



CITY OF  
**FAYETTEVILLE**  
**ARKANSAS**

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**  
**March 2, 2026**  
**5:30 PM**

**Members**

Chair Yarri Davis (Exp: 12/27)  
Vice Chair Sky Caldwell (Exp: 12/27)  
Elizabeth Cunningham (Exp: 12/26)  
Dell Hall (Exp: 12/26)  
David McNiel (Exp: 12/28)  
Josh McGee (Exp: 12/28)  
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 March 2, 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:883 5612 1815**

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**Registration Link: [https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DWXW4t0nRjKsjCJ\\_AdNalg](https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWXW4t0nRjKsjCJ_AdNalg)**

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Roll Call**

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

Absent: Josh McGee

### **Minutes**

#### **Approval of the February Parks, Natural Resources & Cultural Affairs Meeting Minutes.**

Approval of the March Minutes. Hall to motion for approval, Cunningham to second. **PNRCAAB Motion: 8-0-0**

Please refer to the City of Fayetteville Video on Demand Archive for a detailed discussion of the item

### **New Business**

#### **Kessler Mountain Skills Park - OORC**

Davis to recuse himself from Board duties to act as presenter of the proposed Kessler Mountain Skills Park | OORC adaptive design concept. The park addition will be privately funded by donors, and besides permission to use the existing 15-acre park space, they have also asked for a long-term maintenance support partnership with the City of Fayetteville. Davis to propose site-compatible features, making sure to add adaptive design features as well. Davis to declare that the new skill-building addition would benefit the local NICA community, off-road cyclists, our existing and established recreation brand, and the public. ADEQ requirements will be adhered to, with staff working with OORC to submit a proposal with a professional engineer registered in the state of Arkansas to address all requirements as such.

Caldwell to propose a resolution in support, Zabecki to second the motion for resolution. **PNRCAAB Motion: 7-0-0.**

## **Reports and Presentations**

### **Parks and Recreation Spring Program Overview: Tiffany Hoover**

Assistant Superintendent Tiffany Hoover to give an overview of spring recreation. Youth and Adult soccer seasons launched at Kessler Soccer Complex in March. Adult and Youth softball began spring seasons at Gary Hampton and Lake Fayetteville. Racket sports also kicked off in March, offering Youth and Adult leagues in pickleball and tennis at Wilson Park. Pickleball Tournament Wilson Park Rumble is planned for the end of April at Wilson Park. The YRCC's after-school program runs daily in the newly expanded facility. A daily Spring Break camp will also be hosted at the Center again this year, along with a home school PE program 2 x's a week for the rest of the school year. More teens have been participating, so YRCC created a Teens-only night. The Little Hoops basketball program is new at the YRCC for K - 2nd grade, and teaches basketball fundamentals. Spring Square 2 Square Bike Ride, offered in both the spring and fall, is in its 11th year collaborating with Bentonville Parks, and will finish in the Upper Ramble. Other events taking place in the Parks: the Pro Cup at Centennial, and Ragnar Trail Race in April. Swim lessons registration opened in March and staff are interviewing for seasonal summer staff as well. Adult Volleyball wraps up on March 17. Fayetteville Youth Baseball season also began at Kessler and White River Baseball Complexes.

### **Active Transportation Advisory Committee: Doug Walsh**

n/a

### **Botanical Gardens Reports: Elizabeth Cunningham**

Cunningham to report on Botanical Gardens' upcoming events. Encourages BGO membership to receive early entry, discounts and other member benefits.

### **Arts Council Report: Coleman Warren**

Warren to report that the Arts Council selected Nelson Hackett finalists to present proposals for the next section of mural. CAP application reviews are to occur in April.

### **Field and Partnership Report: Yarri Davis**

Josh McGee has been named Chair of Field and Partnership committee. Land has been reviewed, and new members are up to speed before the next meeting.

### **Memorial Bench Program Update**

Melissa Evans to report that Parks Planning has updated the Memorial Bench Program, with the program now offering a digital application process and fee structure to have a bench dedicated with a plaque and placed in Parks.

**Construction and HMR Report: Ted Jack**

Ted Jack to report on construction updates and HMR report details. Walker Park progress continues with courts being poured and field space being sectioned off, with lights also being added for evening recreation capability. Bryce Davis is looking to wrap up by early fall, the dog park is almost complete and more work continues on the playground. Underwood moves along with concrete being poured for pickleball courts. HMR is down 1.6% from last year at this time.

**Park Land Dedication**

**Next Chapter Neighborhood**

Development Name:	Next Chapter Neighborhood
Engineer:	Crafton Tull (T. Woessner)
Owner:	KTB Limited Partnership
Location:	West Of W Crane Ct And North Of N Raven Ln
Parcel ID Number:	765-16658-022, 765-16658-050
Park Quadrant:	NW
Development Size:	39 Ac
Units:	274
Land Dedication Requirement:	6.3 Ac
Fee-In-Lieu Requirement:	N/A
Nearby Existing Parks:	Underwood Park, Wilson Springs Preserve, Gary Hampton Softball Complex, Clabber Creek Trail Corridor
Developer’S Request:	Land Dedication
Staff Recommendation:	Land Dedication
Justification:	Continuation Of An Agreement Involving Underwood Park.

Next Chapter neighborhood is adjacent to Underwood Park and staff requests land dedication of 6.3 acres. It's 16.1 acres and is proposed to include 274 single-family homes.

Cunningham to motion for approval, Hall to second. **PNRCAAB Motion: 8-0-0.**

**Announcements**

**Upcoming Programs and Events**

- March 4 YRCC All-Stars Basketball Starts- YRCC
- March 7 Youth Soccer Starts: Kessler
- March 9 Adult Softball Starts: Gary Hampton And Lake Fayetteville
- March 9 Youth Softball Starts: Gary Hampton
- March 10 Invasive Plant Class Session 1: Veterans Park
- March 10 Spring Pickleball Starts: Wilson Park
- March 11 Spring Tennis Starts: Wilson Park
- March 14 Invasive Plant Class Session 2: Veterans Park
- March 21 Clabber Creek Invasive Pull- Clabber Creek
  
- March 23- March 27 YRCC Spring Break Camp
  
- April 4 Hiking With A Forester- Lake Fayetteville

**Next Meeting Date: April 6, 2026**

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Cunningham, Warren to second. **PNRCAAB Motion: 8-0-0.**

**Minutes Submitted by: Elizabeth Milton**