

MAY 6, 2025, | 5:00 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Dykstra called the meeting to order on Tuesday, May 6, at 5:05 P.M.

Members in Attendance:

Vice Chair Melanie Dykstra
Board Member Sue McInturf
Board Member Sarah Sharits
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy

Members Absent:

Chair John David
Board Member James Montgomery
Board Member Lynette Bradley

Staff Members:

John Sefton, Corey Povar, Mickey Ohland, Brandon Putman, Becky Kuiper,
Ray Kaniut, Jen Clouse, Teo Ruiz, and Ryan McCartney

Others Present:

Alison Almand, Duane Lidman, Jeggy Kris, Kenn Kobashigawa, Madison
Harris, Taylor Boik, Justin Menzel, Mathew Goodnight, Adeline Hegde, and
Richard Hauck

UNSCHEDULED/SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Unscheduled - Mr. Duane Lidman spoke briefly about Orange Tree Park and the developer has completed all the improvements.

Scheduled - Mr. Ryan McCartney and Mr. Brandon Putman presented Matthew Goodnight, Justin Menzel, and Ameilia Menzel, from SRP, with a plaque commemorating SRP's donation of 174 trees planted in Chandler.

ACTION ITEMS

1. *Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2025, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.*

Board Member McInturf moved to approve the March 4th Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes and **Board Member Krishnamurthy** seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

2. *Election of the Chair for the Parks and Recreation Board.*

Vice-Chair Dykstra nominated **Chair David** for a second term as Chair of the Board. **Board Member Krishnamurthy** seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0.

3. *Election of the Vice Chair for the Parks and Recreation Board.*

Board Member McInturf nominated **Vice-Chair Dykstra** for a second term as Chair of the Board. **Board Member Sharits** seconded the motion. Motion approved, 4-0.

4. *Request Endorsement of the A.J. Chandler Park Master Plan.*

Mr. Mickey Ohland gave a presentation of the A.J. Chandler Park Master Plan.

Vice Chair Dykstra asked if the current parking locations would be affected. Mr. Ohland responded that existing parking spaces would be maintained.

Vice Chair Dykstra asked about the impact to the downtown area. Mr. Sefton responded that working with the businesses and maintaining open communications would be key in the project. **Board Member Krishnamurthy** moved to approve the endorsement of the A.J. Chandler

Park Master Plan and **Board Member McInturf** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

BRIEFING

5. *ASU Project Cities – Chuparosa Park Sustainability Recommendations*

Taylor Boik, Madison Harris, Adeline Hegde, Richard Hauck, and Kenn Kobashigawa, from ASU Project Cities, presented on Landscape Management Strategies at Chuparosa Park. A guide was created defining best practices in the areas of water conservation, plant selection, landscape design, and community participation.

Vice-Chair Dykstra asked if the guide will be used for park re-development. Mr. Sefton responded that it will be reviewed.

Board Member McInturf asked if sound barrier planting would be considered. Mr. Sefton responded that sound barrier planting could be considered in future landscaping plans.

6. *Centralized Programming Unit Presentation*

City staff members Raymond Kaniut, Jen Clouse, and Teo Ruiz presented on the centralized programming unit. A brief history of community recreation programs was provided, a shift to the Learning Resource Network (LERN) Process and why, and recent programming stats were provided.

7. *Community Services FY 25/26 Budget Planning*

Due to the loss of quorum at 6:44 p.m., this item was not presented but will be sent electronically to the board members.

CALENDAR ITEMS

8. The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held on August 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Melanie Dykstra, Vice-Chair

John Sefton, Director of Community Services