

**MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:

Chair, Rick Cook; Vice Chair, Antoine Scott; Neil Bolton; Awnya Creque; David Finfrock; Shannon Hart; Jacqueline Ivy; Ex-Officio, Traci Uncel-Martin and Ex-Officio, Oscar Santos.

Parks & Recreation Board Members Absent:

Jacqueline Ivy; Ex-Officio Kiphani Allen.

City Staff Present:

Shawn Ray, Parks & Recreation Director, Josh McLerran, Parks Superintendent

Shonda Johnson, Recreation Superintendent, Karen Tenery, Parks & Recreation Executive Assistant

Others present: None.

I. Call the meeting to order:

Chair, Rick Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Review and approve minutes from Parks & Recreation board meeting held on May 21, 2025:

David Finfrock made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2025, meeting. Neil Bolton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

III. Citizen's forum: None

IV. Receive a presentation on Park Operations:

Shawn Ray opened the discussion by reminding the board that reports on key topics would be presented each month. He then turned it over to Josh McLerran, who provided a detailed overview of park operations.

Josh emphasized the scope of work required to maintain the city's parks and highlighted the dedication and experience of the parks crew. He recognized their years of service and responsibilities and shared personal stories illustrating their strong sense of ownership and pride. He described the crew as a great team committed to keeping the city's parks well-maintained and welcoming.



V. Receive Parks and Recreation newsletter related to programs, events, and projects:

Shawn Ray presented highlights from the most recent Parks & Recreation newsletter, which included information on upcoming programs and events, "save the date" reminders, and the new SignUpGenius volunteer feature.

Key updates included:

- Relocation of the Farmers Market
- The city's re-certification as a Bird City
- Recognition of a parks crew member for 10 years of service
- A brief dip in Lagoon attendance, though it still welcomed over 900 visitors last weekend
- Launch of the new Litter Crew initiative


VI. Adjourn: Chair, Rick Cook adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS							
Board members	Position	1.15.25	2.19.25	3.19.25	4.16.25	5.21.25	6.18.25
Rick Cook	Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P
Antoine Scott	Vice-Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P
Neil Bolton	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P	P
Awnya Creque	Board Member	P	P	P	P	A	P
David Finrock	Board Member	P	P	A	P	P	P
Shannon Hart	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jacqueline Ivy	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P	A
Marilyn Little	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P	P
L. Michelle Terrell	Board Member	P	P	P	A	P	P
Traci Uncel-Martin	Ex-Officio	P	A	P	P	P	P
Oscar Santos	Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kiphan Allen	Ex-Officio	A	A	A	A	A	A

Key: A = Absent, P = Present, PL = Present arrived late

Signature: 
Rick Cook, Chair, Parks & Recreation Board

Date: 7.11, 2025

Signature: 
Karen Tenery, Executive Assistant, Parks & Recreation Department

Date: 7.11, 2025

