who volunteered for the position. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Daddy Daughter Dance

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Ms. Busby stated that the event was well attended and that there were not as many kids there this year but still have a great turnout. Pictures are in and will be sending out messages for pick up.

C. CCF Grant update

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Mr. Grooms stated that we still have not signed a contract but we are meeting with designers to finish getting things ready. He discussed changes from the original plans and explained some of those changes in depth.

Mr. Grooms stated he was still not in favor of the industrial sized kitchen but that we would have to lock it up to keep people from using it unless they have approval.

Mr. Grooms went on to discuss the layout of the East Hall, with the room being made into two rooms so the Boys and Girls club and the Senior Center could have their own space, that could also be used as meeting rooms for the center.

Mr. Grooms and the commission went on to discuss details further.

D. Arrow Mines Restroom update

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Mr. Grooms stated that the time to accept bids will be open till April. We have received two bids since last month and will be sent to the Commission next month for approval.

E. Easter Egg Hunt update

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Ms. Busby stated that donation letters have been sent out and candy has been bought and she will start working on getting eggs filled this week.

Mr. Smith asked if we had a Bunny lined up and Ms. Busby stated that she had one as long as the suit fit him correctly.

Ms. Busby stated they had a good start to prizes and Mrs. McWilliams asked if she could come over during spring break and get all of the prizes together to make sure we had enough.

F. Fireworks Event update

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Mr. Grooms stated that we had a meeting with the planning committee for this event prior to this meeting and he explained the details to the commission. He stated that we had a contract with a Pyro Technic company to shoot off the fireworks and had soft approval from Maury County Public Schools to use the all three school for this event.

Mr. Grooms showed the commission the layout for the event and out the center would be used. The west hall parking lot would be used for food vendors and seating area, the front lawn would be used for viewing the fireworks and the East Hall parking lot would be used for a kids zone along with the splash pad.

Mr. Grooms stated that this event would go from 5-9pm and the kids zone would shut down around 8pm. He talked more about ideas for music and looking into pricing on bands, a DJ or just buying better sound equipment for the center and having a play list on the iPad.

Mr. Grooms and the Commission talked more in depth about this event.

G. Scarecrow Festival update

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Mr. Grooms stated that we will start working on this event after April and we have a good start on the Fireworks Event.

**6. Special reports from other City Departments or Committees if applicable**

Mr. Grooms stated that he had two things to discuss

A. Josh Campbell from the Boys and Girls club came to him and wanted to donate a 20x20 canopy for the splash pad. The Club had received several of these through a grant and didn't have use for all of them so offered it to us. This canopy will be set up in the grassy area of the splash pad for shade for all of the families that enjoy coming to the splash pad in the summer.

B. Mr. Grooms stated that the City was looking into a grant that could move the playground equipment from the flooded area of Rotary Park to a better location. This grant will provide 100% funding and can be applied for every year. he stated we would know more in April after the initial deadline

**7. New Business**

**(Comments from citizens may or may not be included, dependent on the issues.)**

A. Mother Son Dance

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Ms. Busby stated that the dance would be held on the 22nd and that if anyone would like to volunteer please be at the center by 4pm. She stated that the food that was leftover from the Daddy Daughter Dance should be plenty for the this dance and that set up would all take place on Saturday due to an event on Friday Night.

B. End of School Sock Hop

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Ms. Busby stated that this was an idea that was mentioned at the first of the year but nothing was discussed further and felt that it would be to much coming so soon off the other two dances. She recommended that the Commission host a movie night. The weekend is Memorial day weekend and the turn out for that weekend was great. She stated that the commission could get a sponsor and have pizza or hot dogs to go with the movie.

C. Juneteenth plans

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Ms. Busby stated this was our Water Day Event with slides, balloons, water guns, popsicles and hot dogs. She stated this event was part of the day at Gardenia Park, with other events going on. Mr. Grooms asked was there anything we could do to make it better. Mr. Smith mentioned a speaker and Mr. Grooms asked everyone to think of something we could do to make this event better. Mr. Smith mentioned everyone coming up with a name of someone we could honor at this event.

Mrs. Knowles mentioned that Columbia event would be the same day and mentioned a few ideas for adults to do like Bingo or a cake walk. Mr. Grooms mentioned a 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

The Commission discussed event ideas in further detail.

D. Back to School Bash Planning and ideas.

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Ms. Busby stated that this event was an idea last year and just couldn't get things together in time. She stated that this year she would like to see it happen. Mrs. McWilliams stated that she had the school supplies. Mrs. Knowles asked about bags to put them in and stated that she would look into getting those along with Mrs. McWilliams.

The Commission discussed the event in more details.

**8. General comments from citizens (May be limited in time and/or number of comments.)**

Mrs. McWilliams asked if there where any comments and Vice Mayor praised the Commission on the job they did at the Daddy Daughter Dance and thanked them for that.

Mr. Grooms also thanked the Commission on the job that they are doing. He thanked the ones who had been on the board for years, Mr. Patton and Mrs. McWilliams have been on the Commission since its creation.

Mrs. Busby thanked the members who helped at the Daddy Daughter Dance.

**9. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss Mrs. McWilliams asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith Made the Motion and Mrs. Knowles seconded. the vote in favor was unanimous .