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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
January 5, 2026
5:30 PM

Members

Sky Caldwell (Exp: 12/27)
Elizabeth Cunningham (Exp: 12/26)
Yarri Davis (Exp: 12/27)
Josh McGee (Exp: 12/28)
David McNiel (Exp: 12/28)
Dell Hall (Exp: 12/26)
Doug Walsh (Exp: 12/27)
Coleman Warren (Exp: 12/28)
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 January 5, 2026 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: 836 7513 5276

Registration Link: https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3MwrBUN6RsaM_VeLhp6R-w

Call to Order

Director Alison Jumper called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Yarri Davis, Sky Caldwell, Elizabeth Cunningham, Josh McGee, David McNiel, Dell Hall, Doug Walsh, Coleman Warren, Melissa Zabecki

Minutes

Approval of the December Parks, Natural Resources & Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

December 2025 PNRCAAB Minutes

Approval of the December 2025 Minutes motion made by Davis, Cunningham to second.

PNRCAAB Motion: 9-0-0.

Link to video archive for further reference: <https://reflect-fayetteville-ar.cablecast.tv/internetchannel/show/9305?channel=1>

New Business

Welcome New Members

Director Jumper to welcome three new board members.

Officer Elections

Sky Caldwell nominated Yarri Davis to Chair the board, Zabecki to second. Davis accepted the nomination to Chair. **PNRCAAB Motion: 9-0-0.**

Davis to nominate Sky Caldwell for Vice Chair, Cunningham to second. Caldwell to accept. **PNRCAAB Motion: 9-0-0.**

Committee Member Assignments: Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, Arts Council and Active Transportation Committee

Cunningham to give an update on BGSO that they are looking to bring more members to the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks Board, which is fiduciary in nature.

Davis motioned to keep Cunningham serving on PNRCAAB until she moves out of state later this year.

PNRCAAB Motion: 9-0-0

Walsh to give a basic rundown of the duties of serving on the Active Transportation Committee as a current advisory member. Davis to motion for Walsh to continue serving on this subcommittee as a Parks Board member, Cunningham to second.

PNRCAAB Motion: 9-0-0

The Arts Council subcommittee seat is vacant. Davis to call for a volunteer from PNRCAAB to serve in that capacity; Coleman Warren to volunteer. Zabecki to second. **PNRCAAB Motion: 9-0-0**

Future Orientation Date

The orientation date for PNRCAAB set for Jan. 26 at 4 p.m.

Reports and Presentations

Active Transportation Advisory Committee Report: Doug Walsh

Walsh to report that the Active Transportation Committee is looking at sidewalks and trail plans for the coming year. Gordon Long Bridge is still waiting for the green light but is currently still held up by FEMA. Walsh discussed sidewalks and trails, both being designed and worked on currently.

Botanical Gardens Report: Elizabeth Cunningham

An experienced horticulturist has been hired at the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks, per Cunningham. The director is working on proposals for corporate memberships. Winter Glow, a December event, was condensed into one evening instead of one weekend like in previous years. A bridal shower open house is to be hosted in January to learn about BGSO as a wedding venue. The Arkansas Gardening school event is also being held in January.

Arts Council Report

N/A

Partnership Committee Report

Partnership Committee duties were outlined by Cunningham and Davis. This

Committee exists to assist Parks & Rec by reaching out to area schools and other local partners to build relationships.

HMR and Construction Report: Zach Foster

Staff to present an overview of our Mission, Vision and Values for the department. Construction Report: Walker Park grading, retaining walls, and storm drains were recently installed. Underwood has continued work on the structural base and drainage for the parking lot. Bryce Davis dog park will be open soon. Playground installation is ongoing. Y.R.C.C. and Buddy Hayes Park sidewalks are in, the amphitheater and creek restoration are ongoing. HMR reports numbers are down for November.

Park Land Dedication

N/A

Announcements

Upcoming Programs and Events

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| January 6 | YRCC Spring Afterschool Starts- YRCC |
| January 7 | Urban Forestry Advisory Board Meeting-
Rock St Public Meeting Room |
| January 10 | Fayetteville Community Forester,
Dendrochronology Class- Rock St Public
Meeting Room |
| January 24 | Frozen Toes Trail Race- Mt. Kessler
Regional Park |
| January 31 | Youth Soccer Registration Closes |

Next Meeting Date: February 2, 2026

Adjournment

Davis made a motion to adjourn, Cunningham to second at 6:07 p.m.

PNRCAAB Motion: 9-0-0.

Minutes Submitted by: Elizabeth Milton