

**MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:

Chair, Antoine Scott; Vice Chair, Neil Bolton

Rick Cook; Awnya Creque; David Finrock; Shannon Hart; Jacqueline Ivy; Oscar Santos;
Traci Uncel-Martin

Parks & Recreation Board Members Absent: Ex-Officio Pam Rogers

City Staff Present:

Shawn Ray, Parks & Recreation Director; Shonda Johnson, Recreation Superintendent;
Karen Tenery, Parks & Recreation Executive Assistant

Former Board Members/Others present:

I. Call the meeting to order:

Chair, Antoine Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Review and approve minutes from Parks & Recreation board meeting held on August 20, 2025:

Correction to Minutes: David Finrock's attendance status for the July 16, 2025, meeting should be corrected to Present.

Awnya Creque made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2025, meeting with the noted correction. Neil Bolton and Jacqueline Ivy seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Citizen's forum: None

IV. Receive 55+ and Senior Citizen presentation:

Shonda Johnson gave a detailed presentation to the Board highlighting the 55+ program. Her presentation included an overview of the team, the Livability Study, health and healthy meals, new additions, social engagement, transportation options, the Best Southwest Partnership, the Resource Hub, and the new 55+ wing addition.

V. Discuss Board engagement opportunities:

Shawn Ray opened the discussion and reminded the Board of the information provided regarding underutilized park areas. He then turned the discussion over to the Board.



The Board discussed ways to promote neighborhood parks and increase community use. Topics included music in the parks, food trucks, and various activities, with emphasis on strategies to encourage greater attendance at neighborhood parks.

Following discussion, the Board made a motion to begin a pilot program at Bear Creek Park. The motion was made by Traci Uncel-Martin and seconded by Shannon Hart

. The Board noted that no specific start date was determined other than sometime in the fall, and programming would need to be coordinated for this pilot program.

VI. Parks and recreation newsletter related to programs, events, and projects:

Shawn Ray gave an overview of the key highlights from the newsletter to the board and noted upcoming events and programs with save the date information.

VII. Adjourn: Chair, Antoine Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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	7.16.25	8.20.25	9.17.25
Antoine Scott	Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Neil Bolton	Vice-Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rick Cook	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Awnya Creque	Board Member	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P
David Finrock	Board Member	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Shannon Hart	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Jacqueline Ivy	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Traci Uncel-Martin	Board Member	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Oscar Santos	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Pam Rogers	Ex-Officio							P	P	A

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

Signature: _____

Antoine Scott, Chair, Parks & Recreation Board

Date: 10.15, 2025

Signature: K Tenery

Karen Tenery, Executive Assistant, Parks & Recreation Department

Date: 10-15-, 2025

