



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Members Present Ted Maestas
 Kimberlee Bird
 Sunshine Szedeli
 Daren Rasmussen
 Brian Miller

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 5:35 pm by chairperson Kimberlee Bird who conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Daren motioned to approve the minutes of November 12, 2025, and Sunshine seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION

Jeff Martin introduced himself as the new Parks & Recreation Director. Jeff was appointed on November 25 and approved by the Murray City Council to take over the position previously held by Kim Sorensen.

Jeff started his career with Murray City as a lifeguard while he was in high school. He spent eight years working part-time for the City, including time as Aquatics Manager and later overseeing Facilities. Jeff has been a full-time employee with Murray City for the past 15 years.

Jeff helped oversee the construction of the new City Hall building, the Theater, the Mansion, portions of the Armory, and the initial phase of the new Public Works building.

Josh Sturges is Jeff's replacement. Josh has been with the City for approximately 14 years. He began his career in the Parks Department as an Irrigation Specialist, then moved to the Recreation Center, where he worked alongside Jeff for the past seven years. This new position has been a great fit and a natural next step for Josh.

THEATER AND ARMORY FEES

Jeff provided the board members with handouts for their review, so they are aware of the fees the City currently charges for use of the venues. This topic is being raised with the understanding that, in the future, the City Council may assist in setting the fee schedules.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At the end of each year, the Mayor delivers a State of the City Address. This year's address will be held at the Murray Theater on Tuesday, January 27, at 6:00 PM.

The event is free and open to the public; however, seat reservations are required and must be made online in advance.

Directors from each department are requested to provide a year-end report.

2025 Highlights included the Theater Grand Opening and the completion of the theater mural on the back of the building. Public art was installed at the bus station along Vine Street to Riverside Drive. The Christmas Tree Lighting Event was very well attended, with an estimated crowd of 1,000–2,000 people.

There were 84,000 rounds of golf at the Murray Golf Course, which is a record for at least the last 20 years.

Recreation had 700,000 in revenue this last year with 19,000 participants in our recreation programs. The Park Center has had 90,000 in revenue and 6,300 memberships were sold.

Our Senior Center ran a World Tai Chi Day with 200 participants.

We look forward to Fun Days this year celebrating the 250th Anniversary of America. A lot of great events have been planned.

Our Parks Department helped with landscaping at the Mansion. They had 1,050 volunteer hours, and 150,000 reported Jordan River Parkway Trail users.

Riverview Park and playground updates were made.

We had 12 new theater events with 4,800 tickets sold.

Facilities division tackled the competition pool replaster, LED lighting upgrades, and rebuilding and retiling the showers.

The patches put in place at the outdoor pool seem to be helping with the water loss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Kim adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the park office on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

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Minutes recorded by Kristine Jones