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

Some members of the Parks and Recreation Board may be participating by videoconference. Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. For remote participation, registration must be completed no later than noon the day before the meeting.
To register to speak, click here: https://forms.office.com/g/Jriy8PSnxa or call or email Tim Dombeck, (512) 974-6716, Tim.Dombeck@austintexas.gov. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and may be allowed up to three (3) minutes to provide their comments.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Pedro Villalobos (D-2), Chair	Stephanie Bazan (D-5)	Jennifer Franklin (D-9)
Kathryn Flowers (D-4), Vice Chair	Luai Abou-Emara (D-6)	Holly Reed (D-10)
Shelby Orme (D-1)	VACANT (D-7)	Lane Becker (Mayor)
Nicole Merritt (D-3)	Kim Taylor (D-8)	

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 February 24, 2025.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation, discussion and approve letters of support for PARD Staff who have increased low-income access to PARD programs by improving financial aid programs, effective collaboration and removal of barriers. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
(PARD Long Range Strategies: Park Access for All, Urban Public Spaces).
Presenter(s): Christa McCarthy, Centralized Programming Division Manager and Davin Bjornaas, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.

3. Presentation, discussion and approve a recommendation to Austin City Council to approve the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for Project SAFE, a swim lesson and water safety education program that includes opportunities for students to continue their education by joining either paid or free swim lessons during the summer months when AISD is not in session. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
(PARD Long Range Strategies: Relief from Urban Life, Urban Public Spaces).
Presenter(s): Ashley Wells, Aquatics Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.

4. Presentation, discussion and approve a recommendation to Austin City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and Austin Community College for restoration of the historic iron fencing surrounding family lots at Oakwood Cemetery. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
(PARD Long Range Strategies: Relief from Urban Life, Urban Public Spaces).
Presenter(s): Jason Walker, Cemeteries Division Manager and Ryan Dees, Environmental Program Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department.

5. Discussion and approve a recommendation to Austin City Council regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 operating budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)

STAFF BRIEFINGS

6. Staff Briefing on the Ball and Soccer Field Contracts Special Report. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers, Becker, Reed)
Presenter(s): Tyler Myers, Supervising Senior Auditor and Corrie Stokes, City Auditor, Office of the City Auditor.

7. Staff briefing on progress made towards a response to Council Resolution No. 20241121-072 to explore additional funding sources for parks management, land acquisition, amenities, facilities, and maintenance. (Sponsors: Villalobos, Flowers)
(PARD Long Range Strategies: Park Access for All).
Presenter(s): Liana Kallivoka, Assistant Director and Alyssa Tharrett, Architectural Development Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.

8. 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

9. Update from the Joint Sustainability Committee on the Committee's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget recommendation. (Sponsor: Becker, Villalobos)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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