Meeting Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting

May 5, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.
Chandler City Council Chambers
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Community Services Director John Sefton at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call
Commission Attendance
Board Member James Montgomery
Board Member Lynette Bradley
Board Member Jegadesan Krishnamurthy
Board Member Sue McInturf
Board Member Sarah Sharits
Board Member Julie Trujillo

Absent
Chair John David (excused)

Staff Attendance
Erika Berry, Recreation Superintendent
Luke Cerré, Management Analyst
John Sefton, Jr., Community Services Director
Corey Povar, Comm. Svcs. Assistant Director
Rebecca Kuiper, Recreation Superintendent
Chris Smith, Recreation Superintendent
Brandon Putman, Parks Superintendent
Ryan McCartney, Urban Forester
James Johnson, Recreation Coordinator
Lauren Schumann, Planning Manager

Unscheduled Public Appearances
None.

Consent Agenda
1. **April Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**
   Move Parks and Recreation Board to approve the meeting minutes of the April 7, 2026 regular meeting.

   Board Member Montgomery motioned to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Board Member McInturf. Motion carried 6-0.

Action Agenda

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

   Board Member Sharits motioned to elect James Montgomery as Chair; seconded by Board Member McInturf. Motion carried 6-0.

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

   Board Member McInturf motioned to elect John David as Vice Chair; seconded by Chair Montgomery. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion

4. **Staff and Board Introductions**

   New Board Member Julie Trujillo and Recreation Coordinator James Johnson introduced themselves to the Board.

Briefing

5. **Chandler 2026 General Plan** – Lauren Schumann, Planning Manager

   Ms. Schumann presented an overview of the proposed Chandler 2026 General Plan, including the purpose and update process, public engagement, changes to the Future Land Use Map and land-use categories, revised employment and South Price Road Corridor policies, new arts and urban forestry policies, and an Implementation Action Plan. The proposed plan will appear on the July 21, 2026 primary election ballot for voter ratification.

   Board questions and discussion included:

   - Affordable and low-income housing needs, including the role of City-owned housing and mobile-home communities.
   - How county islands are addressed in the plan.
   - The effect of remote work on demand for traditional office development.
   - Whether residential components of Price Road employment campuses could be limited to employees and how building height would be evaluated.
   - The ballot process, required approval threshold, and what would occur if voters do not ratify the plan.

6. **Recreation and Library Master Plan Update** – John Sefton, Jr., Community Services Director

Mr. Sefton reported that stakeholder meetings with recreation and library programmers had been completed.

A statistically validated survey is planned to be distributed in approximately 40 days. Randomly selected households will be offered paper, online, and telephone response options, with follow-up intended to obtain a representative cross-section of residents, including people who do not currently use City programs or facilities.

Staff also planned a City Council work session in May and a joint Recreation and Library Master Plan workshop on May 19.

7. **Department Updates and Announcements** – John Sefton, Jr., Community Services Director

Mr. Sefton provided the following updates:

- The department completed its all-day budget presentation to the Mayor and City Council. The proposed budget includes additional staffing for urban forestry and irrigation maintenance.
- The 60 percent design package for Mesquite Groves was submitted. The construction manager at risk will refine the design and budget, with groundbreaking anticipated in fall 2026.
- Hamilton Aquatic Center renovations were underway, with an opening targeted for May 22, subject to completion of corrective work on the slides.
- Navarrete Park improvements included a replacement playground, concrete work to improve ADA access, and planned parking improvements by the Streets Division.
- Upcoming programs and events included Family Fitness Day on June 13 at Tumbleweed Recreation Center, Movies in the Park/CinePark events, and free pool admission on Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- Staff recently held a Youth Mental Health Summit and continued preparations for the summer aquatics season.

Member Comments/Announcements

None.

Calendar

8. **Recreation and Library Master Plan Workshop** – Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. | Downtown Library Copper Room, 22 S. Delaware St.
9. The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held August 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.