



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 8, 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: None.

C. Approval of Absences

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [26-0049](#) PRAC Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2026

A motion was made by Vice Chair Cronnon to approve the minutes listed above and it was seconded by Mike Lehnert. The motion passed.

E. Director's Report

Robert Dodd, Director of Parks & Recreation, gave the following updates:

- TRAPS Conference 2026
- Cole Park Splash Pad - Covered Shade Project
- Northside Aquatic Center
- TPWD Grants

Brook Kaufman, Ex-Officio, gave information to the Committee on the scores regarding recent beach surveys.

Jonathan Atwood, Assistant Director, gave updates on the completed People's Boardwalk project.

F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

2. [25-1898](#) Discussion Regarding Holly Train Trestle to Tourism Trail

Jay Gardner spoke on this topic. He stated he has viewed the design plans which are at 90% complete. He gave information on the upcoming Flour Bluff Citizens Council meeting. The following topics were discussed:

- Types of lighting to be used for the trails and concerns where they will be placed

- Discussions on who will maintain the lights (AEP?)
- Concerns regarding bollards
- Street Connectivity/Pedestrian Crosswalk
- Plans for existing parking lot

No action was taken on this item.

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

No action was taken on this item.

G. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

4. [26-0364](#) Resolution Exempting the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee from the Prohibition of Recommending Potential Committee Appointments

It has been determined that PRAC is interested in having more involvement recommending/vetting potential Committee members to Council during the election process. There has been a high turnover rate in recent years and PRAC would like to be excluded from the prohibition of reviewing/selecting potential members. PRAC feels that having more input in the election process could help better serve the community. Vice Chair Cronnon volunteered to draft a sample resolution for PRAC's review/action at the next meeting on May 13, 2026.

5. [26-0363](#) Discussion Regarding the Parks & Recreation 10-Year Master Plan

Staff informed the Committee that the 10-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan was adopted in 2022 and that a mid-way review of the plan must take place at the "5-year" mark which should occur in 2027 per the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. PARD's top three priorities are shade structures, playgrounds and trails as these are areas where grant funding is most available. PARD is preparing to focus on the parks within each Council District that could benefit from minor improvements that make a big impact. PARD is also reviewing the grading system within the Master Plan as some park grades may need to be reevaluated. No action was taken on this item.

H. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

Jay Gardner gave the following updates:

ISAC:

- Bond Priority: Commodore Park Phase 2
- Trails: Schanen Ditch, Bill Witt, Oso Park

The Grant Subcommittee continue to meet with PARD staff to determine grant opportunities.

I. Future Agenda Items

- BMX
- Wranosky Park
- 10-Year Master Plan
- Holly Trestle Trail
- PRAC Election Process
- Adopt-a-Park updates

J. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6: 40 p.m.