



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Parks & Recreation Board

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

Thursday, November 20, 2025

6:30 PM

Pecan Room

Meeting held at 6:30 PM

PRESIDING: Adriane Young

PRESENT: Christy Dimon
Deborah Hull
David Jones
Jennifer Nelson-Smith
Stephen Stremel
Jan Wooldridge

ABSENT: Christian Gomez
Barbara Leedy

STAFF: Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent
Tara Bradley, Parks Planner

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Adriane Young, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 16, 2025 MEETING; AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

A motion was made by David Jones to approve the minutes for the October 16, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Christy Dimon. Motion carried.

C.2 DISCUSS THE BIRD CITY PROGRAM.

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Adriane Young. Staff provided information to the board on the Bird City Program for informational purposes only. Tara Bradley, Parks Planner, will invite a city resident to a future meeting to provide the board with further information on the Bird City Program. No action taken.

C.3 RECEIVE THE RECREATION DIVISION UPDATE.

Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent, provided an update on the Recreation Division, including Aquatics Programming and volunteering opportunities.

- Letters to Santa
- Fall Holiday Praise
- Feliz Navidog
- Santa Makes House Calls
- Pancakes & PJs
- Winter Holiday Craze
- Santa on the Move
- Replastering Closure
- Community Events Team planning Gateway to Globe with the subcommittees.
- Holiday Décor Lighting will be activated on 12/27. The large Christmas tree has been placed at Gussie with three new photo props added for public use.
- Christmas Carnival is scheduled for December 6.
- The Branch Connection held its holiday lunch for its members.

Feedback on 360 Reviews:

- Compliments on the staff, instructors, and well-maintained facilities
- Residents attending the adult aquatic classes reported that the schedule fits the season of their lives.
- Special praise for Isa and Diego as “the best associates of all time”.
- Comment received: “Farmers Branch is the best!”

No action taken.

C.4 RECEIVE THE PARKS DIVISION UPDATE.

Tara Bradley, Parks Planner, reported that staff are reaching out to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension for guidance and options on the Rose Rosette. Staff are exploring different options and seeking a permanent solution to understand how we can benefit that area.

C.5 RECEIVE PARD DEPARTMENTAL PROJECT UPDATE.

Tara Bradley, Parks Planner, provided an update on the following projects:

- Aspire Park (Newberry Park Revitalization)
- Dutch Village Playground
- Mercer Park
- Oakbrook Median
- Rawhide Trail Proposed Signage

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

- Christy Dimon reported that at the Veterans Day Celebration, Deborah Hull received the Charlie Bird Service Award.
- Stephen Stremel gave praise regarding The Branch Connection's Veterans Day activities. David Jones praised having the event at The Branch Connection this year.
- Jan Wooldridge reported that Arbor Day attendance increased significantly this year.

C.7 DISCUSS POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

- Tree audit update
- Bird City Program
- Egrets update
- Event Committee report
- Rosette research follow-up
- General report on all upcoming projects.

No items were discussed at this time.

D. ADJOURNMENT.

Stephen Stremel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Nelson-Smith. The motion carried.

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

Adriane Young, Chair

Linda Gaucin, Sr. Administrative
Assistant