REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
JULY 28, 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/0HXkfwNbVA 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:

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

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 June 23, 2025.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation, discussion and approve letters of support for PARD Golf staff in recognition of successful driving range and resurfacing projects at multiple golf courses. (Sponsors: Bazan, Flowers)
   (PARD Long Range Strategies: Park Access for All, Urban Public Spaces).
   Presenter(s): Steve Hammond, Golf Division Manager, Parks and Recreation.

3. Presentation, discussion and approve a recommendation to Austin City to approve a permanent change of use of 31,694 sq. ft. of parkland located at Balcones District Park to allow for the construction of the Walnut Interceptor Odor and Corrosion Improvements project. Total mitigation is $742,361. (Sponsors: Bazan, Flowers)
   (PARD Long Range Strategies: Operational Efficiency).
   Presenter(s): Tony Lopez P.E., Project Manager, Capital Delivery Services.

4. Presentation, discussion and approval of a recommendation to Austin City Council to approve the temporary use of 20,800 sq. ft. of parkland located at Jamestown Neighborhood Park for temporary storage and staging area for a period not to exceed 570 calendar days. Total Mitigation is $58,233. (Sponsors: Bazan, Flowers)
(PARD Long Range Strategies: Operational Efficiency).
Presenter(s): Claudia Corsetti P.E., Project Manager, Capital Delivery Services.

5. Approve the Parks and Recreation board Annual Internal Review and Report. (Sponsors: Bazan, Flowers).

6. Discussion and create a working group to examine the importance of parkland as it relates to stormwater retention and detention. (Sponsors: Eubanks, Abou-Emara).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Discussion on budget deficits and cutbacks on external funding and support as they relate to the long-term sustainability of Austin's Parks system. (Sponsors: Eubanks, Abou-Emara, Taylor)

STAFF BRIEFINGS

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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