



City of Clarksville

Parks & Recreation Committee

February 11, 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 Councilman Zacharias at 4:30 p.m. on February 11, 2025.

3. Announce Members in Attendance

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

Councilman Tim Chandler was absent.
Mayor Pitts was also in attendance.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. December 10, 2024

B. January 14, 2025

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented.
Councilman Marquis 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

None

9. Department Reports

A. Council Report

Jennifer Letourneau presented the March Council Report to the Committee, highlighting upcoming events such as the Preschool Prom and the inaugural Fit Fest. She also provided an overview of current job openings within the department.

B. Annual Report

Jennifer announced the completion of the department's annual report, emphasizing its focus on personal stories showcasing the department's impact rather than just numerical data.

C. Recreation Update

Karla Ellis detailed several upcoming events, including the Family Formal, Nerf Wars, the Cookie Crawl, and the Black History Celebration.

D. Adaptive Round Table Discussions

Karla Ellis shared insights from a successful adaptive round table meeting, which brings together special needs organizations to discuss challenges and foster collaboration. Karla noted that adaptive programming now has a dedicated tab in the department's catalog, allowing for a direct link that simplifies access and registration. Additionally, she announced upcoming events for the special needs community, including a Sock Hop and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Jennifer Letourneau also highlighted the department's increased focus on senior programming, with offerings such as yoga, Tai Chi, art, and Pilates, which have helped cultivate a close-knit community.

E. Operations Update

Randy Kelly reviewed ongoing maintenance projects, including brush removal, pool renovations, and restroom upgrades at the Swan Lake Golf Course. He also emphasized the department's commitment to staff development and training, highlighting recent certifications and upcoming training programs.

F. GIS Map

Jennifer Letourneau elaborated on the benefits of the new interactive map mentioned in previous meetings. The map's capabilities and potential applications were discussed.

Councilman Smith requested data on the number of African-American managers and supervisors within the parks and recreation department and citywide. Jennifer Letourneau recommended reaching out to the Director of Human Resources for this information.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.