REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
FEBRUARY 24, 2025 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL CHAMBERS, ROOM 1001
301 W. 2ND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of January 27, 2025.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation, discussion and approve letters of support for Parks and Recreation Forestry Staff for their work planting, watering and maintaining trees, as well as participating in and hosting tree climbs. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
   (PARD Long Range Strategies: Park Access for All, Urban Public Spaces).
   Presenter(s): Amanda Ross, Natural Resources Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.

3. Presentation, discussion and approve a recommendation that Austin City Council authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with AISD to collaborate on the GO Project, an educational program for high school aged students with disabilities. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
   (PARD Long Range Strategies: Program Alignment).
   Presenter(s): Devon Farber, Recreation Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.

4. Discussion and create a working group to explore creating a “rainbow bridge” at a City park as an interactive feature that allow park visitors to honor dogs and pets that have passed away. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)

STAFF BRIEFINGS

5. Staff Briefing on fuel mitigation and land management on parkland. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
(PARD Long Range Strategies: Urban Public Spaces, Park Access).
Presenter(s): Matt McCaw, Land Management Program Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department and Carrie Stewart, Wildfire Division Chief, Austin Fire Department.

6. Staff briefing on planning, design and project development for Austin Light Rail. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
Presenter(s): Jennifer Payne, Executive Vice President, Lisa Storer, Vice President of Architecture, and Yannis Banks, Public Involvement Manager, Austin Transit Partnership.

7. Staff briefing on the progress of the 2026 Integrated Bond Development process, covering Parks and Recreation assets, 2018 bond progress, the 2026 bond, the latest schedule and guiding principles for all departments, and the technical scoring criteria developed specifically for the Parks and Recreation Department. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
(PARD Long Range Strategies: Park Access for All).
Presenter(s): Rachel Morris, Capital Improvement Program Manager and Alyssa Tharrett, Project Management Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department.

8. Staff briefing on the Recreation and Senior Center Facility Assessment and Gap Analysis Report, covering the state of current recreation and community centers, guide future growth and development, and develop strategies, actions, and priorities that can be implemented and tracked. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
(PARD Long Range Strategies: Park Access for All).
Presenter(s): Alyssa Tharrett, Project Management Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department.

9. Staff briefing on Parks and Recreation Department community engagement events, planning updates, development updates, maintenance updates, program updates and administrative updates. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
(PARD Long Range Strategies: Relief from Urban Life, Urban Public Spaces, Park Access).
Presenter(s): Jesús Aguirre, Parks and Recreation Director.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

10. Update from the FY 2025-2026 Budget Working Group regarding changes to meeting schedule, wildfire management, and lack of timeline guidance from the City. (Sponsors: Flowers, Villalobos)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA ADDENDUM

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11. Discussion and approve a recommendation to Austin City Council to support the implementation of on-demand city-wide van service, modeling of an integrated city-wide on-demand/BRT transit systems and explore all avenues to expand CapMetro's on-demand pickup service. (Sponsors: Reed, Taylor)

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