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100 W. Rock St. Suite 246
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Rock St. Meeting Room / Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
November 3, 2025
5:30 PM

Members

Chair Stephen Sheely (Exp: 12/25)
Sky Caldwell (Exp: 12/27)
Elizabeth Cunningham (Exp: 12/26)
Yarri Davis (Exp: 12/27)
Sarah Downing (Exp: 12/25)
Dell Hall (Exp: 12/26)
Hugh Kincaid (Exp: 12/25)
Doug Walsh (Exp: 12/27)
Melissa Zabecki (Exp: 12/26)

City Staff

Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs Director Alison Jumper
Recreation Superintendent Lee Farmer
Park Planning Superintendent Ted Jack
Senior Administration Elizabeth Milton

A meeting of the Fayetteville Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board was held on November 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM in Suite 246 of the City Hall Rock Street Annex Building, located at 100 W. Rock Street in Fayetteville, Arkansas..

Zoom Information

Webinar ID: 873 2100 9556

Registration Link: https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9k--SZmFT4i1vBvixaNRwA

Call to Order

Chair Steve Sheely called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Sheely, Cunningham, Downing, Davis, Hall, Kincaid, Walsh

Virtual: Zabecki

Absent: Caldwell

Minutes

October PNRCAAB Minutes 2025

Approval of October 2025 PNRCAAB Minutes motion made by Walsh, Kincaid to second. **PNRCAAB Motion:8-0-0**

Link to video archive for further reference: <https://reflect-fayetteville-ar.cablecast.tv/internetchannel/show/9213?channel=1>

Reports and Presentations

Apple Seeds Report: Brooke LeMasters

Brooke LeMasters gave an update on the AppleSeeds teaching farm located in Gulley Park since 2014. In 2024, AppleSeeds reached 14,000 kids, and has matched that number in October 2025 and therefore expects to surpass last year's reach, igniting a love of fresh food in local youth. Field trips to the farm teach them how to harvest, make healthy food choices, learn about nutrition, learn a recipe in the teaching kitchen, and also pick up culinary skills. AppleSeeds partners with schools to donate access to fresh food back to the schools in bags with fresh produce accompanied by a recipe to try at home. Their goal is to get kids excited about food, educate them, and increase access to fresh food for children across NWA.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee: Doug Walsh

Walsh to give an update on brand of bicycle lock system to discuss future potential of installing some in parks for added security. Trail counters around Walker Park were suggested by Active Transportation Committee for before-and-after

construction of Greenway usage data collection.

Botanical Gardens Report: Elizabeth Cunningham

Cunningham to report that the Gala went well, a large donation was received, and a greenhouse ribbon cutting was set for Nov. 11. A partial endowment was also received and BGO is at break-even, which is an excellent position, and update. Still working toward bringing in as much donation money as possible by the end of 2025.

Arts Council Report: Sarah Downing

Downing to report that three new utility box artists have been chosen and an ArtSpace report has been completed. Future collaborations for art in public spaces in the works.

Partnership Committee Report: Sarah Downing

Downing and Cunningham met with Staff to determine partnership needs.

HMR and Construction Report: Ted Jack

Staff to present construction updates. Demolition is underway at Walker Park, with pipes being laid in the ground soon. Construction at Underwood Park has begun, although it's been delayed by rain. Bryce Davis wetland pavilion is near completion and playground equipment is to begin. The old COOP site is 80% complete. Enhanced YRCC received a new mural, and stream restoration Buddy Hays is ongoing. Combs Park has been talking with Staff and Planning to discuss road placement. Lake Fayetteville received permission to bid a playground and bridge connection to the nature trail. HMR report was delivered higher than in previous months.

Park Land Dedication

Lierly Lane Subdivision

Development Name:	Lierly Lane Subdivision
Engineer:	Crafton Tull (B. Murray)
Owner:	Timothy Moore
Location:	E Of Berseis Dr And N Of Mahogany Dr
Parcel ID Number:	001-16788-000, 001-16811-001
Park Quadrant:	NW
Development Size:	20.0 Ac
Units:	81 Single-Family
Land Dedication Requirement:	N/A
Fee-In-Lieu Requirement:	\$88,209

Nearby Existing Parks: Lierly Lane Park, Salem Park, Gary Hampton Softball Complex, Underwood Park, Clabber Creek Trail Corridor

Developer's Request: Fee-In-Lieu

Staff Recommendation: Fee-In-Lieu

Justification: Proximity To Existing Parks

Lierly Lane Subdivision is a proposed 20-acre site in the NW Quadrant with developers requesting fees in lieu of land dedication as recommended by Staff. Davis to motion for approval, Cunningham to second.

PNRCAAB Motion to accept fees in lieu: 8-0-0

New Business

Board Responsibilities: Alison Jumper

Gathering and clarifying of Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs Board responsibilities to be updated and compiled for 2026 Board.

Tsa La Gi Trail Tunnel Mural: Joanna Bell

Arts & Culture Director Joanna Bell to present a partnership with the University of Arkansas Art Department's Mural Painting class to paint a mural on the Tsa La Gi Trail. PNRCAAB motion to accept was made by Davis, seconded by Downing.

PNRCAAB Motion: 8-0-0.

Announcements

Upcoming Programs and Events

November 4	DJ SQS: Upper Ramble
November 5	YRCC X-Factor End Of Semester Celebration: YRCC
November 8	Latin Dance: Upper Ramble
November 8-9	NICA Regional Championships: Centennial Park
November 11	City Offices Closed
November 11	Tree Pest And Diseases Class: Parks, Natural Resources And Cultural Affairs Office
November 15	Tree Pest And Diseases Class: Parks, Natural Resources And Cultural Affairs Office
November 20	YRCC Friendsgiving: YRCC
November 22	Latin Dance: Upper Ramble
November 27-28	City Offices Closed

Next Meeting Date: December 1, 2025

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Kincaid, Davis to second.

PNRCAAB Motion: 8-0-0.

Minutes Submitted by: Elizabeth Milton