

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting

Feb 10, 2026 6:00 PM

Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room
6401 Boone Rd

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Renee Curtis at 6:00

Committee Members Present - Amanda Jolly, Renee Curtis, Jennifer Benning, Lynn Farmer, Tony Williams, Chera Moore and Drew Martin

Others Present - Parks Director Keith Cox, Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator Cassie Henry-Saorrono, Public Works Analyst Moriah Winkel and City Council Members Jack Mosely and Butch Higginbotham.

Approval of Minutes

1. January 13 Parks Committee Meeting

Motion to approve by D. Martin, seconded by Moore. Motion carried.

Presentations and Announcements

2. Bryant Leap Forward Update

Moriah Winkel provided an overview of the Bryant Leap Forward Comprehensive Growth Plan, including its purpose, the need for the plan, and its intended applications. She updated the Committee on the current status of the planning process and outlined the steps completed to date. Following her presentation, she facilitated a discussion to gather Committee feedback on priorities for Bryant's future, specifically regarding elements to improve, protect, and strengthen. Winkel concluded by encouraging Committee members to help promote the planning effort by directing residents to complete the community survey and attend the upcoming town hall meetings.

Associations / Club Reports

There were no Associations / Club Reports

Director's Report

3. Parks Department Monthly Summary

Cox presented the monthly activity summary and highlighted that registration is now open for the Department's Spring and Summer programs, including several new first-time offerings. He noted that the Department is extending its registration period in an effort to increase participation, particularly in newer programs that are still gaining traction.

Cox also reported that the Department has submitted its proposal to CareLink for the operation of senior services and is awaiting a decision, which is expected within the next few weeks. He further noted that the installation timeline for the new parking lot lighting at Bishop Park remains on track for completion prior to the start of the Spring ball season.

M. Martin provided an update on damage from the recent snow and ice event, reporting impacts primarily to shade structures and water lines. He stated that emergency winterization of all restrooms prior to the storm helped limit damage, though some minor issues still occurred. He also noted that the shade structures at the baseball and softball complexes have become weathered over time and may require replacement in the near future.

M. Martin additionally informed the Committee that the Department has a full tournament schedule for the upcoming Spring season, with no open weekends from late February through June. He noted that the Department has achieved a stronger balance in the types of organizations and levels of competition utilizing the facilities.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

There was no New Business

Miscellaneous

Cox provided additional detail on the Bryant Leap Forward Comprehensive Growth Plan, emphasizing its relationship to the Parks Master Plan adopted in 2024 and the potential long-term impact on Parks and Recreation. He underscored the importance of advocating for Parks throughout the planning process and encouraged Committee members to share information, promote survey participation, and urge their contacts to engage in upcoming public meetings.

Committee Comments

D. Martin requested an update on the ongoing repairs to the Center chiller and any new information regarding the remaining lifespan of the unit. M. Martin reported that the necessary repairs have been ordered and are pending scheduling. Cox added that full replacement of the chiller is still at least several years away and would require a significant capital investment.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jolly, seconded by D. Martin. Motion carried.