



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Richland City Hall – Council Chambers

625 Swift Boulevard

Thursday, January 9, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Mason called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Mason, Vice Chair Gutierrez, and Commissioners Buelt, Cunningham, Hodges, Watrous, and Lunstad were present.

Commissioners Gubba and Thallapally were absent.

Parks and Public Facilities Director Waite and Recreation Manager Piper also attended.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2025, AGENDA:

Commissioner Lunstad moved to approve the January 25, 2025, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agenda. Vice Chair seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES:

- November 14, 2024 Meeting
- December 12, 2024 Meeting and December 12, 2024 Special Workshop

Commissioner Hodges moved to approve the meeting and special workshop minutes. Vice Chair Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

RECREATION REPORT:

Recreation Manager Piper presented the Recreation Report.

Subjects included: Youth basketball league grades 1-6, volleyball league, spring flag football registration, BINGO, Heart Safe class, Cool Desert Night, and other summer special event, and recreation programs.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Parks and Public Facilities Director Waite presented the Parks and Public Facilities Report.

Subjects included: the "52 in 25" program, RFQ for the comprehensive park, trails, and open space plan, and updates on West Village Park and Howards Amon playground.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None. Closed 6:20 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

3. Downtown Connectivity Project Update and National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) Section 4(f) De Minimis Review

- Sheldon Williamson, Public Works Capital Project Manager

The presentation included updates on projects and positive impacts on parks and recreation. The three locations discussed were Jefferson Park, John Dam Plaza, and Gillespie Parkway.

4. Placement of the Bernard Hosey Art Sculpture

- Julie Piper, Recreation Manager

Piper presented and discussed the placement of the third donated art sculpture, "*On the Edge*." The proposed location for the installation is Trailhead Park. The discussion included site suitability, visibility, and potential community engagement. Further evaluation and approval may be required before proceeding with the installation.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Prepared by: 
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Reviewed by: 
Chris Waite, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Approved by: 
Chair Mason, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission