



MURRAY CITY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

July 09, 2025

05:30 PM

296 E. Murray Park Ave

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Members Present

Ted Maestas
Sunshine Szedeli
Daren Rasmussen
Brian Miller

City Staff Present

Kim Sorensen, Parks, and Recreation Director
Bruce Holyoak, Park Superintendent
Kristine Jones, Office Administrator Supervisor

The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Ted Maestas who conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 14, 2025

Daren motioned to approve the minutes of May 14, 2025. Sunshine seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

Those wishing to have their comments read into the record may send an email by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting date to kjones@murray.utah.gov. Comments are limited to three minutes or less (approximately 300 words for emails) and must include your name and address.

No citizen comments.

BUSINESS ITEM(S)

Theater update

Ads have been released to the media. The seating, carpet, and concession stand are finished. The painting and sign outside have been completed. The paint has been completed to resemble the original 1938 colors. The screen has been ordered and is in transit. There will be a performance by Loren Allred on September 26 with a grand opening ribbon cutting on September 25, 2025. On October 4, there will be an open house to the public and a showing of "the Greatest Showman". The Assistant Theater Manager has been hired. We are working with the University of Utah art students to complete a mural for the theater next fall.

TRCC Grant Application, Bruce Holyoak

We have applied for two grants this year. 1 is for \$250,000 for Woodstock Meadows Park to do improvements. The total improvements will cost approximately \$300,000. We will replace the concrete, replace the ceilings in the pavilions, new fixtures in the bathrooms, new drinking fountains and update the pillars with rock. This will also allow the fencing and bridges to be updated.

The second grant is for a new playground at Willow Pond by the concession stand for \$175,000. This will be fully funded if the grant is approved in September.

Parks Division updates, Bruce Holyoak

The Armory is now open and there were 8 reservations in June. The events are going well so far. The 4th of July showcased a chalk art event at the Armory. There are six site division managers to help manage events and cleanup.

We have the solar light fixtures for Willow Pond but have not received the poles to put them up yet. Six LED lights have been installed at Germania Park along the parking lot. This is anticipated to be completed by winter. There was an accident that caused a fire off of 5400 South and 1070 West on July 8. This caused damage to a power pole which was knocked down and sparked to cause the fire. Other damage include grass, 5 Ash trees, a large Cottonwood tree, and Siberian Elm trees. These will require pruning and replanting some trees. The damage has been cleaned up as of today.

The Murray Cup Soccer tournament and Day of Service are coming up in August. In September the event will be "Get to the River", which will feature chalk art in Germania. The pollinated garden has attracted many different types of butterflies, snakes, bees, and has been attracting visitors.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Next year is the Semi-Quincentennial, and it is proposed that it is celebrated on July 4, 2026. There is Federal grant money available to apply for. Motion by Sunshine, seconded by Darren, all unanimous. The Utah League of Cities and Towns has an Initiative called Healthy Citizens. We would like to make an application for Murray to be part of this. We can apply and if accepted, then Murray would have to help with healthy food, activities to keep citizens active, and mental health support over the course of 3 years until the city will need to re-certify. This will include free activities for those that cannot otherwise afford it, supporting the Children's Pantry, and focusing on healthy eating throughout the school district. Lori Edmunds, the Cultural Arts Director, has retired, and the job opening will be posted next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Ted adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.

END OF MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. MST located at the Parks and Recreation Office at 296 East Murray Park Avenue, Murray, Utah.**

Special Accommodations for the hearing or visually impaired will be made upon request to the office of Murray City Parks and Recreation (801-264-2614). We would appreciate notification two working days prior to the meeting. TTY is Relay Utah at #711.

Committee members may participate in the meeting via telephonic communication. If a Committee member does participate via telephonic communication, the Committee member will be on speakerphone. The speakerphone will be amplified so that the other Committee members and all other persons present will be able to hear all discussions.

At least 24 hours prior to the meeting, a copy of the foregoing notice was sent to the City Recorder to post in conspicuous view in the front foyer of the Murray City Center, Murray, Utah. A copy of this notice was also posted on Murray City's internet website www.murray.utah.gov and the state noticing website at <http://pmn.utah.gov>.

