



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Members Present Ted Maestas
 Kimberlee Bird
 Brian Miller

Excused Daren Rasmussen
 Sunshine Szedeli

City Staff Present Jeff Martin, Parks, and Recreation Director
 Kristine Jones, Office Administrator Supervisor

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim motioned to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026. Brian motioned to approve and Ted seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

BOARD NOMINATION: CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Table discussion until next meeting.

OUTDOOR POOL DESIGN

Jeff presented a slideshow outlining the current proposed new pool design. Jeff will also present this information to the City Council during the Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, March 3.

The outdoor pool has been in operation for nearly 25 years. Pools in this type of environment typically have a lifespan of approximately 20 to 40 years before major reconstruction is needed. In recent years, the facility has experienced structural issues, particularly with the expansion joints, which have been leaking water. Temporary repairs have been made, but the problems persist.

In the past, the maintenance process involved draining the pool, re-caulking the joints, and refilling it. However, over the last three years this process has needed to be repeated at least twice annually. Significant water loss has occurred during the winter months as changes in the water table and ground movement create

additional leaks. The pool is typically drained and repaired in the spring, but the caulking does not hold through the summer, requiring another repair in the fall.

Given the continued deterioration, it is time to address the issue with a long-term solution, especially considering current water concerns and the increasing maintenance required to keep the pool operational.

To move forward with a replacement project, the City hired the architectural firm VCBO Architecture. The firm is highly reputable within the state and has extensive experience designing county pool facilities. A Request for Proposals (RFP) process was conducted, and VCBO was selected to assist with the project design. The City is also exploring potential funding options. Park impact fees may be used to support portions of the project. The City Council has already approved \$6 million toward the project; however, the estimated cost to complete the design as presented is expected to be at least \$15 million.

Ideally, construction would begin in August if funding were secured. The current pool would close in early August to allow construction to begin, with the goal of completing the approximately one-year build and reopening the facility by Memorial Day weekend the following year.

MARCH 11 MEETING

Jeff proposed moving the March 11 meeting to a different date because he will be out of town attending the URPA Conference. The board approved moving the meeting to March 18.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jeff has a new month-end report for January that he will be sending to the board members. Please look for it in their emails.

New solar motion-sensor lighting is currently being installed at Willow Pond. Once installation is complete, the old lighting will be removed.

In addition, new fencing is planned for the baseball area at Willow Pond. Improvements to the backstop are also scheduled, with work planned for next year.

Jr Jazz Basketball is wrapping up for the season with spring sports beginning soon.

The Murray Theater had three sold out performances last week of Harriet. Representatives of the Theater are exploring ideas reaching out to the schools for class incentives while also working on new ideas for marketing.

The Senior Recreation Center is working on a collaboration with the Recreation Center to offer classes at that location during the day to help expand services and utilize spaces.

The Armory is going very well with a lot of bookings.

Museum is doing well. They plan on selling tickets at their location for the Theater. This may also help bring people over to visit the newly redesigned space.

Fun Days plans and activity planning are underway.

On September 18, 19 and 20, Murray Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Murray City will be hosting the 2026 Magic over Murray hot air balloon festival.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Kim adjourned the meeting at 6:06 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the park office on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by Kristine Jones