

# Meeting Minutes

## Parks and Recreation Board

### Regular Meeting

February 3, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.  
Nozomi Aquatic Center  
250 S. Kyrene Rd., Chandler, AZ



### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair David at 5:02 p.m.

### Roll Call

#### Commission Attendance

Chair John David  
Vice Chair Melanie Dykstra  
Board Member James Montgomery  
Board Member Sarah Sharits  
Board Member Lynette Bradley  
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy  
Board Member Sue McInturf

#### Staff Attendance

Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent  
Luke Cerré, Management Analyst  
John Sefton, Community Services Director  
Mickey Ohland, Comm. Svcs. Planning Manager  
Corey Povar, Comm. Svcs. Assistant Director  
Riley McAuliffe, Recreation Supervisor  
Matt Holmes, Aquatics Maintenance Supervisor  
Alexandria Hunter, Aquatics Coordinator  
Tyler Buckley, Recreation Supervisor

#### Absent

None

### Unscheduled Public Appearances

None.

### Consent Agenda

- November Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**  
Move Parks and Recreation Board to approve the meeting minutes of the November 4, 2025, regular meeting.

Vice Chair Dykstra motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Board Member Sharits. Motion carried 6-0. Board Member Bradley was not present for the motion.

## Action Agenda

2. **2026 CYSA Concession Request** – Tyler Buckley, Recreation Supervisor  
Move Parks and Recreation Board to recommend 2026 Chandler Youth Sports Association Concession Request for Director Approval

Mr. Buckley addressed the Board regarding the Chandler Youth Sports Association's request to permit selected vendors to sell concessions during scheduled games and tournaments in 2026. He noted that the concessions provide a service to participants and families, that vendor arrangements are managed directly by the organizations, and that all vendors have been approved by the city's Tax and License Division.

Vice Chair Dykstra noted that the additional level of detail provided in this year's request was appreciated.

Board Member Montgomery moved to recommend approval of the 2026 CYSA Concession Request for Director approval; seconded by Vice Chair Dykstra. Motion carried 6-0. Board Member Bradley was not present for the vote.

## Briefing

3. **Retirement Recognition** – Mickey Ohland, Community Services Planning Manager  
*Moved to the end of Briefing per Chair David*

Community Services Director John Sefton recognized Mickey Ohland for his retirement following 30 years of service with the City of Chandler. He highlighted Mr. Ohland's lasting impact on Chandler's park system, noting that he played a key role in the planning and development of numerous parks, playgrounds, memorials, sports fields, and specialty amenities across the city. His collaborative leadership style, attention to detail, and commitment to quality were acknowledged as instrumental in advancing Chandler's parks and recreation system.

Mr. Ohland addressed the Board, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Chandler community and gratitude for the Board's role in shaping park spaces over the years. Board Members and staff offered remarks recognizing his service and wishing him well in retirement.

4. **Park Memorial Program** – Corey Povar, Community Services Assistant Director

Mr. Povar presented proposed updates to the Park Memorial Program, building on prior Board discussions. The presentation focused on two memorial options: a bench replacement program and a revised memorial tree program, both intended to honor loved ones while supporting long-term park infrastructure and urban forestry needs.

Key discussion points included:

- Transitioning the bench program to a replacement-based model using a maintained roster of benches due for replacement in select community parks.
- Allowing donors to choose from eligible bench locations rather than requesting new installations.
- Noting an estimated bench cost of approximately \$2,000, with typical bench lifespans of 10–15 years.
- Shifting the memorial tree program away from donations tied to individual trees toward contributions supporting the overall urban forestry program, including planting, maintenance, and long-term canopy health.
- Exploring options for donor recognition, including online recognition and potential physical displays in centralized locations, such as City Hall, the Vision Gallery, or Celebration Plaza.

Board Members discussed donor preferences for physical recognition, long-term maintenance considerations, and opportunities for group or organizational participation, including Arbor Day recognition and potential hands-on planting events.

## 5. **Recreation and Library Master Plan Update**

Mr. Sefton provided an update on the Recreation and Library Master Plan process. Consultants have completed site visits at recreation facilities and libraries and have begun staff interviews and assessments.

Highlights included:

- Development of a project tagline to support public engagement.
- An outreach goal of approximately 128,000 public interactions through surveys, events, and intercept opportunities.
- Collaboration with Arizona State University and engagement with youth sports organizations.
- Use of multiple outreach methods, including statistically validated surveys, social media, registration system communications, and presence at community events.

Consultant updates to the Board are anticipated in spring 2026, with completion of the master plan targeted for late 2026.

## 6. **Aquatics Staff Introductions**

Recreation Supervisor Riley McAuliffe introduced two new aquatics team members:

- Matt Holmes, Aquatics Maintenance Supervisor, who oversees aquatics maintenance operations at all facilities.
- Alexandria Hunter, Aquatics Coordinator, who assists with aquatics programming and operations.

## 7. **Nozomi Aquatic Center Tour** – Riley McAuliffe, Recreation Supervisor

Ms. McAuliffe led a tour of Nozomi Aquatic Center and provided an overview of facility features and programming.

## **Member Comments/Announcements**

- Board Member Krishnamurthy advised that a cricket tournament is scheduled to take place February 7–8, 2026, at Tumbleweed Park.
- Vice Chair Dykstra noted that the city will host multiple events and programs throughout the year as part of Arizona’s America250 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

## **Calendar**

The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held March 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St.

## **Informational Items**

### 8. **Upcoming Events**

Attached list of upcoming events and programs.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.