



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Members Present	Ted Maestas Brian Miller Daren Rasmussen
Excused	Sunshine Szedeli Kimberlee Bird
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 5:30 pm by Ted Maestas who conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Darren motioned to approve the minutes of October 8, 2025, with one correction. Bruce Holyoak needs to be added that he was in attendance. Brian seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Wendy ParsonsBaker addressed the Council regarding e-bikes. Ms. Parsons-Baker expressed her view that she would like to see the Parkway reserved for pedestrians, runners, and traditional pedal bicycles.

DISC GOLF DISCUSSION

Bruce discussed that Daniel had previously expressed interest in developing a disc golf course at the Germania Park area. Bruce reviewed Daniel's proposal and appreciated his passion for disc golf; however, he noted concerns regarding the proposed location.

Several years ago, Bruce completed some preliminary planning and allocated budget funds for a project in the area, but the effort did not move forward when the scope expanded beyond the original concept. Since that time, additional considerations have arisen. One example was a proposal to develop a bicycle course in the wetland area north of Germania, which faced opposition from community members due to concerns about impacts to the natural area.

When Germania Park was originally developed, it was intended to function as a pocket park, with limited activities due to restricted parking availability. Currently, the Germania Pavilion is rented approximately seven months out of the year, and soccer activities occur during that same timeframe. These overlapping uses already create parking challenges, which would be further impacted by additional amenities.

There is a concern that most of the discs will end up in the river due to the proximity of the proposed course.

Another concern is the amount of vandalism the city has along the river where the Disc Golf chains could be potentially vandalized. Bruce feels the maintenance costs if there is vandalism, will be high.

Due to the vandalism and parking issues, and costs to put in the course, Bruce feels that a Disc Golf Course is a challenge in this area.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING PROGRAM

Kim presented that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Mayor's Office and City Council expressed a desire to enhance downtown Murray and make it more vibrant. The Parks Department has been asked to assist with the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Enjoy a Visit with Santa, an outdoor Santa Village, and festive activities overseen by the Murray Recreation Division.

A Holiday Market will take place from 4:00–8:00 PM, organized by the Downtown Alliance and featuring local Murray businesses only.

Students from Hillcrest Junior High will be singing, along with free hot chocolate and make-your-own s'mores. You are welcome to bring an unwrapped toy for children in need benefiting the Murray Children's Pantry, or shelf-stable food for donation.

Guests can walk through the Murray Museum, stop by the newly renovated Murray Theater, and enjoy Christmas candy displays in the theater windows.

Finish the evening with holiday lights and a visit by the Chick-fil-A hot air balloon.

E BIKE DISCUSSION

Kim explained that the issue is the speed of e-bikes and that there are three different types: pedal-only, pedal-assist, and fully electric. The Jordan River Commission currently has a survey available, and Kim will send the link to everyone and encourages the board members to complete the survey.

Every city along the Jordan River Trail is participating in this discussion.

DECEMBER MEETING

Darren made a motion to cancel the December meeting and hold the next meeting in January 2026. Brian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board also approved the meeting calendar for 2026.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

You need to go to the Theater—it's incredible. The response from our residents and the public has been overwhelmingly positive. Many upcoming shows are already sold out or nearly sold out.

We have lost four employees in the past month—three from the Parks Department and one from Recreation.

Regarding the outdoor pool, the contractor is scheduled to complete the final caulking on the repaired areas tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Nothing currently.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

NEXT MEETING

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

Minutes recorded by Kristine Jones