

Meeting Minutes
Jimmy Davis Park Partnership Advisory Council
Minutes of Called Meeting
May 14, 2025

Attendees: Annie Bishop, Gwendolyn Brundage, Sidney Jackson, Richard Garrett, Janie Reid

Staff: Tweedy Victor Parham
Scott Haley

Absent: Patricia Hurt

Chairperson Janie B. Reid called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. A discussion was held on the agenda item: "Discussion and possible action on summer activities at Jimmy Davis Park."

The meeting focused on summer readiness and youth programming for the upcoming summer. The discussion began with updates from staff (Scott Haley and Victor Parham). Haley reported that additional staff had been hired to work at the park this summer, that new exercise equipment had been installed, the BETA Club planned to plant flowers on May 22, and that scheduled activities for the department included an agility camp and a basketball camp at the central facility. No camp or any other activities were planned for Jimmy Davis Park. It was observed that no board games were purchased, and no television was installed. When questioned, Mr. Haley stated that "staff are prioritizing outdoor needs at the current time."

Public Comments

- Karen Garrett requested changes to meeting room arrangements due to audio concerns. Reid confirmed the current setup is intentional to maximize access and space.
- Brandon Riley raised two questions:
 - Why is the park gate locked after staff leave? Commissioner Garrett stated that it is a protective measure due to recent property investments and past vandalism, and that all parties involved were taking a "wait and see" attitude to see whether the efforts were appreciated.
 - What indoor youth resources (e.g., TV, games) are being added? Haley responded that outdoor improvements are the current focus.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully,

Janie B. Reid, Chairperson

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