



MURRAY CITY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

July 08, 2026

05:30 PM

296 E. Murray Park Ave

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:29 pm by Brian Miller who conducted the meeting.

Members Present:

Ted Maestas

Daren Rasmussen

Brian Miller

Sunshine Szedeli

Kimberlee Bird

City Staff Present:

Cory Plant, Senior Center Recreation Director

Rowan Coates, Cultural Arts Manager

Kristine Jones, Office Administrator Supervisor

Julia deHaan, Office Administrator

Excused:

Jeff Martin, Parks and Recreation Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 10, 2026

Kim motioned to approve the minutes of June 10, 2026. 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)

Fun Days, America 250 - Follow Up

Rowan shared that Fun Days went really well overall. A few changes will be made moving forward, particularly regarding the parade.

One issue noticed this year was that several groups were throwing items other than candy, including stress balls, T-shirts, bouncy balls, and lanyards. The balls were especially problematic because they would roll back into the parade route, causing children to run into the street to retrieve them. Moving forward, only candy will be allowed to be thrown during the parade.

There were 30 entries in the chalk art competition and 10 plein air entries this year.

Both the daytime and evening entertainment went well.

Magic Over Murray - Update

Rowan announced that Magic Over Murray, new to the city this year, will be held August 17–19. The balloon launch will still take place at Cottonwood High School, with hopes of moving the launch to a city park in future years.

- Friday night: Glow event
- Saturday: Balloon launch
- Additional activities: Music and possibly a vendor market
- Murray City support: The city will provide event space, portable restrooms, and a portable stage.

Volunteers: Community volunteers are needed to help with the event. Anyone interested should reach out directly to the Murray Chamber.

More information is available at magicovermurray.com.

2027 Capital Improvement Projects - Tentative

Cory updated that the Ninja course has been ordered. Built next to the outdoor fitness area. No update at this time regarding construction or completion date.

There have been some Capital Improvement projects going on at the Park Center. The locker rooms and showers received a complete remodel, HVAC and new roofing, gym floor refinish.

SLCO Recreation Bond - Update

We did not qualify for this bond so Murray City will not be a part of this.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks and Recreation continues to be extremely busy, with strong participation in the outdoor pool and Recreation Center, which is offering a variety of creative programming.

The Murray Armory is heavily booked.

- On Monday, July 13, the Mayor will host an Employee Appreciation Lunch at the Armory.
- The Volunteer Banquet will also be held at the Armory on October 14. More information regarding the banquet will be forthcoming.

The Murray Theater and Amphitheater continue to have successful seasons, featuring some incredible performances.

A Tea Party will be held at the Murray Senior Recreation Center on July 13 at 2:00 p.m. The event will be an extended part of the 250th celebration and will include a play presented by the Reader's Theater.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian adjourned the meeting at 5:52pm.

END OF MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August, 12, 2026, 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 a 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>.