

**PARKS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Minutes**

December 4, 2025

City Hall Executive Conference Room 141

Present: Alan Ewert (Chair), Erin Trimble, Peter Gassner, Eve Ponder, Brad Porterfield,
 Council Liaison: Shannon Wedding (Absent)
 Absent: Jeannie Cote-Lashonse, Shawna Hicks
 RAPRD Ex Officio: Katie Hammer
 Youth Ex Officio: Alison Aguilar (Absent)
 Staff Present: Public Works Director, City Engineer Jessica MacClanahan, PW Operations Manager
 Josh Wedding, Special Projects and Natural Resource Manager Maria Ramirez,
 Parks/Facilities Division Manager Dusty Hood, Avery McChristian City Arborist, Recorder
 Brenda Pelly.

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM:
Chair Alan Ewert called the meeting to order at 3:35PM. A quorum was established.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Maria brought up the upcoming nominations for the Chair and Co-Chair positions. They will be voted on in the February meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Richard Lance commented on the importance of the Northern Dry Canyon area of the Parks natural area, and its inclusion of it in the upcoming budget.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- November 6, 2025, minutes. Unanimously approved.

DISCUSSIONS/ ACTION ITEMS

- CIP discussion. The members discussed what projects they would like included in the recommendation to the Council. Jessica encapsulated the data and will work with staff to create the presentation. It will be discussed during the February meeting before the council presentation.
- Maintenance & Operations updates – Josh reported the winterization of the parks are ongoing. Upgrades have been made to the Centennial spray park fountains with new programming and electrical updates.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER & CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Erin reported she has asked staff at Hugh Hartman elementary school if they were interested in participating in the Arbor Day projects next year.
- Avery showed the slice of the ancient Juniper tree that was from a development site, it dates to the 1460's.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS:


- January - No meeting will be held
- February – Voting for Chair & Co-Chair and CIP
- March – RAPRD

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 4:54PM.

APPROVED by and SIGNED by me this 11th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

ATTEST: 

 Alan Ewert
 Parks Committee Chair



 Maria Ramirez
 Special Projects and Natural Resource Program Manager

