



Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Cravath Lakefront room 2nd floor 312 West
Whitewater Str, Whitewater, WI, 53190 *In Person
and Virtual

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 - 5:30 PM

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Members: Steve Ryan, Stephanie Hicks, Neil Hicks, Kathleen Fleming, Dan Fuller, Mike Kilar, Mike Dowden, Deb Weberparl, Chad Ahrens, Alternate Vacant.

Staff: Kevin Boehm (Director), Michelle Dujardin (Assistant Director), Jamie Lowery (WAFC Manager), Jennifer Jackson (Adult Program Coordinator), Michael Maas (Youth Program Coordinator)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Park and Recreation Board meeting minutes from January 21, 2026.
2. Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission meeting minutes from December 11, 2025.
3. Urban Forestry Commission meeting minutes from September 29, 2025.
4. Urban Forestry Commission meeting minutes from February 2, 2026.

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

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CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

- 5. Directors Report
- 6. Update on Lakes Projects for 2026
- 7. Update on Park Projects
- 8. Update on Aquatic Center Committee and WAFC Capital Campaign progress.
- 9. Discussion and possible action on application for open gym use of the Cravath Lakefront Building for morning yoga.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 10. Selection of Chair, Vice Chair in April
- 11. Discussion and Possible Approval of Strategic Plan
- 12. Creation of subcommittee to review department rules.

ADJOURNMENT

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**Parks and Recreation Board Minutes DRAFT
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 – 5:30 pm
Cravath Lakefront Room
312 W. Whitewater Street
Whitewater, WI 53190
Hybrid Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, Mike Kilar, and Deb Weberpal, Absent: Mike Dowden and Steve Ryan
Staff: Kevin Boehm, Jaime Lowrey, and Michelle Dujardin

2. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Neil Hicks. Seconded by Deb Weberpal. Aye: Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, Mike Kilar, and Deb Weberpal
Absent: Mike Dowden and Steve Ryan

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motioned by Neil Hicks. Seconded by Mike Kilar. Aye: Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, Mike Kilar and Deb Weberpal. Absent: Mike Dowden and Steve Ryan

4. Hearing of Citizens Comments

No Citizens Comments

5. Considerations/Discussions/Reports

- a. Boehm gave update on Christmas in Cravath final overall thoughts of the event with a statement that a survey will go out to the community looking for helpful feedback for the future; new programs include: cheer & baile folklorico; two lifeguards (Lynette Brown & Brenda Schumacher) made a save of a toddler that was in serious distress, we can't thank the staff enough for following their training and those who train them; communication back to the city on the splash pad grant has not happened yet; and the city council approved the open space plan with the next step it going to the DNR.

Neil Hicks suggested bringing back the Polar Plunge outdoors at Cravath Lakefront Park & Dog Day at the Pool

- b. Discussion and possible action on application for open gym use of the Old Armory Building for Indoor Soccer.
 - i. **Boehm:** Indoor Soccer Group would like to utilize the Armory Gym on Sundays 4pm-8pm with the opportunity open to the public.
 Motioned by Neil Hicks to accept the application for open gym for indoor soccer submitted by Jose M Villegas. Seconded by Deb Weberpal. Aye: Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, Mike Kilar, and Deb Weberpal. Absent: Mike Dowden and Steve Ryan
- c. Discussion and possible action on application for open gym use of the Old Armory Building for morning basketball.
 - i. **Boehm:** Morning basketball group would like to have 5 on 5, open to all adults, twice a week (Tuesday & Thursday) mornings at 5am-7am.
 Motioned by Neil Hicks to accept the application for open gym for indoor morning basketball submitted by James Hobart. Seconded by Dan Fuller. Aye: Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, and Deb Weberpal. Abstain: Mike Kilar. Absent: Mike Dowden and Steve Ryan
- d. Discussion and possible action on setting April 11, 2026 as a community clean up day for Starin Park athletic fields
 - i. **Boehm:** Is excited to bring back a workday at Treytons to get ready for the 2026 season.
 Motioned by Stephanie Hicks to approve the April 11, 2026 date as a community clean up day at Treytons. Seconded by Mike Kilar. Aye: Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, Mike Kilar, and Deb Weberpal. Absent: Mike Dowden and Steve Ryan
- e. Discussion and possible action to recommend members to the Aquatic Center Committee to the Common Council
 Motioned by Neil Hicks to recommend Bridget Lee, Krystal deLeon, Sue Scherer, and Chuck Mills to Aquatic Center Committee. Seconded by Stephanie Hicks. Aye: Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, Mike Kilar, and Deb Weberpal. Absent: Mike Dowden and Steve Ryan
- f. Discussion and possible action on approval of Strategic Plan
 - i. **Boehm:** The current plan is missing an excel sheet that is still in progress.

Item was tabled for future meeting.

6. Future Agenda Items

Policies and Procedures for WAFC closures.

7. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment at 6:27

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Dujardin
Michelle Dujardin



Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisor Item 2. Commission

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Thursday, December 11, 2025 - 5:30 PM

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Young at 5:30pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Young, Vice Chair Sahyun.

Absent: Board member Coleman.

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Motioned by Chair Young to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Vice Chair Young.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- 1. Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2025

Motion to approve by Vice Chair Sahyun, seconded by Chairperson Young.

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

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None

CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

- 2. Discussion on ordinance update for pedestrians, bicycles, e-bikes and motorized scooters.

Discussion was held and it was recommended to add to the section h, Carrying Objects, clarification about handlebars, add if equipped. Also to add the word multi use paths to section (p) Title. Further discussion was had on classification of motorcycles. It was determined to ask for clarification if that should be included in this document by the City Attorney. It was asked to get input from the Police Department to see if this document is something they can work with and if it fits all current needs and then give to City Attorney for further review.

- 3. Discussion on current bicycle maps and accuracy.

Motion to table by Chair Young. No second. Boehm asked what to have GIS work on for clarification. Sahyun asked for updates on what streets have bike lanes. Shared streets need to be identified. Update all street names to make sure they are all there with new roads that have been added to map 3.1.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 4. Campus to Aldi's pedestrian access.
- 5. Aldi's to Cold Spring Road access.
- 6. Installation of bike lane on Tratt St. and other streets with parking restrictions.
- 7. Access to Kettle Moraine State Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm

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Urban Forestry Commission Item 3.

Cravath Lakefront room 2nd floor 312 West
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Monday, September 29, 2025 - 5:30 PM

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1. Topic: Urban Forestry Commission
Time: Sep 29, 2025 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 5:30pm by Chairperson Nick Alt.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Nick Alt, Board Member Sherry Stanek, Board Member Joshua Kapfer, Board Member Marjorie Stoneman, Board Member Bill Chandler, Board Member Kerry Katovich.

Absent: None

Others Present: City Staff Kevin Boehm, City Forester Andrew Beckman.

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Motion made by Board Member Kapfer, Seconded by Board Member Stoneman to approve the agenda.

Voting Yea: Board Member Kapfer, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Stoneman, Board Member Chandler, Board Member Stanek, Chairperson Alt.

CONSENT AGENDA

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2. Urban Forestry Commission meeting minutes from August 25, 2025

Motion made by Board Member Stoneman, Seconded by Board member Katovich to approve minutes as presented.

Voting Yea: Board Member Kapfer, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Stoneman, Board Member Chandler, Board Member Stanek, Chairperson Alt.

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Discussion was had with the students present about what an Urban Forest is and tree diversity by Alt, Chandler and Stanek.

TREASURER REPORT

3. Treasurers Report

Boehm gave an update on the fund balance available to the Urban Forestry Commission with a total available of \$4,722.51.

Motion made by Board Member Chandler, Seconded by Board member Katovich to approve the treasurers report as presented.

Voting Yea: Board Member Kapfer, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Stoneman, Board Member Chandler, Board Member Stanek, Chairperson Alt.

CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

4. Discussion and possible action on moving day of week for future meetings, and frequency of meetings.

Boehm asked for discussion on moving the meeting date from the last Monday of the month due to network updates held on that date every month.

Motion made by Board Member Stanek, Seconded by Board member Kapfer to change the meeting night to the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

Voting Nay: Board Member Kapfer, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Stoneman, Board Member Chandler, Board Member Stanek, Chairperson Alt. Motion Failed

Motion made by Board Member Chandler, Seconded by Board member Stanek to change the meeting night to the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm quarterly or as needed.

Voting Aye: Board Member Kapfer, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Stoneman, Board Member Chandler, Board Member Stanek, Chairperson Alt. Motion passed.

Further discussion was had on frequency of meetings moving forward. It was decided to have meetings in February, May, August and November or as needed.

5. Discussion and possible action on an education piece for the Whitewater Banner why the Bradford pear should not be used in plantings and the environmental impact of planting them.

Alt gave a brief explanation to the students present. Kapfer gave information that the student he reached out did not respond. He will follow up.

6. Discussion and possible action on education session at the Arboretum.

No action has been taken since the last meeting. Alt and Stanek to follow up.

7. Discussion and possible action on funding ideas for the Arboretum.

No action has been taken since the last meeting. Stanek will look into grants. Fundraising will be used for signage, tree ID.

8. Discussion and possible action on what to do with wood from Territorial Oak.

Stanek will continue to work with Russ Walton.

BIRD CITY

9. Update on Bird City.

Chandler gave an update on Swift Night Out and the overall success of the event. Saturday August 29th will be the night in 2026 starting at 7pm. He gave an update of the Lake Geneva event. Fellow Mortals of Lake Geneva will be solicited to attend the event and give a wildlife presentation for \$100.00, the school district has been notified of the event and an indoor location at the school has been requested. Chandler and Stanek worked with Boehm to update the Urban Forestry pages on the City Website.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Potential Bird of the Year contest.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.

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Urban Forestry Commission Meeting

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Monday, February 02, 2026 - 5:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Board Member Sherry Stanek
Board Member Marjorie Stoneman
Chairperson Nicholas Alt
Board Member Kerry Katovich
Board Member Bill Chandler

ABSENT

Board Member Joshua Kapfer

STAFF

Andrew Beckman, Arborist
Llana Dostie
Brad Marquardt, Director of Public Works

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Motion made by Board Member Stanek, Seconded by Board Member Stoneman.

Voting Yea: Board Member Stanek, Board Member Stoneman, Chairperson Alt, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Chandler

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Urban Forestry Commission meeting minutes from September 29, 2025.

Motion made by Board Member Stanek, Seconded by Board Member Chandler.

Voting Yea: Board Member Stanek, Board Member Stoneman, Chairperson Alt, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Chandler

CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

2. Discussion on tree health concerns along Jefferson Street and justification for planned removals.

Andrew Beckman, Arborist stated that most of the trees will be removed. There will 7 trees that will be spaded and moved to the dog park. Most are Norway maples. There is rot in a lot of the trees.

Nick asked if the street is getting higher?

Beckman confirmed that.

Nick stated that most of the trees are not native.

Beckman is going to plant what belongs there.

Nick asked about if Beckman had a chance to put the electric underground?

Beckman stated that it would costly.

Margie asked if the city would be providing a letter to the owners that that the trees are coming down.

Marquardt stated that information was included in the informational letter and will be included in the letter closer to the start of the project.

3. Discussion and possible action on Whitewater Unified School District landscape plan for the Whitewater High School improvement project.

Stanek stated that none of the plantings are native plants. Boxwood is temperamental in our environment.

Beckman stated he thinks they are trying to not get a bunch of seeds cooking in the location which is why they are going with the espresso coffee trees. There are a lot of batches of all the same stuff. Beckman stated that the board members need to get him their suggestions by end of day of Thursday.

Motion that we approve the landscape plan for the high school with alterations and recommendations made by UFS members to the City Forester

Motion made by Board Member Stanek, Seconded by Board Member Stoneman.

Voting Yea: Board Member Stanek, Board Member Stoneman, Chairperson Alt, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Chandler

4. Discussion and possible action on Whitewater Unified School District landscape plan for the Whitewater Middle School improvement project.

Alt stated there are only three plant selections.

Stanek stated that there are a lot of them.

Dostie provided a background, that we requested that they provide a plant buffer between the bus exit and the house on W. Highland.

Beckman stated that Colorado spruce should include northern white. A narrow type of tree.

Stanek stated she would like a buffer by the drive for the house on S. Elizabeth.

Motion that we approve the middle school landscape plan with the conditions that the school district create a suitable buffer that the City Forester can approve at both ends of the bus lane so on S. Elizabeth Street and on W. Highland with recommended native trees from UFC and City Forester.

Motion made by Board Member Stanek, Seconded by Board Member Stoneman.

Voting Yea: Board Member Stanek, Board Member Stoneman, Chairperson Alt, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Chandler

5. Discussion and possible action on an education piece for the Whitewater Banner why the Bradford Pear tree should not be used in plantings and the environmental impact of planting them.

Kerry stated he thought that Josh had arranged for an environmental studies student.

Nick asked if we needed the author's permission?

Stanek stated we should ask the student if they want credit.

Motion to have Sherry submit to the Banner once we have found out if the student wants credit along with photo.

Motion made by Board Member Stoneman, Seconded by Chairperson Alt.

Voting Yea: Board Member Stanek, Board Member Stoneman, Chairperson Alt, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Chandler

6. Discussion and possible action on an education session at the Arboretum in 2026.

Stanek stated that she has talked to Jim Neis he is willing to do it again as long we work with him. He doesn't want to do it alone.

Alt asked if there was a date in mind?

Stanek confirmed that there is not date in mind.

Alt wanted confirmation about no date currently.

Stanek stated that there is so much going on during the tree sale we would likely want to do that later.

Stoneman asked when the tree sale is.

Stanek confirmed end of April.

7. Discussion on Whitewater Community Foundation grant award and potential signage to purchase with the funds.

Stanek stated the foundation awarded us \$1,000. Jay has contacted a number of times since Sherry and Jay were unable meet he was are are going to mail the check. Sherry will check with Kevin when he gets back about the check.

Beckman stated the sign is put into concrete and placed in at ground level.

Stoneman asked who would be deciding about what is on the sign.

Stanek stated that there would be a sub committee.

Stoneman asked if we can get a pictures once the signs get put in.

Motion to do the photo op after the signs up with community foundation.

Motion made by Board Member Stoneman, Seconded by Board Member Chandler.

Voting Yea: Board Member Stanek, Board Member Stoneman, Chairperson Alt, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Chandler

8. Discussion on what to do with the wood from the Territorial Oak.

Stanek stated that the wood is aging. It is has been cut and clamped and drying.

Alt asked if Russ was going to the library bench?

Stanek stated we already voted on it.

Stoneman asked who is paying for this.

Stanek stated that there has not been any payment demands given. Russ wants to have lasting pieces.

Alt asked is it on here because we need to figure out what to do with the tree that wasn't taken by Russ.

Dostie explained that was her understanding.

Beckman stated he thought Russ was taking it all. But it is still there.

Stanek stated she will ask Russ will take it all and found out from Andy what is left.

9. Discussion and possible action on a spring clean up day at the Arboretum.

Alt stated that today is last day on Urban Forestry. Not doing justice to the spot. Will be sending out email. Can still help with the tree sale but that will be his last commitment.

Stanek stated she will appreciate it if he will do the sale in conjunction with Urban Forestry.

If there is not other action than his suggestion this item can be removed.

No action taken

10. Discussion and possible action on installation of Monarch Waystation sign at Clay Street Nature Park.

Stanek stated that Richard Anberg has been taking care of the beds. The city had to do some work there this summer. Thinks that it would be helpful so that people know what the bed is there. The sign from Monarch watch is \$25.00

Beckman stated that yes it can go in the bed.

Stanek stated only a sign where the milkweed is going.

Alt asked if Stanek if this is on here because we need to spend money.

Motion to spend \$25.00 to order a monarch way station sign for Clay Street Nature Park.

Motion made by Board Member Stanek, Seconded by Board Member Chandler.
Voting Yea: Board Member Stanek, Board Member Stoneman, Chairperson Alt, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Chandler

BIRD CITY

Chandler provide his notes for Bird City to be added to the minutes.

Stanek stated that Bird City renewal for March 15, 2026.

11. Discussion and possible action on contracting Fellow Mortals to conduct an educational program at the 2026 Swift Night Out for \$100.00.

Motion to mail \$100.00 to Fellow Mortals to make a presentation at Swift night out, August 29.

Motion made by Board Member Chandler, Seconded by Board Member Stanek.
Voting Yea: Board Member Stanek, Board Member Stoneman, Chairperson Alt, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Chandler

12. Discussion on Bird of the Year Contest.

Stanek stated defer this to next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Signage for Arboritum

Territorial Oak for wood not taken by Russell

New Chairperson

Yard of Year (native slate) with a monetary prize

Bird of the Year Contest

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Motion made by Board Member Katovich, Seconded by Board Member Chandler.
Voting Yea: Board Member Stanek, Board Member Stoneman, Chairperson Alt, Board Member Katovich, Board Member Chandler

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For the Birds

Urban Forestry February 2, 2026

Action Item. Update the Bird City webpage by adding the live cam of the bird feeding station and the video of the Swift dive into the MS chimney.

The Purple Martin annual membership is renewed. The quarterly PMA magazine will be shared with landlords of city-owned Martin houses.

Welcome to new Whitewater Purple Martin landlord - Carol McCormick. She will be included in the communication loop of Martin lovers.

The Whitewater Swift Night Out date is listed in the Wis. DNR website.

\$50 was paid to Fellow Mortals Wildlife Hospital in Lake Geneva to present wildlife at Swift Night Out.

The Urban Forestry Commission is requested to again table at the SNO, the International Children's Day, and the Third Annual Unity Walk at the Armory at 10a-noon on Saturday July 18.

The Swift Night Out will be held on Saturday, August 29. It will commence at 7pm in the Whitewater Middle School cafeteria with a 15-minute presentation of wildlife by the Fellow Mortals Wildlife Hospital from Lake Geneva and presentations by experts TBD from the Whitewater Urban Forestry Commission. At 7:30 the featured performers will start diving by the hundreds into the Whitewater MS chimney.

Reason for inside location.

The inside location will be easier on wildlife away from the lights and generator of the food truck and audience chatter. The cafeteria has probable access to electricity if needed and seating for the audience. Also, the inside audience will be quieter, and it will be easier for them to see the wildlife. Most importantly, because the audience can use umbrellas outside for 15-20 minutes to view the dive, the Swift Night Out will not be cancelled due to rain.

Suggestions are now requested from UFC to fill the remaining 15-minute time slot

Possible presenters: Kerry Katovich and Joshua Kapfer, wildlife experts from UWW, Nick Alt and/or Jim Nies Why Diversity in Nature, Sherry Stanek thank you to Whitewater Community Foundation for signage in Starin Park Arboretum and Overview of UFC, Impact of AI data centers, Benefits of solar and wind, other possible presenters?

Building Request Details	
Requested Start Date: <u>1.13.26</u>	Requested End Date: <u>no end date planned</u>
Days of Week (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Mon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tue <input type="checkbox"/> Wed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thu <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat <input type="checkbox"/> Sun	
Start Time: <u>5:30 AM</u>	End Time: <u>6:45 AM</u>
Frequency: <input type="checkbox"/> One-time session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekly recurring <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____	

Purpose & Activity Description	
Open Activity is unstructured, drop-in, public recreation time. It cannot include private lessons, team practices, exclusive groups, or paid instruction.	
Name of Open Activity (for calendars/marketing): <u>Community Sunrise Yoga</u>	
Describe exactly what activities will occur during Open Activity (e.g., free play basketball, drop-in volleyball, general recreation): <u>Yoga - All levels welcome</u> <u>- beginners welcome</u>	

Age Group & Public Access (Required)

Primary age group(s) this Open Activity will serve (check all that apply):

- Grades K-5
- Middle School
- High School
- Adults (18+)
- Older Adults (55+)
- All Ages / Family
- Other: _____

Will this Open Activity be fully open to the public within the age group(s) listed above?

- Yes (required for Open Activity approval)
- No (not eligible for Open Activity)

Will any fee be charged to participants?

- No (required for Open Activity approval)
- Yes - Amount: \$ _____ (not eligible for Open Activity)

Expected Participation & Supervision

Expected number of participants per session:

Minimum: 1 Maximum: 25

Number of supervising adults on site: 1

On-site supervisor name (if different from applicant):

On-site supervisor cell number:

512-297-8928

Required Open Activity Compliance Information

Waiver Requirement
All participants must complete a City-approved waiver before participating.

Who will collect and submit waivers?
Breanne Diebolt-Brown

Supervision & Safety Plan
Describe how you will monitor participants, address behavior, and ensure safe, inclusive use of the Activity:
Yoga is a pretty low key activity, where participants take off their shoes before walking on the carpet, and they have their own mats for practice. I have 30 years experience teaching yoga, and I've only had to kick someone out of my class once.

Cleaning & Facility Care Plan
(Open Activity groups must sweep floors, remove trash, return equipment, and report damages after every session.)
Describe how you will complete required cleaning:
Shoes are taken off before entering. There might be a tissue in the trash, but in general, trash is not used. Most bring their own re-usable water bottles. I always report any odd damages, such as running foibles.

Equipment & Facility Needs

Equipment you will bring:
mat, foam blocks, straps, tripod

Equipment requested from the City (if available):
None

Additional set-up needs:
none

OPEN ACTIVITY POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that:

- 1. I have read and will comply with the City of Whitewater Facility Rental & Reservation Policy and Open Activity Policy.
- 2. Open Activity must be open to the public, free of charge, and not used for private, invitational, team, or paid activities.
- 3. I will ensure all participants complete required waivers.
- 4. I am responsible for supervision, behavior management, and safety.
- 5. I must clean the building after every session and report damages immediately.
- 6. Misrepresentation of Open Activity may result in reclassification, fees, loss of reservation privileges, and/or suspension.
- 7. The Parks & Recreation Department has full authority to approve, modify, deny, or discontinue Open Activity at any time.

Applicant Signature:


Date: 1-15-26

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Application received by:

_____ Date: _____

Open Activity Eligibility Check:

- Open to public
- No fee charged
- Drop-in only
- No private/team/invite-only activities
- Waiver process approved
- Supervision plan approved

Staff Determination:

- Approved – Open Activity
- Denied (reason): _____
- Reclassify as Rental (Group 3 or 4)

Approved Dates/Times:

Conditions/Notes:

Approving Staff Signature:

Date/Time: _____