



City of Clarksville Parks & Recreation Committee

February 11, 2025 at 4:30 AM
City Hall
4th Floor Conference Room

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AGENDA

- 1. Public Comments**
- 2. Call to Order**
- 3. Announce Members in Attendance**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. December 10, 2024
 - B. January 14, 2025
- 5. City Council Action**
- 6. Committee Action**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Old Business**
- 9. Department Reports**
 - A. Council Report
 - B. [Annual Report](#)
 - C. Recreation Update
 - D. Adaptive Round Table Discussions
 - E. Operations Update
 - F. GIS Map
- 10. Adjournment**



City of Clarksville

Parks & Recreation Committee

December 10, 2024 at 4:30 PM
City Hall
4th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Public Comments

None

2. Call to Order

The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Zacharias at 4:30 p.m. on December 10, 2024.

3. Announce Members in Attendance

Councilperson Brian Zacharias
Councilperson Keri Lovato
Councilperson Stacey Streetman

Councilpersons Allen and Marquis were absent.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. November 12, 2024

Councilperson Lovato made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented.
Councilperson Streetman seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion to adopt the minutes passed without objection.

5. City Council Action

None

6. Committee Action

None

7. New Business

None

8. Old Business

A. Green Space

Jennifer Letourneau presented a newly developed GIS map that overlays park locations with ward boundaries to help identify areas in need of additional park

space. She emphasized the importance of expanding park access and outlined key criteria for creating quality parks, such as ensuring a minimum size of one acre. Jennifer also highlighted challenges in acquiring suitable land, including avoiding sites with drainage issues or sinkholes.

Additionally, Jennifer announced the development of an interactive map that will allow users to hover over individual parks to view their amenities.

The committee also discussed the Regional Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan and the possibility of introducing an ordinance requiring developers to contribute to the city's park network.

9. Department Reports

A. Council Report

The January Council Report was presented to the Committee.

B. Projects Update

Jennifer Letourneau provided updates on several ongoing projects, including the pedestrian bridge, renovations at Dixon Park, and developments at Exit 8.

The state's plan to drain Swan Lake and the potential impact on the golf course's irrigation was also discussed. Several employees plan to attend the upcoming public input meeting.

C. Operations Update

Randy Kelly updated the Committee on current maintenance projects, including repairs to the riverwalk at McGregor Park in preparation for the upcoming Light Run and plans for future park clean-ups.

D. Recreation Update

Karla Ellis shared details about upcoming events, including the Christmas Light Run, the Polar Bear Plunge, and the 19th Century Christmas at Fort Defiance. She also highlighted the success of the Lighted Christmas Parade and the grand opening of Christmas on the Cumberland. A social media reel of Christmas on the Cumberland was played for the Committee.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.



City of Clarksville

Parks & Recreation Committee

January 14, 2025 at 4:30 PM
City Hall
4th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Public Comments

None

2. Call to Order

The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Zacharias at 4:30 p.m. on January 14, 2025.

3. Announce Members in Attendance

Councilman Brian Zacharias
Councilman Tim Chandler
Councilman Ambar Marquis
Councilman Joe Shakeenab
Councilman Wanda Smith

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes will be considered at the next committee meeting.

5. City Council Action

None

6. Committee Action

None

7. New Business

None

8. Old Business

None

9. Department Reports

Jennifer Letourneau introduced each staff member seated at the table, providing a brief overview of their roles and responsibilities within the department.

A. Council Report

Jennifer Letourneau provided an update on current vacant positions and highlighted upcoming events, including Fort Defiance's Victorian Tea Party, Kleeman Recreation Center's Black History Celebration, and Boots, Beats, &

Bites.

She also announced that the Polar Bear Plunge, initially set for January 11th, had been rescheduled to January 25th due to weather conditions.

B. Department Overview

Jennifer Letourneau provided an overview of the department, highlighting its accreditation, facilities, and various activities. She also discussed recent and upcoming projects, including the expansion of the greenway at multiple locations and ongoing park renovations and improvements.

After Jennifer Letourneau reviewed the plans for the Bel Aire Skate Park, Councilperson Zacharias acknowledged the significant community interest in the project, emphasizing that this is how the process should work.

Councilman Smith expressed concerns about the absence of bleachers at Edith Pettus Park, stressing the importance of providing seating for the community. In response, Jennifer Letourneau explained that user groups had been consulted about the need for bleachers and requested time to assess their necessity. She plans to revisit the topic in their next monthly meeting.

Councilman Chandler inquired about the situation at Dunbar Cave and the potential impact on the golf course. Jennifer Letourneau discussed the department's efforts to work with the state.

Councilman Zacharias underscored the committee's role in providing support to the department.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



- It's fun, it's cute, and it's back! Don't miss the Preschool Prom, where your little ones can dress up and dance in a magical masquerade setting! This delightful celebration features lively music, colorful decorations, and exciting activities for children ages 2-5. Tickets are required for children, but accompanying adults attend for free. Join us for an unforgettable day of sweet moments on March 22nd from 4-6 pm at the Crow Recreation Center.
- Mark your calendars for the 2025 Fit Fest on April 12th at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center! This exciting new event promises fun for all ages and fitness levels, with a 1-mile fun run, Fitness Expo, outdoor Ninja obstacle course, and sunset yoga. Fit Fest has something for everyone-don't miss it!
- The Civil War Artifact Display will be held on April 12th at Fort Defiance from 10 am-3 pm. Local collectors will display their Civil War collections and John Walsh from Ft. Donelson Relics will bring items that are rarely on display to the public. Also, patrons can bring their own historical items to the Fort and learn more about their treasures from the experts!
- We are hiring! The following full-time positions are currently open:
 - Golf Course Manager
 - Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
 - Event Planning Supervisor
 - 3 Grounds & Facility Maintenance Assistants
 - Recreation Center Manager

For more information and a complete list of programs, classes, and ongoing activities visit ClarksvilleParksRec.com.