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Minutes

Parks, Recreation, Libraries Open Space Advisory Board Meeting
6 p.m., November 13, 2025
Legacy Ridge Golf Course

Call the meeting to order

1. Roll Call

- a. Davis Called Meeting to Order at 6:01 PM
- b. Absent Members: Stephanie, Marley, Wayne, Mary
- c. Staff Present: Aric, Alex, Amy, Lance, Michael G, Merritt
- d. Councillor Ezeadi Absent

2. Approve the November 13, 2025, Agenda

- a. Motion to move Item 8 (New Business) to Item 7 for scheduling purposes
 - i. Moved by Mark H, Seconded by Terrance
 - ii. Unanimously approved
- b. Motion to approve amended Agenda
 - i. Moved by Tonya, Seconded by Mark
 - ii. Unanimously approved

3. Approve the minutes from the September 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approve
 - i. Moved by Jon H, Seconded by Tonya
 - ii. Unanimously approved

4. Councillor Update - Obi Ezeadi

- a. Alex shared Obi's gratitude on his behalf and thanked the Board for Service
- b. Councillor Ezeadi also requested that if the board has any items that would like to be addressed with the Councils Strategic Plan please send your ideas to Davis and he will get them to staff and the Councillor

5. Comments from Chairperson, Davis Gollata

- a. Welcome
- b. Dan Dolan is Term Limited and will not be on the board in 2026
- c. Jon Herrmann will move to Member Emeritus

6. Director Updates - Aric Otzelberger

- a. Library
 - i. Participation and circulation are up 20-30% YOY



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- b. Golf
 - i. Surpassed 100K rounds
 - ii. Revenue is nearly \$1M over 2024
- c. Special Activities and Events Team
 - i. Recognized for City Manager Award
 - ii. Safety and Security hardening was specifically recognized
 - iii. WestyFest was outstanding
- d. Projects
 - i. Big Dry Creek Path Update
 - 1. Beautiful, Terrance shared firsthand observations and excitement regarding the project
 - ii. Sheridan Green Park
 - 1. Well underway and progressing on schedule
 - iii. England Park
 - 1. Drawings complete
 - iv. Conservation Xeric Garden at City Hall
 - 1. Great progress and needs a year to grow in
 - v. Irving Street Library Renovations Design work has started
 - 1. Amy shared excitement regarding progress
 - vi. Bishop Square Park
 - 1. To begin in 8 months
 - 2. \$5.4M Project
 - vii. Uplands Master Plan
 - 1. Beginning soon
 - a. Aric would like PRLSOB input on the 40-acre public lands portion of project
 - b. Long term plan
 - viii. City Hall Holiday Lights and Prep
 - 1. Tree is up and City is ready
 - ix. Irving Street Playground and Outdoor Classroom
 - 1. Sandblasting issue, should reopen in a few weeks
 - x. McKay Lake
 - 1. Mobilizing this week to begin
- e. Veterans Day Celebration
 - i. Attendance was up 50% from last year
 - ii. Great event despite wind
- f. Faith based partnership groups to address Homelessness
 - i. Alex shared good event
- g. Open Space Photo Contest
 - i. Celebrating 40 years of open space



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- ii. Outstanding event and top 12 photos will be made into a calendar
- iii. Great partnership with Libraries and Open Space
- iv. Limited Edition Library Card coming to capture event
- v. Drove significant traffic on City Website

7. New Business -

- a. Standley Lake Regional Park Master Plan Presentation - Michael Gately, Standley Lake Superintendent
 - i. Concepts, designs, renderings available in Powerpoint Presentation
 - ii. This is the roadmap to preserve Park for next 10-15 years
 - iii. Objectives
 - 1. Safety
 - 2. Infrastructure for park
 - 3. Protecting and improving water quality
 - 4. Protecting native grass and wildlife
 - iv. New Nature Center
 - v. New Entryway
 - vi. Watercraft Access/Convenience
 - vii. Traffic, parking, and movement through the park
 - viii. Michael confirmed that the trail in front of the current Nature Center will remain in place
 - 1. Jon was happy and encouraged it to stay in place
 - ix. Potential synergies between eco education/water resources and Nature Programming in a combined space (Nature Center)
- b. Westminster Hills Area Management Plan - Representatives Needed - Davis Gollata and Aric Otzelberger
 - i. PRLOSAB Participants nominated are Tonya, Davis, Marley and Mary
 - 1. Final slate of three will be determined by scheduling
 - a. Board agrees this is a good path forward
 - 2. Dan D moved to nominate Tonya, Davis, Marley and Mary and allow the nominated Board Members to determine the final three as soon as possible
 - 3. Terrance Seconded motion
 - 4. Unanimously approved
- c. Holiday Party Dates - Tuesday, December 9, Thursday, December 11, Tuesday, December 16
 - i. Location will be based on date availability
 - ii. Board to email Angie available dates
 - 1. 16th seems to be preferred



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8. Old Business -

- a. Neighborhood Enhancement Grant 2025 Review - Merritt Nolte-Roth & Aric Otzelberger
 - i. Stratford Lakes Update
 1. Looks great and project brightened up area
 - ii. Lexington Update
 1. Turf removal and replacement with native grass looks great
 2. Should look good in spring (once grass is not dormant)
 - iii. Northpark
 1. Completed in May and looks much improved
 - iv. Colorado Fraternal Order of Police
 1. New scope and completion of revised scope looks great
 2. Combined with other grants and looks great from road
 3. Asking for an additional \$1,450 for the benches
 - a. Discussion from board believes that the tables do not meet the intent of the grant.
 - b. Jon moved to deny the request; Davis seconded
 - c. Unanimously approved
 - v. Appleblossom
 1. Significant contribution from PRLOS Staff
 2. Volunteer day went well
 3. Little Libraries and sculpture are only outstanding elements
 4. Lots of progress
 - vi. Tara Townhomes
 1. Some challenges with recommendations and following the staff plans
 2. Not ideal outcome, but improved
 3. Lessons learned
- b. 2026 Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Process - Merritt Nolte-Roth
 - i. 2026 program recommendations
 1. Start process earlier, longer application and more concise delivery to PRLOSAB
 2. Contractor requirement
 - a. Potential concerns around limiting applications with a contractor requirement
 - b. Board understands intent and agrees that a change is needed but would like process for workarounds
 3. 2026 theme change?
 - a. 2025 theme was Community Building and Sustainability



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- b. Board believes in keeping the theme the same for another year to build momentum and lessons learned
 - 4. 2026 Funding
 - a. Anticipated to keep at least \$50K, maybe including some residual funds from 2025
 - b. Claw back discussion, staff believes not a significant issue to consider yet
 - ii. BOARD ENTHUSIASTICALLY APPLAUDS MERRITT
 - 1. This year's results represented boards vision and intent for revamping the Grant Program
 - 2. Merritt did a phenomenal job managing this
 - c. Renaming of Stratford Park to Sheridan Green Park - Alex Reaves
 - i. Council unanimously approved renaming
 - ii. Center Park Naming Contest for Downtown
 - 1. Alex to bring to Board in January
 - d. Noxious Weed Advisory Committee - Sub-Committee - Davis Gollata and Aric Otselberger (Only if time allows, this can be postponed until the January Meeting)
 - i. Tabled to January
9. Adjournment
- a. Moved by Davis, Seconded by Mark
 - b. Unanimously approved
 - c. Davis adjourned at 7:49 PM
10. Upcoming - PARKS, RECREATION AND LIBRARIES OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS
- a. Thursday, January 8, 2026, 6 p.m. TBD
 - b. Topics
 - i. Welcome 2 new members (council appointment needed)
 - ii. Other City Programs/Grants (Turf Conversion, Trees, etc.)
 - iii. Center Park Naming Contest
 - iv. Noxious Weed Advisory Board Member Selection
 - v. Placeholder for Uplands PLD Masterplan

Board Members

Stephanie Bingham
Dan Dolan
Wayne East
Davis Gollata - Chair

Mary Litwiler
Dan McEwan
Terrance Ramirez
Marley Steele-Inama



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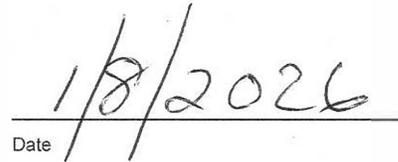
Mark Harris
Jon Herrmann

Tonya Yost - Co-Chair

Council Liaison - Councillor Obi Ezeadi

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Chair


Date