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Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop
Wednesday, January 22, 2026
Richland Community Center – Meeting Room
500 Amon Park Drive

Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Attendance

Chair Gutierrez welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

Attendance: Chair Gutierrez	Present
Vice Chair Hodges	Present
Commissioner Buelt	Present
Commissioner Jones	Present
Commissioner Watrous	Absent
Commissioner Thompson	Present
Commissioner Mason	Present
Commissioner Thallapally	Absent
Commissioner Kries	Absent

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

Discussion Items

1. 2026 Commission Goals

Parks and Public Facilities Director Waite and Commissioners discussed establishing goals for 2026 to guide the Commission’s work and support City Council priorities. The Commission used the 2025 goals as a reference point to identify emerging needs, areas of focus, and community priorities, ensuring efforts remain intentional, forward-looking, and aligned for the coming year.

2. Columbia Point Golf Course Lease Agreement

Parks and Public Facilities Director Waite and the Commission, with staff, reviewed the updated Columbia Point Golf Course lease following the City Council’s review and direction. Discussion included revisions to the lease terms, including modifications to the lease duration, addressing Council priorities such as retiring outstanding debt service, strengthening the capital reserve strategy, maintaining public accessibility through reasonable fees, and ensuring high-quality course conditions through continued investment in improvements. The Commission

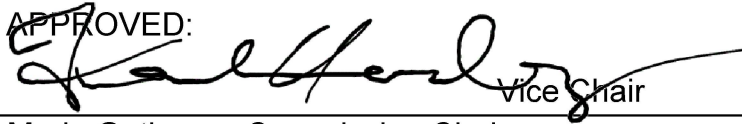
discussed the revised terms and provided consideration prior to forwarding the lease back to City Council for action.

Approval of Minutes

Adjournment

Chair Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.


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Vice Chair

Maria Gutierrez, Commission Chair

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