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Richland Parks & Recreation Commission Special Workshop

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Richland Community Center – Meeting Room

500 Amon Park Drive

Parks & Recreation Commission Special Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome

Attendance:

Chair Mason	Not Present
Vice Chair Gutierrez	Present
Commissioner Buelt	Present
Commissioner Thompson	Present
Commissioner Hodges	Not Present
Commissioner Jones	Not Present
Commissioner Watrous	Present
Commissioner Thallapally	Not Present
Commissioner Kreis	Present

Also present were Staff Liaison/Parks and Public Facilities Director Waite, Recreation Manager Piper, and Administrative Assistant II Roe.

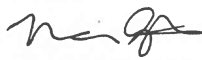
Discussion Items:

1. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Goal Discussion
MIG Director of Operations, Jon Pheanis & Planning Manager, Lauren Scott

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PRO) is being updated with guidance from MIG Consultants, who collaborated with the Commission to establish the plan's goals. The discussion centered on defining priorities for park acquisition, preservation, and enhancement, as well as improving connectivity and access to parks and trails, and incorporating sustainable stewardship practices. Community input has been gathered to ensure the plan reflects public needs and values, and the plan is being aligned with the City's Comprehensive Plan and other strategic initiatives. The Commission reviewed draft goals and provided recommendations. The continued discussion will resume on September 25, 2025, at the Parks and Recreation Commission workshop.

Adjournment:

Workshop adjourned at 8:02 PM

APPROVED: 

Samantha Mason, Parks & Recreation Commission Chair

PREPARED BY: 

Patty Roe, Administrative Assistant II