

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

APRIL 10, 2025

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 401 E. Virginia Street, McKinney, Texas on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Chair Bruce Mead called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. upon determining a quorum consisting of Board Chair Mead and the following Board Members were present: David Clarke, Monica Escamilla, Mohammed Elhindi, Todd Burton

Board Members Absent: LuAnne Malnory, Osiola Henderson, Leslie Warren, Todd Royal

These Staff and City Council Members were present: Parks & Recreation Director Amy Kinkade, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Ryan Mullins, Parks Planning and Development Manager Jenny Baker, Parks Planner II April Butler, Parks Planner II Dakota Cryer, Parks Superintendent Marty Sillito, Administrative Specialist Kayla Chrisman, and Administrative Specialist Kara Dickson and Councilman Patrick Cloutier.

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

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

None

CONSENT ITEMS

25-2643 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of March 13, 2025

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Todd Burton, seconded by Board member David Clarke, to Approved and Referred 25-2643 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of March 13, 2025

REPORTS

25-2644 Update on 2025 McKinney Board & Commission Member Appointments
Edith Ruiz provided an update on the appointment eligibility and process for Boards & Commissions.

25-2645 Director's Report

Parks & Recreation Director Amy Kinkade introduced Cara Harting as the Recreation Events Supervisor. Updates on the summer hiring events, Jamir Dabney bench dedication, APEX Leisure Pool work has been completed and has reopened. Senior Center Pool repairs have been completed and reopened. CAPRA site visit was yesterday and today. The exit interview was completed today. International Girls Cup starts next week.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - No Action Taken

25-2646 Consider/Discuss Future Capital Improvement Projects for Parks & Recreation.

Parks Planning and Development Manager Jenny Baker provided details on CIP Projects. Completed projects include Aviator and Horizon Playground replacements, Katherine B. Winniford Park fence replacement and pavilion refresh, EA Randles Neighborhood Park, Phase 1 of Wilson Creek Trail, median enhancements at Virginia and 75 and McKinney Sports Complex Phase 1. Active projects include 12 projects that are in the design/planning phase which are: APEX new elevator, Al Ruschhaupt Road Connection, Ash Woods playground replacement, Inspiration Park playground replacement, Grady Littlejohn Sports Complex, Erwin Park, Towne Lake dog park and play zone, Wattley Park, Wilson Creek Trail Phase 2 and Old Settler's Park. With the remaining projects in the bidding and construction phases: Gabe Nesbitt practice field and signage, Gabe Nesbitt 4 plex softball fields, McKinney Sports Complex Phase 2, Towne Lake Trail light walk and Greens neighborhood park. Eleven projects are set to begin in 2025 are Reed parkland trail connection, Furr Elementary school park, Gabe wayfinding signage, Gray Branch Trail, Cottonwood Creek Trail, Tom Allen Pavilion and Playground, Rowlett Creek Park and trail, Jim Ledbetter playground and pavilion renovation, Median improvements, Towne Lake Phase 1 and Trails Wayfinding plan. Potential New Projects

for FY25-31 for hike & bike trails at Wilson Creek trail from Spur 399 east to Heard Museum, nature trails at Bonnie Wenk, Douglas tract, Wilson Creek and Gray Branch. Willow Wood Park, Jacksboro Park and Highland Lakes Park are the next neighborhood parks to be developed. Redevelopment projects include replacing 7 more playgrounds, renovating splash pads, renovating Central Park, Oak Hollow parking lot modifications, synthetic turf replacements, Mouzon/Old Settler's Park Phase 2, North Park and Towne Lake Master Plan completion. New Developments being considered are an additional Parks Maintenance Facility at Honey Creek, Dowell Nature Preserve/tree farm and a new recreation center on the north side of McKinney. Additionally, a regional sport park next to Erwin Park is under consideration for future development. Staff will also be adding a new Parks Master Plan, amending the current Trails Plan and including Wayfinding. Chair Mead asked about funding options. Jenny Baker explained the various funding options and how each is available to Parks Developments. David Clarke asked about Grady Littlejohn Project progress. Jenny Baker explained it is under design with construction starting before the end of the year. David Clarke mentioned wayfinding efforts and Jenny Baker addressed the future wayfinding plans.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Regarding Matters not on the Agenda

None

BOARD, LIAISON AND MANAGER COMMENTS

Councilman Patrick Cloutier updates included early voting is starting soon with Election Day on May 3 for new council members. Council members will be voting on the airport next Tuesday. Council did not come to a development agreement with M2G. The next council will be taking up downtown redevelopment which will most likely include replacing the sewer and roads. Bruce Mead asked about the deck park and potential for the project.

The timing and financing have not been determined on the project at this time. Additionally, on June 1, another downtown project will be underway with the redevelopment of Roy & Helen Hall Memorial Library.

Board Chair Bruce Mead's updates included the City Hall Grand Opening on April 19 along with the Grand Opening of the East McKinney Learning Garden from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This Saturday is the next workday for East McKinney Learning Garden.

ADJOURN

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Monica Escamilla, seconded by Board member David Clarke, to Adjourn at 6:53 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, May 8, 2025, and referred to the City Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 20, 2025 for City Council approval.

SIGNED:

BRUCE MEAD, Board Chair
DAVID CLARKE, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

KARA DICKSON, Meeting Clerk

City of McKinney, Texas