



PARKS & EVENTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 13, 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, Rene Price, Hadley Evarts, and Paul Sweum were present. Commissioner Amanda Frame appeared at 5:06 pm.

Councilmember Ethan Benson was also present.

City Staff:

Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; and Deana Dean, City Clerk.

1. Commission introductions led by Chair Anderson. Each commissioner introduced themselves and provided a brief background. Staff introduced themselves and also provided brief backgrounds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Paul Sweum spoke to local light rail efforts.

AGENDA APPROVAL: It was moved by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Sweum to approve the agenda which unanimously passed.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilmember Benson noted his appreciation for the full commission, efforts to bring pickleball, cricket, and/or batting cages to Centennial or Jeanne Hanson fields. Discussion followed regarding cricket.

MINUTES:

2. It was moved by Commissioner Frame, seconded by Commissioner Sweum to approve the minutes dated March 11, 2025, which passed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Chair Elections. This topic was introduced by Commissioner Sweum.

Commissioner Sweum nominated Commissioner Anderson as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Price. Commissioner Anderson accepted the nomination, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Frame nominated Commissioner Sweum as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Sweum accepted the nomination, which passed.

4. Commission Priority List. This topic was introduced by Commissioner Anderson who shared the commission proposal from June 2024. Director Hamlin suggested commissioners review the PROST plan. Discussion followed. Director Hamlin discussed a potential dog park at Stellar Park, and playground replacement projects.

5. Fundraising Ideas for Community Center Expansion Project. Discussion included funding gap, upcoming special events to promote support for the pool, suggestions for fundraising, commission support letters for grants. Commissioner Sweum to draft a support letter and follow up with staff and each of the commissioners separately. Director Hamlin to send information to Commissioner Evarts and Chair Anderson on who to address the letter to.

Add – On: Scheduling of future meetings. There was discussion that the July meeting conflicts with Council Committee meetings. It was decided future meetings will be July 15, 2025; September 9, 2025; and November 12, 2025.

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT: Due to time constraints, this item was tabled.

FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION:

6. Agenda or Discussion Items for Future Meetings:
 - a. Commission Priority List
 - b. Attendance at Parks & Public Works Committee meetings

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Minutes prepared by Deana Dean, City Clerk.

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

Minutes approved at the July 15, 2025, Parks & Events Commission Meeting.