

**Park and Recreation Board Meeting Monday,
March 9, 2026**

Members Present: Art Taft, DeeAnna Brady-Leader, Pat Carroll, Victoria Hunt, and Val Scheevel
Staff Present: AJ Smovir, Jessica Compton, Sarah Griffin, Kevin Vining, Todd Seymanski and Bryan Lockerby
Guest Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board motioned to approve February 9, 2026 Advisory Board Minutes as written. Motion was seconded and carried, 5-0.

Board motioned to approve February 23, 2026 Advisory Board Special Work Session Minutes as written. Motion was seconded and carried, 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Commission Work Session Presentation
 - Jessica Compton presented the Commission Work Session PowerPoint.
 - The presentation included a year-end review of the Park and Recreation Department.
 - Presentation attached.

NEW BUSINESS

- Park Board Guide
 - Staff are working on a Park and Recreation Advisory Board Handbook.
 - The handbook is expected to be ready for the April meeting.
- Veterans Memorial Lease
 - Board members were provided with copies of the Veterans Memorial Lease for their review and consideration.
 - Advisory Board members were briefed on the current terms and conditions of the leases and were asked to provide a recommendation regarding approval of the proposed lease.

Board motioned to recommend approving the Veterans Memorial Lease to the City Commission. Motion was seconded and carried, 5-0.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Staff Reports
 - AJ Smovir – Trails
 - Staff continue to respond to questions regarding the Kings Bridge Project.
 - Staff are updating memorial pricing.

- Staff are researching new memorial options for the trail.
- A new memorial swinging bench (McLean) was installed.
- Staff prepared and submitted a \$15,000 AARP grant application for the Caboose Deck.
- Staff contacted the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the Kings Bridge Project as part of grant requirements.
- The request for seasonal employment was processed.
- A \$300 donation was received for the trail.
- Jessica Compton – Director
 - Natural Disasters
 - Eagle Falls Golf Course sustained structural damage from earthquakes.
 - A minor leak was identified in the pool system at Aim High due to earthquakes.
 - Five trees were lost in the Boulevard District due to windstorms.
 - A large branch damaged a fence at ECWP due to a windstorm.
 - The next Adopt-a-Park meeting will be held March 18 at 5:30 PM at Park and Recreation.
 - The April Park Board meeting will be held at the Civic Center.
 - Event updates were provided.

PARK BOARD

- Pat Carroll requested bids (concrete and seating) documentation for the Centene Stadium.
 - Art stated that this information may be available under the Commission Work Sessions online.
- DeAnna Brady-Leader asked Kevin to identify the location of Portage Meadows on the map.
 - Kevin showed the Board where the area is located.
- Art Taft inquired whether staff are available at Aim High to assist members with using fitness equipment.
 - Staff confirmed that the “Trainer on the Spot” program is available, where a staff member works with members on equipment use or training.
- Victoria said that she noticed that last year there was a lifeguard shortage. What are we doing to prevent that?
 - Staff responded that, although this is a national issue, the new Aquatics Coordinator, Pat King, has hiring on track to avoid the shortages experienced in the past.
- Art requested that each board member consider the question, “What do we see as our Role for the Advisory Board?”
 - This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **None**

Meeting called at 5:09 PM
Next Meeting April 13, 2026