



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Parks & Recreation Board

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

Thursday, March 19, 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
Jan Wooldridge
Margaret Young, Emeritus

ABSENT: Stephen Stremel

STAFF: Robert Diaz, Director of Parks & Recreation
Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent
Mark Moffeit, Parks Superintendent
Tara Bradley, Parks Planner

GUESTS: Chloe Crumley, Audubon Texas
Karen Carpenter, Audubon Dallas Chapter

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Adriane Young, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS.

None.

C. AGENDA ITEMS.

C.1 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 19, 2026 MEETING; AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

David Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Jan Wooldridge. Motion carried.

C.2 DISCUSS BIRD CITY AND CREATING A SUBCOMMITTEE; AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

- Robert Diaz, Director of Parks & Recreation, recommended that the Park Board create their own subcommittee and invite Sustainability Committee members to be on the subcommittee.
- Robert suggested inviting Karen Carpenter to participate in the subcommittee.
- Subcommittee updates can be given at Park Board meetings.
- Subcommittees can meet monthly, quarterly, or however often they want.

Jan Wooldridge made a motion to create the Bird City Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Christy Dimon. Motion carried.

- Adriane Young, Christy Dimon, and Christian Gomez volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.
- Robert indicated this will be a standing item on the agenda while the subcommittee is in session.

C.3 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SQUIRE PARK CONCEPTUAL PLAN; AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

- Robert went over the schematic of the Squire Park Conceptual Plan with the board.
- Robert is seeking recommendations from the board to give an update to the City Council on April 7, 2026.
- Robert reviewed the current project budget

Jan Wooldridge made a motion to accept the revised schematics for Squire Park. The motion was seconded by Christy Dimon. Motion carried.

C.4 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MERCER PARK PLAN; AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

- Robert presented the Mercer Park Plan to the board for review and approval.
- Robert reviewed the current project for Mercer Park
- The contractor included possible playground schemes, but the board wanted to see some other options.

Jennifer Nelson Smih made a motion to table this item and bring it back at the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Jan Wooldridge. Motion carried.

C.5 RECEIVE THE RECREATION DIVISION UPDATE.

Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent, reported the following update to the Board:

- 3/21/26 – Easter Egg Splash at the Aquatic Center: 3/28/26 – Gateway to the Globe
- 4/25/26 – Fishin' Fun
- Summer Funshine Parent Orientation. Jessica noted that volunteer opportunities are available for all the events she discussed.

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

- David Jones attended the Dutch Village Park ribbon-cutting event.
- Board members discussed park features and preferences at Dutch Village Park and how those could be incorporated in other parks.

C.7 DISCUSS POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

- Discuss representation on Events Subcommittee.
- Dog Park update – shade structures and cameras.
- Possible future musical event in the city. Jennifer reported that the Special Events team brought that concept to City Council, but it was not added to the budget.
- Questions were raised about current plans for The Grove. Robert reported that there is nothing active right now, but it can be discussed at a future meeting.
- A request was made for the board to receive a safety report.
- A request for an update on the Veterans Day move. Barbara Leedy reported that Liberty Plaza was never completed as it was supposed to be designed. Barbara suggested finishing Liberty Plaza, and maybe it would address items like parking. Barbara requested staff provide the original plans for Liberty Plaza.
- List update by Bird City Subcommittee as a standing item.

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 7:26 p.m.

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

Adriane Young, Chair

Linda Gaucin, Sr. Administrative
Assistant