



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 24, 2025**

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD convened in a REGULAR meeting on November 24, 2025 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas

Chair Bazan called the PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Luai Abou-Emara, Stephanie Bazan, Lane Becker, Ted Eubanks, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Pedro Villalobos.

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Kathryn Flowers, Nicole Merritt, Shelby Orme.

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Franklin, Kim Taylor.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Mark Eaton - Austin Rowing Club New Site Planning

Mark May - Park funding and non-profit model

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of October 27, 2025.

The motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of October 27, 2025 was approved on Board Member Villalobos' motion, Board Member Abou-Emara's second on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Franklin and Taylor absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation, discussion and approve letters of support for the Austin Parks and Recreation Cemeteries Team who have recently assumed responsibility for providing internment services.

Jason Walker, Cemeteries Division Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation gave a presentation and answered questions on the history of unmarked graves, the previous internment contractor, and the success of converting an outsourced service into a service that the City provides directly.

The motion to approve letters of support for the Austin Parks and Recreation Cemeteries Team who have recently assumed responsibility for providing internment services was approved on Chair Bazan's motion, Board Member Eubanks' second on a 9-0 vote. Board members Franklin and Taylor absent.

3. Presentation, discussion, and approve a recommendation to City Council to approve 6,327 sq. ft. of permanent waterline use on parkland located at Colorado River Park Wildlife Sanctuary and Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Metro Park, total mitigation to be paid by Austin Water Utility is \$37,651.

Paul Books, Principal Planner, Austin Parks and Recreation; Tony Buonodono, Engineer of Record, MWM Design Group; Bryce Barkus, Project Manager, Austin Capital Delivery Services, and; Megan Costey, Engineer, Austin Water gave a presentation and answered questions on the disturbance values of the subsurface work

The motion to approve a recommendation to City Council to approve 6,327 sq. ft. of permanent waterline use on parkland located at Colorado River Park Wildlife Sanctuary and Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Metro Park, total mitigation to be paid by Austin Water Utility is \$37,651 was approved on Board Member Villalobos', Board Member Becker's second on a 9-0. Board Member Franklin and Taylor absent.

4. Discussion and appoint a member of the Parks and Recreation Board to the Austin Transportation and Public Works Public Spaces Task Force on Pavement Marking Compliance.

Board Members discussed this task force.

The motion to appoint Board Member Diane Kearns-Osterweil to the Austin Transportation and Public Works Public Spaces Task Force on Pavement Marking Compliance was approved on Board Member Kearns-Osterweil's motion, Chair Bazan's second on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Franklin and Taylor absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

5. Staff briefing on Parks and Recreation Department community engagement events, planning updates, development updates, maintenance updates, program updates and administrative updates.

Jesús Aguirre, Austin Parks and Recreation Director gave a briefing and answered clarifying questions on Chapter 26 department organizational structure.

No action was taken on this item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Becker – Natural Resources Working Group of the Joint Sustainability Committee.

Chair Bazan adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. without objection.

These minutes were approved at the DATE Parks and Recreation Board meeting on Board Member NAME motion, Board Member NAME second on a VOTE.