



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

5:30 PM City Hall 1201 Leopard St. Basement Training Room.

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Lindsey called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

B. Public Comment

Ron Woods, District 5, addressed the Committee and spoke to the proposed court conversions from tennis to pickle ball courts affecting the Al Kruse Tennis Center. He expressed that there are empty courts at Al Kruse because much of the tennis programming has been moved to HEB Tennis Center. He believes that Elizondo Tennis Foundation is not in compliance with their lease agreement.

Loyce Woods, District 5, spoke to the proposed court conversions from tennis to pickle ball courts affecting Al Kruse Tennis Center. She expressed that for many years HEB Tennis Center has been a "Premier" tennis facility but recently, there have been no high-profile/professional events or exhibitions. She believes that the reason for this is because there is an insufficient number of tennis courts making it incapable of hosting such events. She believes there are numerous other options where pickle ball can be played and proposed that Parks & Recreation could install pickle ball courts at existing facilities like Pebble Park.

Jen Ryon, District 4, spoke to the proposed court conversions from tennis to pickle ball courts affecting Al Kruse Tennis Center. She expressed this is an opportunity for the City to better serve residents by converting a portion of underutilized tennis courts at Al Kruse to pickle ball courts. She stated the recreational demand of pickle ball has exponentially grown in the past five years. The current conditions at Al Kruse, during prime pickle ball schedules, are overcrowded with long wait times. Meanwhile, tennis courts at Al Kruse sit empty or lightly used for long periods throughout the week. She stated the City has a responsibility to use recreational public space efficiently and fairly.

Billie Ryon, District 4, spoke to the proposed court conversions from tennis to pickle ball courts affecting Al Kruse tennis Center. He expressed that pickle ball is uniquely valuable because it is accessible, social and inclusive. He added that pickle ball can have up to 16 players per tennis court as opposed to only four tennis players per tennis court. He added that the reduction of tennis courts being used is not because of a decrease in programming/coaches.

John Sheppard, District 1, addressed the Committee and spoke to the proposed court

conversions from tennis to pickle ball courts affecting Al Kruse Tennis Center. He is in favor of the conversions. He also reiterated how much pickle ball has grown and can bring people of different backgrounds together. He mentioned that other facilities/options to play pickle ball are also crowded.

Julia Garcia, no district given, spoke to the proposed court conversions from tennis to pickle ball courts affecting Al Kruse Tennis Center. She also stated that there has been a reduction in programming at Al Kruse. She expressed that there are double the amount of pickle ball courts at Al Kruse versus tennis courts and that pickle ball players have many options of facilities to choose from. Tennis players are restricted to only two other locations - the Athletic Club/Country Club. She stated that the number of tennis players continues to grow as well. She added that the covered tennis courts at HEB Tennis can be utilized as an option for pickle ball conversions.

C. Chair Remarks

D. Approval of Absences: George Woods & Jeremy Berry

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cronnon to excuse the absence of George Woods and it was seconded by Mark Borgeson. The motion passed.

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E. Approval of Minutes

1. [26-0049](#) PRAC Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2026

A motion was made by Jay Gardner to approve the minutes listed above and it was seconded by Ariana Jones. The motion passed.

F. Director's Report

Jonathan Atwood, Assistant Director, gave the following updates:

- Holly Train Trestle
- BMX Pump Track at Salinas Park
- Wranosky Park
- Splash Pad/Pool Summer Schedule
- Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

G. Visit Corpus Christi Updates, Brook Kaufman, Ex-Officio

Ms. Kaufman gave information on upcoming events through November 2026 and provided data regarding their economic impact.

H. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

2. [26-0364](#) Resolution Exempting the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee from the Prohibition of Recommending Potential Committee Appointments

PRAC reviewed the Resolution language provided by Vice Chair Cronnon. The Resolution recommends to Council that during a next revision of the City Code, they add PRAC to the list of organizations exempt from the prohibition on providing recommendations on potential board appointments in Section 10.1.6(B) of the City Code. This item will remain on the agenda for the June 10th PRAC meeting for a second reading along with a response from PARD Staff.

3. [26-0050](#) PRAC Recommendations for Bond 2026 & Budget Recommendations for FY 26-27

Ms. Kaufman mentioned that should could provide data from a Visitor Survey that Visit Corpus Christi employed. PRAC suggested this data could be used to see how those results intersect with the 10-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan to evaluate potential project recommendations for budget/bond.

4. [26-0363](#) Discussion Regarding the Parks & Recreation 10-Year Master Plan

No action was taken on this item.

I. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

Pedestrian/Bicycle & Grants Subcommittee:

Jay Gardner informed the Committee that they have been meeting with PARD Staff to evaluate trail system priorities. Current discussions include finding ways of connectivity between Oso Creek Park trails, Bill Witt Park and the future Holly Trestle Trail.

Marina Advisory Committee:

Mr. Atwood explained that the Committee recently passed a Resolution recommending to Council for the allowance to continue boat washing considering current drought conditions.

J. Future Agenda Items

- Resolution for PRAC Committee Appointments
- Hike/Bike Trail Map
- GPS Data for Hike/Bike Trails
- North Beach Development
- HEB/Al Kruse - Tennis & Pickle Ball

K. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.