

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

MARCH 13, 2025

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board met in regular session at the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Conference Room, 1611 North Stonebridge Drive, McKinney, Texas on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Board Chair Bruce Mead called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. upon determining a quorum consisting of Board Chair Mead and the following Board Members were present: David Clarke, Monica Escamilla, LuAnne Malnory, Osiola Henderson, Mohammed Elhindi, Leslie Warren, Todd Royal

Board Members Absent: Todd Burton

These Staff and City Council Members were present: Councilman Patrick Cloutier, MCDC Liaison Joy Booth, Visit McKinney Liaison Keith Gall, Parks & Recreation Director Amy Kinkade, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Ryan Mullins, Parks Superintendent Marty Sillito, Parks Planning & Development Manager Jenny Baker, Parks Planner II Dakota Cryer and Administrative Specialist Kara Dickson.

There were 0 members of the public present in the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (For Non-Public Hearing Items)

No Comments

CONSENT ITEMS

25-2540 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of February 13, 2025

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member David Clarke, seconded by Board member Monica Escamilla, to Approved and Referred 25-2540 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of February 13, 2025

REPORTS

25-2541 Director's Report

Parks & Recreation Director Kinkade provided event updates for the hiring events, Trout Derby event, PPA tournament, upcoming Spring

Break Camps, Inaugural Autism Acceptance Day Celebration, International Girls Cup. Project updates included completion of Horizon and Aviator Park playgrounds, EA Randles, Wilson Creek Trail, Katherine B Winniford Park, McKinney Soccer Complex Phase two, Recreation Center at Towne Lake reopening and Towne Lake Light Walk and Dog Park.

A Special Events Supervisor has been hired and will be starting soon.

Empower IQ FIFA field letter of intent is in the process of being finalized.

Gray Branch agenda item is scheduled for March 31 Council Work Session.

CAPRA site visit is scheduled for the week of April 7.

The MCDC/PROS Joint Meeting is scheduled for May 8 at 5pm at Council Chambers.

The Erwin Park project design is 90% complete with bidding expected to be in mid to late summer

PUBLIC COMMENTS Regarding Matters not on the Agenda

No Comments

BOARD AND MANAGER COMMENTS

Chair Mead provided McKinney Parks Foundation updates on the East McKinney Learning Garden which included a successful volunteer workday, a McKinney High School Construction class field trip, brick laying classes, and planned artwork coming soon. McKinney High School fabrication class will also be contributing to the garden. McKinney Garden Club presented a \$16,000.00 grant. \$15,000.00 of the grant will potentially be for a propagation competition between MISD high schools agronomy or biology classes to grow seedlings in a competitive environment with a panel judging and a case study at the end of the program. The remaining \$1,000.00 will be for repairs at the East McKinney Learning Garden. The next workday is on March 29 with the grand opening coinciding with the City Hall grand opening on April 19th.

Leslie Warren asked if there would be an opportunity for Byron Nelson tickets coming soon. David Clarke mentioned a class field trip coming up for his daughter's class at the East McKinney Learning Garden.

MCDC liaison Joy Booth provided updates on Project grants awarded to HUGS Café Training Center, Cannon Beach Development and Collin County History Museum. The Retail Development grant and Promotional grant cycles are coming up next.

Visit McKinney liaison Keith Gall provided updates on a new grant proposal program they are working on. Keith Gall also reminded everyone of the PPA and International Girls Cup events.

Councilman Patrick Cloutier mentioned the Red Roof Inn shooting incident this evening and loss of K-9 during the incident. The councilman also provided details on the accident that claimed Jamir Dabney life. A bench dedication for Jamir Dabney will be held at Winniford Park. The updates included Helen Hall Library improvements, joint meeting with MEDC & MCDC to vote on the airport item which will also go to vote at City Council on 3/31/25. M2G negotiations are still in progress.

Board Member David Clarke asked about the groundbreaking schedule for the Amphitheater. The groundbreaking is scheduled for some time in late April.

Todd Royal asked about projects and the consideration of utilizing nuclear reactor companies to cover the energy usage that will be needed as we build.

MCDC Liaison Joy Booth provided details on the McKinney Public Library foundation and the fundraiser schedule on April 5 to help fund remote libraries during the Helen Hall Library improvements closure. Director Kinkade did let the board know recreation staff is collaborating with library staff to bring some of the library programming to the recreation center during the temporary closure.

ADJOURN

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member David Clarke, seconded by Board member Mohammed Elhindi, to Adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

An audio recording of this meeting is available through the City of McKinney meeting archive.

These minutes were approved by the PROS Board members on Thursday, March 10, 2025, and referred to the City Council Regular Meeting of Thursday, April 29, 2025 for City Council approval.

SIGNED:

BRUCE MEAD, Board Chair
DAVID CLARKE, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

KARA DICKSON, Meeting Clerk

City of McKinney, Texas