

MINUTES
Park & Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, July 2, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Mario Lebron, Chris Boar, Diana Tank, Sarah Hoeg, Delmar Kuhlers, Brad Bark

Members Absent: Luis Cacho

Staff Present: Rich Klimes & Jennifer Eagle

Guests Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Introductions of new advisory commission member Diana Tank (Luis Cacho was absent).

*Bark motioned to assign Lebron as Chair. Seconded by Tank. All ayes; motion carries.
Tank motioned to assign Boar as Second Chair. Seconded by Bark. All ayes; motion carries.*

Kuhlers approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025 regular meeting as distributed. Seconded by Bark. All ayes; motion carries.

Update – Indoor Sports Complex Project

- Field turf is on site
- Fabric for dome to arrive mid-July with the inflation to begin end of July/beginning of August
- Scheduling is being managed by the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, Nick Gow
- Budget of \$409,000 in revenues
- 25 weekends booked
- Free times available Monday through Friday 8AM-10AM & 3PM-5PM (unless a special event is scheduled during this time)
- Ability to reserve pickleball courts online

Update – Weed Park Lagoon Project

- Project completed within budget
- Pond was stocked by DNR today

Update – Southend Community Improvement Project

- Resurfacing of the pickleball courts to occur late July/early August
- Ability to rent pickleball courts online coming soon (as well as tennis courts & sand volleyball courts at Weed Park)

Update – Riverfront Improvements

- Pearl City Station to get a new roof
- Riverfront Fountain (Mississippi Mist) to be repaired - Requests for proposals are out now
- Riverview Center to have the deck replaced
- Maintenance shop repairs (new metal)
- Basketball courts to possibly be moved up river for amphitheater

Update – Greenwood Cemetery

- Request for Proposals for Retail Sales & Office Operations went out
- No bids were received for the Office Operations
- Heritage Monument will be awarded the contract for Retail Sales if approved by City Council.
- Heritage Monument prefers to stay at their current location, which could possibly open the other side of the building to be utilized as a chapel for small memorial service rentals.

Update – Indoor Tennis Court Project

- Great River Tennis Association is conducting a feasibility study.

Update – Miracle Field

- Concept Plan & Cost Estimate have been done
- Next will be grant writing for funding

Other Business

A. Rec Programs under way:

- Youth Swim Lessons
- Tee-Ball
- Blastball
- Gymnastics
- Youth Tennis Lessons
- Youth Pickleball Lessons
- Walking Club
- Coed Adult Sand Volleyball League

B. Golf Course

- Record revenue of \$1.2 million
- Next budget process will include requests for tee boxes, greens on 9 & 15 and repairs to the car paths.

C. Aquatic Center

- Averaging 800 guests a day with about 20,000 for the 1st month of operation
- Swim Lessons in the mornings & evenings
- Every Friday & Saturday before & after hour private parties have been filled – Every Sunday before & after hours private parties have been filled but one

- Private parties are starting to fill up for weekdays as well.
- Golf Course cart paths were discussed. Staff will get quotes for repairs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Eagle
Administrative Specialist