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

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Jordan Annex Room 246 / Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
May 4, 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 and Recreation 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 May 4, 2026 at 5:30 PM in Suite 246 of the City Hall Jordan Annex Building, located at 100 W. Rock Street in Fayetteville, Arkansas..

Zoom Information

Webinar ID: 858 6669 6486

Registration Link: https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D8ekhc39R_yEvpN5cTbOYQ

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Davis, Caldwell, Cunningham, Hall, McNeil, McGee, Walsh, Warren, Zabecki

Minutes

Approval of the April 6, 2026, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

McGee to motion for approval of April Minutes, Cunningham to second.

PRAB Motion: 9-0-0.

Please refer to the City of Fayetteville Video on Demand Archive for a detailed discussion of the item: [Public Meetings: Agendas, Minutes and Video | Fayetteville, AR — Official Website](#)

New Business

Gregory Park Art

Brannon Pack from Experience Fayetteville, and Rob Reno from OORC, to speak about a proposed 3rd wall ride art installation by local artist Jason Jones, in Gregory Park. Experience Fayetteville and the OORC funded the first two wall ride installations, an Arkansas skink and a walking stick, respectively, and proposed a collaboration between the two organizations to install the third and last wall ride with a fox mural, again by Jason Jones. Parks board voted to accept the generous donation. The City's contribution to the project included work on the trailhead parking lot, and agreed to provide power washing and maintenance for the installations.

Walsh to motion for approval, Zabecki to second. **PRAB Motion to accept: 9-0-0.**

Reports and Presentations

2025 Parks and Recreation Annual Report

The Parks and Recreation Annual Report is a chance to highlight some of our accomplishments and new starts throughout the previous year. Urban Forestry began Fayetteville Community Forester classes, and the Community Arts Program were two new starts that saw great community response and participation in both programs. In 2025, Community Park Planning and Development made major strides in completing steps outlined in the Parks Master Plan. South Yard park was opened, and Buddy Hayes Park is near completion. Recreation Programming hit record numbers in 2025 from race participation, to Trick or Treat on the Trail in The Ramble. The Lights of the Ozarks collaboration with Experience Fayetteville and the Downtown Fayetteville Coalition with Parks Maintenance continues to grow and has become a beloved, festive annual community event. Arts and Culture installed two new murals by world-renowned artists and continued to grow Fayetteville as a destination for public art. Board members gave suggestions to round out the Annual Report, and staff plan to present those edits in the June Parks Board meeting.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee: Doug Walsh

Walsh to clarify a confusing intersection issue at Maple and Arkansas Avenues for riders and walkers has been addressed. Walsh also mentioned issues with dog owners not leashing their pets in Parks. Additional signage was suggested to help, as well as calling Animal Services to report those instances. The board also suggested posting fine amounts on signage in Parks as a helpful deterrent.

Botanical Gardens Report: Elizabeth Cunningham

Cunningham to report that the recent plant sale at Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks was successful. Yoga in the Garden starts every Saturday at 9:30 am for free. Chefs in the Garden is coming up, and tickets to the popular event can be purchased.

Arts Council Report: Coleman Warren

Coleman to report that the Arts Council welcomed new members, and applications are open for the Community Arts Program. Muralist Jason Jones was selected to complete a section of Nelson Hackett mural wall.

Field and Partnership Report: Yarri Davis

McGee to report that several parcels of land have been identified as potential purchase options for our growing field needs. The committee is getting organized and putting things in place to be able to make an offer on land when the right fit comes along.

Construction and HMR Report: Ted Jack

Ted Jack to give updates, starting at Walker Park. They're getting ready to put playground surfacing down, and the fields have been tilled in preparation for grass.

The Pavilion slab at Walker has been redone. Underwood's playground continues to make progress, and the donated statues of a dog and a tree have arrived and will soon be installed. The Lake Fayetteville Bridge and Nature Trail meeting is to take place soon, strategizing on when work should start to minimize interruption in the park. Kessler Soccer Field improvement is seeking a consultant on the project to get that started. HMR saw another uptick in trend for March.

Park Land Dedication

Announcements

Upcoming Programs and Events

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| May 5 | Tree Anatomy And Function Session 2:
Jordan Annex Meeting Room |
| May 9 | Walker Park Splash Pad And Gulley
Park Interactive Fountain Opens: Walker
Park / Gulley Park |
| May 15 | Last Day Of YRCC Afterschool: YRCC |
| May 23 | Wilson Park Pool Opens: Wilson Park |
| May 25 | City Offices/YRCC Closed For Memorial
Day (Wilson Pool Open) |
| June 1-5 | Be Active Summer Camp, Outdoor
Adventure Camp 1: Lake Fayetteville |
| June 1 | YRCC Summer Fun4kids Camp Starts (8
Weeks): YRCC |
| June 1-11 | Swim Lesson Session 1: Wilson Pool |
| June 2- July 30 | Swim Team: Wilson Pool |
| June 4 | Gulley Park Summer Concert, Jon
Mclaughlin: Gulley Park |

Next Meeting Day: June 1, 2026

Adjournment

Caldwell to motion for adjournment at 6:17 p.m. with Cunningham to second.

PRAB MOTION: 9-0-0.

Minutes Submitted by: Elizabeth Milton