



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Parks & Recreation Board

Farmers Branch
Community Recreation Center
14050 Heartside
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Thursday, April 16, 2026

6:30 PM

Pecan Room

Meeting held at 6:30 PM

PRESIDING: Adriane Young

PRESENT: Christy Dimon
Christian Gomez
Deborah Hull
David Jones
Barbara Leedy
Jennifer Nelson-Smith
Stephen Stremel
Jan Wooldridge
Margaret Young, Emeritus

STAFF: Robert Diaz, Director of Parks & Recreation
Maria Minter, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation
Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent
Mark Moffeit, Parks Superintendent
Tara Bradley, Planning Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Adriane Young, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS.

None.

C. AGENDA ITEMS.

C.1 DISCUSS THE CITYWIDE LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE (SECTION 4.1 – LANDSCAPING).

Tara Bradley, Planning Manager, made a presentation to the board on the City's Landscape Ordinance. Tara discussed amendments to the landscaping ordinance and included new landscaping requirements for private development. No action required; only feedback.

- Updates to the City's landscaping standards.
- Supports expanding the city's tree canopy.
- Supporting new industry technology.
- Irrigation requirements.
- This review of the landscape ordinance has been ongoing since 2022.

C.2 RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DOG PARK.

Robert Diaz, Director of Parks & Recreation, provided the board with an update on the dog park.

- Staff was able to relocate the construction camera used at Joya over to the front of the Dog Park at the entryway.
- Staff is working with IT to get a quote so a request can be made for the next budget year to purchase cameras that can connect with the current system at the Recreation Center. Staff will keep the board updated.
- The Board was informed that there was a recent incident at the Dog Park, and the information was forwarded to the Animal Services Department.
- Mark Moffeit, Parks Superintendent, reported that he has been working with the Police Department on some new cameras that are monitoring Jaycee Park utilizing a live feed.
- Robert asked for more input from the board on the type of shade requested at the dog park.
- Christy Dimon suggested piggybacking off the shading that already exists at the dog park.

C.3 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE BIRD CITY SUBCOMMITTEE.

- Adriane Young reported that there are two possible locations for meetings.
- Adriane reached out to Karen Carpenter, the resident interested in the Bird City program.
- The subcommittee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks.
- Two members from the Sustainability Committee want to help: Lauren Reeves and Lisa Massey.

C.4 DISCUSS THE EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE REPRESENTATION.

Steven Stremel reported that he and Jennifer volunteered a year ago to serve on the Events Subcommittee. He is inquiring if anyone else is interested in replacing him as the representative for the Parks & Recreation Board. He wants to make sure everyone has an opportunity to participate.

- There were 2200 people in attendance at the Gateway to the Globe event.
- 30% came from Farmers Branch. The other 70% were from out of town.
- The Board discussed the event parking, and they had some concerns. Some of the concerns discussed included the location of the visitor parking area due to its distance from the park entrance and safety concerns.

C.5 RECEIVE THE PARKS DIVISION UPDATE.

- The Oakbrook median project continues – staff is installing planting materials, and sod will be installed soon.
- Staff provided the board with a list of plants to replace roses affected by Rose Rosette disease at the Rose Garden.
- In the future, staff will install informational plaques for the plants for the public to see the types of plants.

C.6 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, EVENTS, OR FACILITIES ATTENDED IN THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH.

- David Jones worked the booth at Gateway to the Globe on March 28, 2026. The event was fantastic.
- Deborah Hull attended the Game Show Night at The Branch Connection on 3/21/26. The event featured games of Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, and The Price is Right.
- Crowd was engaged throughout the whole evening, and requests were made to staff and Senior Advisory Board members to do this again next year.
- Jan questioned the advertisement for Game Show Night and how it was promoted.
- Robert Diaz reminded members to look out for notifications regarding reappointment eligibility to the Park Board.
- Barbara Leedy mentioned that the city’s website does not list the employee directory.
- Maria Minter reported that the City is doing away with the listing of names and using a more generic notification email to the departments.

C.7 DISCUSS POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

- Jennifer Nelson-Smith requested Pop-Up Events for this year to be included in the budget planning.
- Christy wants to continue to have the dog park updates listed.
- Status on Log Cabin Structures.
- Status on The Grove.

D. ADJOURNMENT.

David Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jan Wooldridge. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Note: A full video of the meeting is available on the YouTube FBTV channel.

Adriane Young, Chair

Linda Gaucin, Sr. Administrative
Assistant