

**CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG
RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA**

**September 11, 2025, 6:30pm
Dorothy Hart Community Center**

The September meeting for the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. In attendance were Chair Quincy Click and Recreation Commission members Debra Fults, Robert Belcourt, and Kevin Brown. Michael Dorbnak joined the meeting via phone. Councilor Susanna Finn and commission members Julia Salguero, Don Upperco, and Carolyn Helfrich were absent. Jenny Cassarotti, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Events, and Maggie Sanford, Community Outreach Coordinator, also attended.

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairperson Quincy Click.

II. Approval of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission Minutes July 17, 2025.

Kevin moved to approve the minutes. Rob seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment this evening.

IV. Parks, Recreation and Events' Department Update

Jenny read over the department report, which can be found [here](#).

V. Old Business

A. Street Closures- Update

Multiple meetings were held with stakeholders and the public regarding downtown street closures, facilitated by a consultant. Opinions are divided on closures: some favor regular closures for events, others oppose impacting business/access, particularly on Caroline Street. A targeted survey for residents, business owners, and staff is forthcoming, aiming to gather a wider range of responses using adaptive questioning. New city barricade systems may add complexity and cost for future closures and event planning.

B. Sports Tourism Feasibility Study- Update

Contract with Victus Advisors approved to conduct a sports tourism study, with interviews and stakeholder participation expected soon.

C. Director- Update

The interview process is still ongoing.

VI. New Business

A. Teen Coordinator Position

The position has been posted. The application closes on September 26th.

B. Rainbow Bridge

A community member proposed a "Rainbow Bridge" pet memorial near the dog park, based on similar initiatives in other cities. Concerns discussed included maintenance, weathering of memorial items (collars vs. tags), and the need for nonprofit or community management rather than city resources. Other ideas included memorial donation paths or recognition walls.

C. DHCC Concept Plan

Eleven proposals received for the community center concept plan; three finalists selected, with interviews underway and a contract to be awarded soon. Scope includes facility assessment (structure, HVAC, layout) and options for future use or renovation. Ongoing minor improvements (bathrooms, lobby furniture, outdoor lighting) are funded by budget surpluses from previous years. Future city council and capital support anticipated for larger projects; discussion of balancing investment in the current building versus a potential new rec center, and possible alternative uses if a new center is built.

VII. Director/Commission Concerns & Topics

Kevin- Trail maintenance issues noted, specifically tree root damage near Old Mill Park and the Heritage Trail; tree removal and repair strategies discussed. Kevin also asked for continued bridge replacements and clarification on jurisdiction over canal dredging. Jenny informed him that it is a joint task between Public Works and Parks and Recreation, with a majority falling under Public Works.

No other commission comments or concerns.

VIII. Noteworthy Dates:

- A. Kickback Tuesdays Concert Series- now to September 30th at Riverfront Park
- B. FXBG Homeschool Connections- September 16th at Fairgrounds
- C. Day of Play- September 21st at Virginia Credit Union Stadium
- D. FXBG Fermentation Festival- September 27th at Motts
- E. Park After Dark- October 24th at Memorial Park

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Recreation Commission will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Dorothy Hart Community Center.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rob seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.