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Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop  
Wednesday, February 26, 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	Present
Commissioner Thompson	Absent
Commissioner Mason	Absent
Commissioner Thallapally	Absent
Commissioner Kries	Absent

Also present were Council Liaison Holten, Parks & Public Facilities Director Waite, and Administrative Assistant II Roe.

**Discussion Items**

1. Trail Safety Initiative

Director Waite discussed trail safety with the commission as part of the Commission’s 2026 Goals. The discussion focused on reviewing safety considerations for parks and trails, identifying areas of concern, and exploring ways to enhance user-friendliness while promoting safe, responsible trail use.

Discussion only.

2. 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Retreat

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the proposal to hold a 2026 Commission Retreat in place of the traditional annual Park Tour. Commissioners expressed interest in a retreat format to allow more in-depth discussion on long-term priorities, strategic planning, and Commission goals, while also providing opportunities for team building and collaboration with staff. The discussion focused on potential format, timing, topics, and desired outcomes for the retreat. Retreat to be discussed at another

workshop.

Discussion only.

### 3. Parks, Recreation, & Open Space (PROS) Comprehensive Plan Update

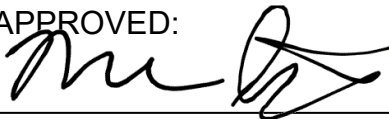
Director Waite led a discussion with the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding an upcoming agenda item for the Parks, Recreation, & Open Space (PROS) Comprehensive Plan. He reviewed what is anticipated to be presented at the business meeting and discussed the proposed recommendation. The workshop provided an opportunity for staff and the Commission to discuss and clarify key points prior to formal consideration.

Discussion only.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Gutierrez adjourned the workshop at 7:00 PM

APPROVED:



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Maria Gutierrez, Commission Chair

PREPARED BY:



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Patty Roe, Administrative Assistant II