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113 W Mountain St
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
City Hall Meeting Room 101 / Virtual Meeting via Zoom
April 6, 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 and Recreation Advisory Board was held on April 6, 2026 at 5:30 PM in Room 101 of City Hall, located at 113 W. Mountain Street in Fayetteville, Arkansas..

Zoom Information

Webinar ID: 884 4804 0140

Registration Link: https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1YgugoPoT1ShU57LRVG8gQ

Passcode: 575664

Call to Order

Vice Chair Sky Caldwell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Caldwell, McGee, McNiel, Hall, Walsh, Warren and Zabecki

Absent: Davis, Cunningham

Minutes

Approval of the March PNRCAAB Meeting Minutes.

Approval of the March PNRCAAB Minutes. McGee to motion for approval, Hall to second.

PNRCAAB Motion: 7-0-0.

Please refer to the [City of Fayetteville Video on Demand Archive](https://reflect-fayetteville-ar.cablecast.tv/internetchannel/gallery/6?channel=1) for a detailed discussion of the item: <https://reflect-fayetteville-ar.cablecast.tv/internetchannel/gallery/6?channel=1>

New Business

Approval to Utilize Parkland Dedication Funds for the Design of Kessler Soccer Improvements: Ted Jack

Staff Ted Jack to propose usage of unencumbered SW quadrant bond funds at Kessler Soccer Park. In the year 2026, \$99,366 will need to be spent on the limited-time bond funds, and \$528,113 by 2027. The first step proposed on how to use those funds is to hire consultants and begin design work to add a full-sized soccer field with artificial turf, and a small natural turf soccer field, lighting, bleachers, sidewalks, drainage, landscaping and parking. The turf field would be considered not only an extra and much-needed field, but Championship field space. Jack asked for approval for \$400,000 to be released from the Southwest Quadrant for Kessler Soccer Field Improvements Project.

McGee to motion for approval, Hall to second. **PNRCAAB Motion: 7-0-0.**

Reports and Presentations

Urban Forestry Update: John Scott

Staff John Scott to give an update on Urban Forestry results from 2025, and plans for the department's Urban Forestry Master Plan goals for 2026. Scott's goal is to increase the City's overall tree canopy from 39% to 40.4% in 20 years. Through a recently implemented data collection process, staff are and plan to continue to track the removal and planting of trees in new development to make sure our canopy stays healthy.

Scott to report that several events were organized for this year's first Earth Week, including tree and native shrub giveaways, a "bounty" photo contest for invasives removal, documentary film screenings, Talking to the Trees, dedicating this year's Amazing Tree winner in Wilson Park, among others. Several classes/hikes through the Fayetteville Community Forester Program were added in 2025 with great success and attendance.

Park Land Dedication Update: Ted Jack

Combined with Jack's earlier Project Updates.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee: Doug Walsh

Walsh to mention that the White River Greenway is 90% planned and is planned to be completed this summer. Walsh also reported that there are areas in need of more sidewalk access on the west side of town.

Botanical Gardens Report: Elizabeth Cunningham

n/a

Arts Council Report: Coleman Warren

CAP applications were approved for the first round of applicants, and money has been set aside for the second round of applications, which Warren encouraged interested applicants to apply for.

Field and Partnership Report: Yarri Davis

McGee to report Field and Partnership met with Friends of Fayetteville Parks to identify potential parcels for field space/park land acquisition, and plan to work to move forward.

2025 Parks and Recreation Annual Report: Alison Jumper

Postponed.

Construction and HMR Report: Ted Jack

Ted Jack reported that HMR totals have improved. Installation has begun at the Walker Park playground, and construction progress continues throughout the park. Artist Jeremy Navarette, who also painted the basketball courts at Walker, will also be painting the ceiling of the Large Pavilion at Walker Park. The Lake Fayetteville Nature Trail contract is to go to the Council for approval. An Owl Creek public meeting is coming soon to involve the public in planning a 2-acre park in the newly dedicated park land, and also to discuss connecting trails to the facility.

Park Land Dedication

Monarch Summers

Development Name:	Monarch Summers
Engineer:	Strand (B. Payne)
Owner:	Goose Creek Addition LLC
Location:	6061 W Dot Tipton Rd
Parcel ID Number:	765-16202-650
Park Quadrant:	SW
Development Size:	66 Ac
Units:	264 Single-Family
Land Dedication Requirement:	N/A
Fee-In-Lieu Requirement:	\$287,496
Nearby Existing Parks:	Harmony Pointe Park, Owl Creek Park, Woolsey Farmstead, Woolsey Wet Prairie
Developer'S Request:	Fee-In-Lieu
Staff Recommendation:	Fee-In-Lieu
Justification:	Proximity To Existing Parks

Foster to present the Monarch Summers development, proposing a 264 single-family project with 66 acres. Staff suggested accepting fees-in-lieu.

Hall to motion for approval, Zabecki to second.

PNRCAAB Motion: 7-0-0.

Announcements

Upcoming Programs and Events

- April 6 Fayetteville Youth Baseball Games Begin:
Kessler
- April 12 Outdoor Fayetteville Trail First Aid Response:
Fire Department Training Center
- April 13 Youth 4 And Under T-Ball Begins: Gary
Hampton
- April 13 Outdoor Fayetteville Intro To Fishing: Lake
Fayetteville Marina
- April 16 Outdoor Fayetteville Archery Basics: Lake
Fayetteville Marina
- April 18 Tree Giveaway At Farmers Market:
Fayetteville Square
- April 20 Amazing Tree Plaque Unveiling: Wilson Park
- April 20 Talking To The Trees
- April 21 Three Documentaries With Panel Discussions:
Fayetteville Public Library
- April 22 Earth Day Panel Discussion
- April 22 Outdoor Fayetteville Beginner Kayaking: Lake
Fayetteville Marina
- April 23 Documentary: Fayetteville Public Library
- April 23 Spring Semester X-Factor Ends: YRCC
- April 24 No YRCC Afterschool: YRCC
- April 24 Arbor Day
- April 24 Weekend Starts Begin: Upper Ramble
- April 25 Rumble Pickleball Tournament: Wilson Park
- April 25 Lake Fayetteville Land & Paddle Cleanup: Lake
Fayetteville Marina
- April 25 YRCC Shoe Giveaway With Samaritan's Feet:
YRCC
- April 27 YRCC Teen Takeover Ends: YRCC
- May 2 Spring Square 2 Square: Upper Ramble
- May 2 Tree Anatomy And Function: Jordan Annex
Meeting Room
- May 2 YRCC Basketball Classes End: YRCC

Next Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Adjournment

Josh McGee to motion for adjournment at 6:27 p.m., David McNiel to second.

PNRCAAB Motion: 7-0-0

Minutes Submitted by: Elizabeth Milton