



PARKS & EVENTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JULY 15, 2025

This meeting was conducted in person and remotely via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair Emily Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Commission Members: Emily Anderson, Hadley Evarts, and Paul Sweum were present. Commissioner Frame's absence was excused.

City Staff:

Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; and Deana Dean, City Clerk.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilmember Benson was not present.

MINUTES:

1. The minutes dated May 13, 2025, were approved as presented.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Splashpad and Big Truck Day Events. Commissioner Evarts led the discussion for the Splashpad event including conversations at that event regarding the Community Center Expansion. Additional information provided by Parks & Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin. Commissioner Sweum provided input from the Big Truck Day event. Commission will present at the next City Council meeting.
3. Community Center Expansion Project Letter. Update provide by Chair Anderson with additional information provided by Director Hamlin. Discussion followed including options for generating public support and messaging.
4. Commission Priority List. Discussion led by Chair Anderson and included communication boards, parks tour with proposed park improvements as listed in the PROST plan, attending and assisting at Parks & Public Works Citizens Academy, QR codes for trails or suggestions for improved signage, winter recreate/indoor space, running at night, larger scale pea patches, revenue-based dog parks, interest in trail work (trail stewards or adopt a trail program) or more volunteer opportunities.

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT: The written report was included in the agenda packet; no discussion.

FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION: Items were added to the planning schedule for September and November meetings, and two potential Special Meetings (in August and October).

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Minutes prepared by Deana Dean, City Clerk.

Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.

Minutes approved at the September 9, 2025, Parks & Events Commission Meeting.