



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD convened in a SPECIAL CALLED meeting on FEBRUARY 2, 2026 at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Flowers called the PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Ted Eubanks, Kathryn Flowers, Jennifer Franklin, Diane Kearns-Osterweil.

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Luai Abou-Emara, Lane Becker.

Board Members Absent: Stephanie Bazan, Nicole Merritt, Shelby Orme, Kim Taylor, Pedro Villalobos.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Aly Tharp - Festival Beach Food Forrest**
- Natalie Evans - Festival Beach Food Forrest**
- Kit O'Connell - Festival Beach Food Forrest**
- Lilian Bemporad- Festival Beach Food Forrest**
- Emily Dryer - Festival Beach Food Forrest**
- Allyson Evans - Festival Beach Food Forrest**
- Shannon Boxell - Festival Beach Food Forrest**
- Andromeda Smith - Festival Beach Food Forrest**
- Angie Holiday - Fruitful Commons**
- Sam Jett - Festival Beach Food Forrest**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of November 24, 2025.

The motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of November 24, 2025 was approved on Board Member Kearns-Osterweil's motion, Board Franklin's second on a 6-0 vote. Board Members Bazan, Merritt, Orme, Taylor and Villalobos absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation, discussion and approve the Austin Parks and Recreation 2025 Annual Concession Report.

Karen Charles, Contract Management Specialist, Austin Parks and Recreation gave a presentation and answered questions on gross sales payments, who maintains the Butler Hike and Bike Trail, and how money flows between the City and TTC via the POMA.

The motion to approve the Austin Parks and Recreation 2025 Annual Concession Report failed on Board Member Franklin’s motion, Board Member Becker’s second on a 5-1 vote. Those voting aye were Vice Chair Flowers, Board Members Abou-Emara, Becker, Franklin and Kearns-Osterweil. Those voting nay were Board Member Eubanks. Board Members Bazan, Merritt, Orme, Taylor and Villalobos absent.

3. Presentation, discussion and approve a recommendation to Austin City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of revenue legacy concession contract with Zilker Park Boat Rental to operate and maintain a watercraft concession at the Barton Creek location within Zilker Metropolitan Park.

Denisha Cox, Contract Management Supervisor, Austin Parks and Recreation gave a presentation and answered questions on competition for boating concessions on Lady Bird Lake.

The motion to approve a recommendation to Austin City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of revenue legacy concession contract with Zilker Park Boat Rental to operate and maintain a watercraft concession at the Barton Creek location within Zilker Metropolitan Park was approved on Board Member Eubanks’ motion, Board Member Kearns-Osterweil’s second on a 6-0 vote. Board Members Bazan, Merritt, Orme, Taylor and Villalobos absent.

4. Presentation, discussion and approve a recommendation to Austin City Council to authorize a contract for the rental of a mobile security trailer and monitoring services for various parkland areas for Austin Parks and Recreation with LiveView Technology d/b/a LVT, for an initial term of three years with up to two one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Amanda Ross, Natural Resources Division Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation gave a presentation and answered question on when the cameras were installed for the pilot program, whether the presence of security cameras is really a deterrent, the financial impact of this contract given the City's budget situation, whether the City considered resurrecting the Park Police, the political ramifications of this contract, multi-lingual language on signs, whether the contract has been negotiated yet, remediation if the vendor breaks any of the contract terms, whether one of these security trailers could be deployed in the Rainey Street area to prevent drownings, whether a human is live monitoring the camera footage, who are the "authorized city personnel" that could review this footage, and whether AI and video analytics are a part of this contract.

The motion to approve a recommendation to Austin City Council to authorize a contract for the rental of a mobile security trailer and monitoring services for various parkland areas for Austin Parks and Recreation with LiveView Technology d/b/a LVT, for an initial term of three years with up to two one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 failed on Board Member Becker’s motion, Board Member Franklin’s second on a 1-4 vote. Those voting aye were Board Member Becker. Those voting nay were Vice Chair Flowers, Board Members Abou-Emara, Eubanks and Kearns-Osterweil. Those abstaining

were Board Member Franklin. Board Members Bazan, Merritt, Orme, Taylor and Villalobos absent.

- 5. Presentation, discussion and approve a recommendation to Austin City Council to adopt Local Standards of Care for the City of Austin Parks and Recreation and Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment's Youth Programs.

Christa McCarthy, Recreation Services Division Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation gave a presentation and answered questions on whether a child signed up for an aquatics program must know how to swim, and the ratio of supervisors per swimmer for aquatics programs.

No action was taken on this item.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

- 6. 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 the waterline installation issue near/through the Festival Beach Food Forrest.

No action was taken on this item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Kearns-Osterweil – The Festival Beach Food Forrest and Parking accessibility at trail of lights and other such free city events.

Eubanks - Woolridge Square heritage tree surety bond.

Vice Chair Flowers adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m. without objection.

These minutes were approved at the February 23, 2026 Parks and Recreation Board meeting on Board Member Merritt’s motion, Board Member Abou-Emara’s second on a 7-0 vote. Board Members Bazan and Taylor abstaining. Board Members Becker and Flowers absent.