



City of Clarksville Parks & Recreation Committee

September 9, 2025 at 4:30 PM
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. August 12, 2025
- 5. City Council Action**
- 6. Committee Action**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Old Business**
- 9. Department Reports**
 - A. Council Report
 - B. Operations Update
 - C. Projects Update
 - D. Recreation Update
- 10. Adjournment**



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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 August 12, 2025.

3. Announce Members in Attendance

Councilman Brian Zacharias
Councilman Ambar Marquis
Councilman Joe Shakeenab

Councilmen Smith and Chandler were absent.
Councilman Keri Lovato was also in attendance.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. July 8, 2025

Councilman Marquis made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented.
Councilman Shakeenab seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion to adopt the minutes passed without objection.

5. City Council Action Required

A. Ordinance accepting Rochford property

Jennifer Letourneau introduced an ordinance to accept a 16-acre property donation from John Rochford, located in Ward 12, for use as a community park. She highlighted its natural trails and potential as a neighborhood amenity, noting the improvements the donor had already made and his ongoing generosity in allowing community use. A map and photos were presented, and Jennifer asked for the committee's support in accepting the donation.

Councilman Shakeenab made a motion to accept the donation of the Rochford property. Councilman Marquis seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed without objection.

Councilman Shakeenab left to attend another meeting.

6. New Business

None

7. Old Business

None

8. Department Reports

A. Council Report

Jennifer Letourneau presented the September Council Report to the Committee, highlighting upcoming events and open positions.

B. Operations Update

Randy Kelly reported on ongoing maintenance efforts, averaging 215–220 work orders per month, and noted the transition from summer to fall sports leagues.

C. Projects Update

Jennifer Letourneau addressed the unregulated use of Edith Pettus Park's football field, which caused significant damage. She outlined plans to install fencing and implement a permit-only system to regulate usage and prevent further issues. She also reported on ongoing projects, including the pedestrian bridge, and progress on dirt work at Exit 8.

D. Recreation Update

Jennifer Letourneau reported that the racquetball court at Crow Recreation Center has been converted into a fitness center and recognized the dedication of recreation center managers, noting a new initiative for city departments to engage with youth through regular visits and activities. She highlighted popular events such as the sold-out Victorian tea party and the return of the Children's Entrepreneur Market, and provided seasonal pool closing dates.

Councilman Zacharias raised concerns about the current resolution granting council members free access to events, suggesting limits for programs with registration or materials costs, and expressed a need to re-evaluate the 15-year-old resolution.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



- Step back in time with Pioneer Cooking Lessons! On October 18 at Fort Defiance, learn how early settlers cooked hearty meals like sausage with apples, squash, and homemade rice pudding. Using authentic period tools and utensils, you'll experience the true art of pioneer cooking. Registration is required.
- In 1958, Mayor Paul McGregor proclaimed the week of October 20 as Archaeology Week in Clarksville, inspiring citizens to preserve and appreciate the city's cultural heritage. This October, our historical staff revives that tradition with Archaeology Week, starting October 15th, offering family-friendly activities all week long in celebration of Clarksville's past.
- Fright on Franklin returns October 25th! Downtown Clarksville comes alive as a Halloween haven with safe, family-friendly trick-or-treating with a variety of local businesses and organizations. Costumes are encouraged—especially if you're entering the crowd-favorite costume contest for all ages!
- Lace up for the 2nd Annual Clarksville Half Marathon, 5K, and 1-Mile Race, on November 1! Experience the thrill of racing through downtown Clarksville, winding through scenic parks, and passing the city's most iconic landmarks. After the finish line, keep the celebration going—cheer on fellow runners, grab a drink, and snap photos to remember the day. Don't miss your chance to be part of Clarksville's running community.
- We are hiring! The following positions are currently open:
 - Athletic Facility Manager
 - Parks and Recreation Instructor

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