REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
OCTOBER 27, 2025 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 1001
301 W. 2ND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Some members of the Parks and Recreation Board may be participating by videoconference. The meeting may be viewed online at: http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak, click here: https://forms.office.com/g/9LMCgndapf or call or email Tim Dombeck, (512) 974-6716, Tim.Dombeck@austintexas.gov.

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 September 29, 2025.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation, discussion and approve letters of support for the Austin Parks and Recreation Athletics Team for adult sports program offerings including upcoming initiatives designed to expand equitable access to adult sports opportunities throughout the city. (Sponsors: Bazan, Flowers)
   (PARD Long Range Strategies: Park Access for All, Urban Public Spaces).
   Presenter(s): Jim Kotick, Recreation Program Manager and Elizabeth Tajchman, Recreation Program Supervisor, Austin Parks and Recreation.

3. Presentation, discussion, and approve a recommendation to City Council to approve an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 Land Development Code to allow for an administrative variance to drainage easement requirements associated with development projects on parkland owned by the City of Austin. (Sponsors: Bazan, Flowers)
(PARD Long Range Strategies: Operational Efficiency, Program Alignment).
Presenter(s): Kevin Shunk, Floodplain Administrator, Austin Watershed Protection.

4. Discussion and approve setting the Parks and Recreation Board 2026 regular meeting schedule as the 4th Monday of each month, except May and December, and May 18th at 6:00 p.m. (Sponsors: Bazan, Flowers)

STAFF BRIEFINGS

5. Staff briefing on a Commercial Landscape Equipment Electrification Market Study. (Sponsors: Bazan, Flowers)
Presenter(s): Jen Cregar, Founder and Principal, Terra Lumina Consulting.

6. 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, Austin Parks and Recreation Director.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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