

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Board of Parks and Recreation

Held February 17, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.

Sylvia Harlow	Chair	Present
Patricia Bond	Member	Present
Sharon Duff	Member	Present
Jeanie Gay	Member	Present
Erica Grooms	Member	Present

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane; City Planner Nick Sorice; Clerk of Council Karen Powell

Mrs. Erica Grooms, who was reappointed by Council for a term ending December 31, 2027, was sworn in prior to the start of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2025

Chair Sylvia Harlow asked if there were any changes or corrections to the December 16, 2025, Board of Parks and Recreation meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Clerk of Council Karen Powell asked for a nomination for the board meeting chairperson for 2026.

Mrs. Duff nominated Mrs. Harlow; Mrs. Bond seconded the motion.

RESULT: Passed *(Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 1)*
MOVER: Sharon Duff
AYES: Patricia Bond, Sharon Duff, Jeanie Gay, Erica Grooms
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Sylvia Harlow

Ms. Powell asked for a nomination for the board meeting vice chairperson for 2026.

Mrs. Duff nominated Mrs. Bond; Mrs. Grooms seconded the motion.

RESULT: Passed *(Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)*
MOVER: Sharon Duff
AYES: Sylvia Harlow, Sharon Duff, Jeanie Gay, Erica Grooms, Patricia Bond
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Business

Update on Vision Plan and Splash Pad

Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane provided an update on the Community Parks and Recreation Vision Plan and splash pad. He reported the splash pad is moving forward at a good pace, and staff had a productive meeting earlier in the day with The Kleingers Group. He said staff received four concept drawings, and he will email the drawings to the board members. He said the first concept drawing is the one staff liked the most, and he reviewed each drawing with

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the board members. He noted that a little bit of the first concept and a little bit of the fourth concept would be a good concept of the layout of Ora Everetts Park. He said the Vision Plan was the entire broad aspect of the Parks and Recreation Department. He noted there will be an onsite meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, with The Kleingers Group. Mr. Shane continued, stating the Vision Plan pieces a little bit of renovations with Ora Everetts Park, then the next year a little bit at Wax Park, then the next year a little bit at Deer Meadow Park, and so on. He remarked that when one looks at the design concept of Ora Everetts Park, he does not know if the timeline in the Vision Plan is going to work out that well. He said he thinks Ora Everetts Park should be done in its entirety and then move forward with the Vision Plan. He said he will discuss the Capital budget with the Finance Director and City Manager.

Mr. Shane reported that Mrs. Hubbs entered a picture of the front of the Gerheardt Civic Center (GCC) into ChatGPT which produced a photo with renovations. He said he was shocked at how nice the GCC could look. He noted he would include that photo in the email to the board with the Ora Everetts Park concept drawings.

Mrs. Bond asked if multiple renovations could be going on at two different places?

Mr. Shane replied yes, but that would be very costly. He said he may be asking for the funds budgeted for Deer Meadows to be allocated for the updates at Ora Everetts Park. He said a further discussion with Council is needed.

Mrs. Harlow asked if this will affect the school by Ora Everetts Park?

Mr. Shane replied the renovations would probably be more enticing to bring students to the park. He said he has reached out to the school to ask if, when school is out, the City can promote parking at the school during the summer.

Mrs. Harlow asked if the entrance to the park will be accessible from the plat?

Mr. Shane answered that The Kleingers Group is adding a nicer ability to enter the park from the neighborhood. He confirmed the walking path will remain at the park.

Easter 2026 - Adult and Kid's Hunts

Mr. Shane reported that the Adult Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 20, 2026, at Ora Everetts Park at 8:00 PM. He said there will also be a D.J. and nice prizes, candy, etc. He said this event was very popular last year. He also noted the Community Egg Hunt will be held March 28, 2026, at the Payne Recreation Center at 10:00 AM. He said staff has been busy stuffing 8,000 eggs.

2026 Special Events Calendar

Mr. Shane passed out magnetic calendars. He said there will be extra events for the 250th Anniversary celebration, and there will be a Patriots' Day event where the City will take in American flags and take to the proper place for burning. He said the fireworks show will be a big hit again. He said there will be a two-day event on July 3 and 4, with Hotel California playing on July 3 and Stranger playing on July 4. He discussed food truck registration.

Mr. Sorice reported there are new rules regarding food truck regulations, and vendors will need to follow an application process.

Mr. Shane briefly discussed drone shows and said that to be done properly, a drone show would be cost prohibitive. He said all the special events will be listed in the Moraine Messenger.

Open Discussion

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No other business was discussed.

Other Business

Next Meeting - April 21, 2026

Mr. Shane said the next meeting will be held on April 21, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM.



ATTEST: Parks and Recreation Director, Brent Shane



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