



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Parks & Recreation Board

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

Thursday, October 16, 2025

6:30 PM

Pecan Room

Meeting held at 6:30 PM

PRESIDING: Adriane Young

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

STAFF: Robert Diaz, Parks & Recreation Director
Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent
Mark Moffeit, Parks Superintendent
Tara Bradley, Parks Planner
Linda Gaucin, Sr. Administrative Assistant

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Adriane Young, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 MEETING; AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

David Jones made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 18, 2025 meeting with the following amendments:

- Under C.4 Receive the Recreation Division Update, Bullet 1, correct the spelling of Racheal Johnson to *Rachael Johnson*;
- Bullet 2, correct wording as follows: *Pickleball Informal Open House opened September 25, 2025. The event will take place from October 21 – November 9 at Brookhaven Golf Course, 6:30 PM.*

- Bullet 3, ICB needs to be corrected to *Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District (CFBISD)*;
- Under C.6 Receive an update from board members on parks, programs, events, or facilities attended in the City of Farmers Branch, Bullet 5, correct verbiage, and make it two bullets with the following:
 - *Natatorium HVAC update is confirmed for October 14, 2025.*
 - *Natatorium plastering upgrade confirmed date is scheduled to begin on December 8 through January 18, 2026. The Natatorium will reopen on January 19, 2026.*

The motion was seconded by Steven Stremel. Motion carried.

C.2 RECEIVE THE RECREATION DIVISION UPDATE.

Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent, gave an update on the Recreation Division.

- The basketball gym at the Recreation Center will be closed October 28-31, 2025 to perform annual court inspections.
- Indoor plastering at the Natatorium will begin December 8, 2025 – January 18, 2026. The Natatorium will reopen on January 19, 2026.
- Santa on the Move Community Survey will be conducted October 10-31, 2025.
- The Branch Connection will host the following events:
 - Craft Fair – October 8, 2025
 - Monthly Breakfast – November 3, 2025
 - Veterans Day Celebration – November 11, 2025
 - Thanksgiving Holiday Lunch – November 19, 2025

No action taken.

C.3 RECEIVE PARD DEPARTMENTAL PROJECT UPDATE.

Tara Bradley, Parks Planner, and Mark Moffeit, Parks Superintendent, provided an update on the Squire Park Project, Dutch Village Park Replacement Program, Mercer Park, and the Oakbrook Medians Project (East and West). Robert Diaz, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported that there will be discussions at the next City Council meeting with Jay Patel, Director of Finance, regarding the funding left over from the last fiscal year's budget and how to utilize those funds. Two of the projects the City will consider applying funds to are Mercer Park and Squire Park, along with other items.

C.4 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, EVENTS, OR FACILITIES ATTENDED IN THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH.

This item is for the board to report on any programs or events attended during the month.

Christy Dimon reported that she was at the Historical Park and that it looks beautiful; the parking area that was installed is great. Excellent job!

Barbara Leedy inquired about the hedges that were pulled out along William Dodson Parkway. Mark Moffeit, Parks Superintendent, reported that they are not considering replacement at this time. Different options are currently under review to move forward with various landscaping projects. Robert Diaz, Director of Parks & Recreation, reported that it might be more ground cover in and around the trees.

Barbara also reported that the Egrets that gather around City Hall pose a health hazard and that there are legal ways to remove them.

Deborah Hull reported that several members attended the Haunts and Houses event, and it was well attended.

Jennifer Nelson-Smith commented that the Rawhide Park Solar Lights look awesome. Mark Moffeit, Parks Superintendent, reported that some of the funding for this project came from grant money, and some was allocated from trail funding that had been set aside. Phase I was completed last year. Phase II was completed this year. Phase III will be completed next year, extending from Tom Field to Webb Chapel.

Jennifer asked if the water fountain at Rawhide and Longmeade was turned off. Mark said he would find out, but there may be a water leak or the spring may be broken.

The Event Subcommittee met. The Adult Pop-Up event did not make the budget. The Gateway to the Globe was discussed, which is scheduled to take place in March 2026. The Christmas Carnival will be held on December 6, 2025.

Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent, reported that the Parks Department participates in National Night Out and attended five different parties.

Mark Moffeit reported that the dog park is periodically sprayed for fleas when the park is closed for maintenance on Mondays.

C.5 DISCUSS POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

- Update on the Rose Garden
- Bird City, Texas Audubon

No items were discussed at this time.

D. ADJOURNMENT.

Jan Wooldridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Stephen Stremel. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

Steven Stremel, Vice-Chair

Linda Gaucin, Sr. Administrative
Assistant