PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
***REGULAR* MEETING**
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

The PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD convened in a REGULAR meeting on SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 at 301 W 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Bazan called the PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Stephanie Bazan, Luai Abou-Emara, Ted Eubanks, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Nicole Merritt, Maritza Kelley.
Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Lane Becker, Jennifer Franklin, Shelby Orme, Pedro Villalobos.
Board Members Absent: Kim Taylor.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Abby Ruiz - Givens Recreation Center Commercial Kitchen
Ursula Carter - Givens Recreation Center Commercial Kitchen
Charlisa McCool - Givens Recreation Center Commercial Kitchen and grease trap
Julie Fisher - The Trail Conservancy
Barry Rivera - Austin Parks Foundation
Seth Johnson - Skaters for Austin Skateparks
Cary Jackson - Skaters for Austin Skateparks
Patricia Bobeck - Fishing gear, ACL and Barton Springs
Bob Bowdon - Red Bud Isle security request
Reese Herd II - Givens Recreation Center Commercial Kitchen and grease trap

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of August 24, 2026.

The motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of August 24, 2026 was approved on Board Member Orme's motion, Board Member Kearns-Osterweil's second on a 10-0 vote. Board Member Taylor absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation, discussion and approve letters of support for Austin Parks and Recreation's Capital Improvement and Land Acquisition staff, who dedicated years to the research, analysis and development of the Council approved 2026 Park Bond Program.

Liana Kallivoka, Assistant Director and Alyssa Tharrett, Project Management Supervisor, Austin Parks and Recreation gave a presentation.

The motion to approve letters of support for Austin Parks and Recreation's Capital Improvement and Land Acquisition staff, who dedicated years to the research, analysis and development of the Council approved 2026 Park Bond Program was approved on Board Member Eubanks' motion, Board Member Merritt's second on a 10-0 vote. Board Member Taylor absent.

3. Presentation, discussion and approve a recommendation for City Council to authorize a change in use of dedicated parkland, known as Hancock Golf Course, to temporarily use approximately 9,482 square feet of parkland in order to construct Austin Water infrastructure and associated improvements. Total mitigation from Austin Water is $188,215.

Paul Books, Principal Planner, Austin Parks and Recreation; Kevin Koeller, Managing Engineer, Austin Water; and Mark Stanko, Design Engineer, WSP Engineering gave a presentation and answered questions on the plan for the heritage trees in the area, impact to park users, capping irrigation, historical review, Chapter 106, outreach to historic preservation community, and impacted sections of park.

The motion to approve a recommendation for City Council to authorize a change in use of dedicated parkland, known as Hancock Golf Course, to temporarily use approximately 9,482 square feet of parkland in order to construct Austin Water infrastructure and associated improvements. Total mitigation from Austin Water is $188,215 was approved on Board Member Kelley's motion, Board Member Franklin's second on a 9-1 vote. Those voting aye were Chair Bazan, Vice Chair Becker, Board Members Abou-Emara, Franklin, Kearns-Osterweil, Kelley, Merritt, Orme and Villalobos. Those voting nay were Board Member Eubanks. Board Member Taylor absent.

4. Presentation, discussion, and approve a recommendation for City Council to authorize a change in use of dedicated parkland, known as Country Club Creek West Greenbelt, to permanently use approximately 121,156 square feet of parkland in order to construct, operate, maintain, and repair roadway and associated improvements. Funding: This item includes a mitigation payment in the amount of $1,368,050 and $107,735 in the form of park improvements from Austin Transportation and Public Works to Austin Parks and Recreation and, as a result, there is no impact to the General Fund.

Paul Books, Principal Planner, Austin Parks and Recreation and Alma Pradeepan, Project Manager, Austin Capital Delivery Services gave a presentation and answered questions on community engagement, community outreach, proposed conditions of improvements to Burleson Road.

The motion to table this item was made by Chair Bazan and seconded by Board Member Kelly. The motion was then withdrawn by Chair Bazan.

The motion to approve a recommendation for City Council that the Austin Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the request from Austin Transportation and Public Works to authorize a permanent change in use for approximately 121,156 square feet of dedicated parkland in the Country Club Creek West Greenbelt to construct, operate, maintain, and repair roadway and associated improvements. Following a presentation by the Austin

Capital Delivery Service, the Board was unable to recommend approval of this project absent additional information regarding community involvement. Specifically, it remains unclear whether the surrounding community was provided an adequate opportunity to participate in the process or offer feedback. Furthermore, insufficient information was provided during the meeting, concerning projected traffic patterns and their impact on the surrounding area. The Board recommends that the City Council carefully consider these unaddressed community outreach and traffic impact issues when determining whether to approve this change in parkland use was approved on Board Member Merritt's motion, Board Member Abou-Emara's second on an 8-0 vote. Board Member Villalobos abstaining. Board Member Orme off the dais. Board Member 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.

Adena Long, Deputy Director, Austin Parks and Recreation gave a briefing and answered clarifying questions on the renovations to the Givens Recreation Center kitchen, the Zilker 351 MOU, and whether vendors offer women sports leagues.

No action was taken on this item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Eubanks – Establish a working group regarding the Givens Recreation Center kitchen. (Cosponsors: Orme)

Eubanks – Discussion on adult athletics leagues. (Cosponsors: Kerans-Osterweil)

Kelley – Discussion on skate parks and skate infrastructure as they relate to the Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan. (Cosponsors: Kearns-Osterweil)

Chair Bazan adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m. without objection.

These minutes were approved at the October 26, 2026 Parks and Recreation Board meeting on Board Member Eubanks' motion, Board Member Abou-Emara's second on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Orme and Villalobos absent.