



# Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM

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

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## 1. Call to Order

Mrs. McWilliams called the meeting to order

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Mrs. McWilliams lead the Pledge of Allegiance and asked Mr. Patton to lead the Invocation

## 3. Roll Call

A. Luemma McWilliams - Chair Person

Bedford Smith - Co Chair Person

Kathy Pepe - Secretary

Loree Knowles - Commissioner

Larry Patton - Board Member

Katrina Holt - Board Member

Anna Arnold - Board Member

Ms. Busby preformed the roll call and all members were in attendance

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

A. The meeting for the month of November was cancelled, so we have the meeting minutes from the month of October to approve.

Mrs. McWilliams reminded the Commission of the cancelled meeting in November and stated that the minutes for approval were from October 8th's meeting. She asked if there were any corrections and if not asked for a motion to approve the minutes for October 8th, 2025 meeting. There were no corrections and Mr. Smith made the motion for approval and Ms. Pepe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

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

A. Breakfast with Santa

Ms. Busby stated that Breakfast with Santa would be December 20th from 9-12 and went through the list of supplies and stated that Santa was good to go, the back drop was in and that there would be cooks there to help. She stated that the only things she would need to pick up would be juice and pans to put the pancakes in from off the griddle. Ms. Busby asked that anyone who was helping that day to be at the center by 8:30 to finish any last minute set up needed for the event.

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

A. Parks Department Report

Ms. Busby stated to the Commission that she and Mr. Grooms had been meeting with Mrs. Merilee Meschefske, a long time member of the Columbia/ Maury County Parks and Recreation, discussion new ideas for classes, events and things that the Commission could offer to the public and at the Community Center. Ms. Busby talked about contacting some of the places and people that had been mentioned in those meeting.

Mrs. McWilliams mentioned CPR Classes and Mr. Grooms stated that he and Firefighter Hardison will meet in the new year about those kind of programs that can be offered in the center when the doors open back up. He then stated that the purpose of these meetings are to have things in place and ready to go to once construction is complete.

Mr. Grooms then went on to talk about the construction and stated that we had the pre construction meeting earlier in the day and construction is set to start January 1st.

The Commission went on to talk about how the construction will effect the Senior Center and it's members. Mr. Grooms made it top priority that we keep this program open and do what we could to give them a place to meet. They further discussed how to grow the Senior group and things that are needed for that group.

Mrs. Knowles's asked if a sign would be put up during construction. Mr. Grooms stated that it was an extra that would be done if there was money left over from construction.

## B. City Manager Report

Mr. Grooms told the Commission that he had been working on getting the strategic plan updated. He put up the current plan that goes out in 2027 and went over the things in that plan that have been completed at each park.

He started with Clark Mini Park, it had been cleaned up and fixed the basketball goal. The Commission then discussed what they would like to see added to that park. A bathroom, benches need to be replaced, tether ball, a shelter, and trash cans. Ms. McWilliams reminded Mr. Grooms that she had mentioned a shelter and had him pull property lines for the park to know the size of the park and where we can make improvements. Mr. Smith stated that there are swings and a couple of benches that need replacing, there is a basketball court and stated that at one time a tether ball set was supposed to be donated but never got placed at the park.

Next he spoke about Arrowmines Park, Cleaning up the walking trail, New Basketball Goals, Ms. Busby stated that the Boy Scouts resurfaced the court, painted the poles, out up new nets and a new bench at the basketball court over the summer, Mr. Grooms then stated that a bathroom had been added to the park, the tire play area had gotten done and benches had been placed under the shelter. Things that need to be done at the park are replacing some of the boards on the tables, treating the tires or removing them, replacing the basketball poles and more equipment to play on.

Next he moved on to Howard Field, he stated that the City was currently working with the County on putting a new Library and a girls softball field in that space.

He moved on to Rotary Park at Haylong and Wall St. He stated that a new roof had been put on the shelter and that had been all that was done to the park. The Commission would like to see updated playground equipment, a grant had been applied for but the City was not selected. He would like to add the Baseball fields added to the plan. Mr. Smith stated that he would like to have a music playground in that area. They then spoke about the water/ swamp area problems in that park and the efforts the City is making at fixing areas like that.

Gardenia Park was discussed next. Mr. Grooms stated that a lot of work had went in to that park over the last couple of years and that he was proud of the work that had been done there. The only things that had not been completed from the current plan was placing new

playground equipment there. Mrs. Alderson, asked about getting a sign for the park so that people know the park is there. That topic was discussed in more detail.

The Community Center was the last thing on the plan and Mr. Grooms stated that the current plan would all be completed with the money from the Grant we received earlier this year. With updates to the building, inside and out. The Commission went on to discuss more about the center and the areas around the center.

Mr. Grooms wants to work on each month updating the plan and getting things in place and on the budget for the next physical year.

## **7. New Business**

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

### **A. January Event**

Ms. Busby stated that the Commission usually host a movie night at the Center but with construction starting the center would not be available. She then asked if they would like to not host an event next month and focus on February's big event the Daddy Daughter Dance. The Commission agreed and they discussed the process of using on of the schools to host the dance.

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

Mrs. McWilliams asked if there were any more comments. None were given.

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

Mrs. McWilliams stated she would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Smith made the motion and Mrs. Knowle's made the second, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.