Bryant Parks Committee

Bishop Park Administration Building - Conference Room

Date: July 14, 2026 - **Time:** 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

1. June 9 Parks Committee Meeting

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Presentations and Announcements

2. Bryant Leap Forward Update - Presented by Mayor Chris Treat

Associations / Club Reports

3. Bryant Historical Society Annual Report

Director's Report

4. Parks Department June Summary

- Parks Directors Report - June2026.pdf

Public Comments

Old Business

New Business

Committee Comments

Adjournments

Bryant Parks Committee Meeting
Jun 9, 2026 6:00 PM
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6401 Boone Rd

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order - Renee Curtis at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present - Amanda Jolly, Renee Curtis, Lynn Farmer, Drew Martin, Chera Moore and Tony Williams
Others Present - Parks Assistant Director Matt Martin, Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator Cassie Henry-Saorrono, Bryant City Attorney Ashley Clancy, Chrystal and Adam Baker with Salt County Lacrosse, Representatives from Bryant Youth Association Suzanne Passmore and Shane Knight, and City Council Members Butch Higginbotham, Lisa Meyer, Jack Mosely and Jon Martin.

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1. **May 12 Parks Committee Meeting**

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

Associations / Club Reports

2. **Salt County Lacrosse**

Chrystal Baker presented the annual report, noting overall head count and program growth, as well as the events hosted throughout the year that attracted out-of-town visitors to Bryant. She followed with a summary of in-kind donations and volunteer hours invested back into the facility. Baker concluded by outlining the program's critical future needs, specifically the construction of a practice/youth field and the installation of lighting on the existing game field.

Director's Report

3. **Parks Department May Summary**

M. Martin presented the monthly report, highlighting the Pippen Skills Camp held during the final week of May and noting its strong success despite the short planning window. He also reported on the inaugural youth kickball league and confirmed that the parking lot lining project at Bishop Park has been completed.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments

Old Business

4. **Request to Sublease Property at BYA**

M. Martin presented the amended resolution carried over from the previous meeting and outlined the revisions agreed upon by the Parks Director, City Legal, and the Bryant Youth Association. In response to a question from Farmer, City Attorney Ashley Clancy provided a detailed explanation of the history of the sublease request and the specific amendments made from the prior agreement. It was also clarified that the current resolution extends only through the end of the existing BYA use agreement with the City, and that a renewed use agreement will be brought before the Parks Committee for approval at the end of the year.

Motion to approve the agreement by D. Martin, seconded by Moore.

Roll Call Vote: YES - Moore, Williams, Farmer, D. Martin
NO - Curtis, Jolly (Abstain)
Motion Passes

Following the vote, discussion continued regarding the rate at which the facility will be subleased and the extent to which the City will have involvement, if any, in determining that rate. Clancy confirmed that the City would have no involvement in determining that rate.

New Business

5. **Senior Adult Council Agreement**

M. Martin presented the proposed renewal agreement with the Senior Adult Council, noting that the primary change is a shift from an operations agreement to an advisory support and fundraising agreement.

Motion to approve the agreement by D. Martin, seconded by Curtis. Motion Passes.

Committee Comments

Curtis commended the Senior Council as well as the Parks Department on working together through this entire process of the operations of the Senior Center moving into the Parks Department.

Moore led a discussion thanking the Parks Department for putting a portable restroom at Springhill Park, as well as, the growing demand of a permanent restroom in the park.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Moore, Seconded by D. Martin. Motion carried.

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Programming & Events

- Youth Archery reached its max capacity with 12 participants for the first time. The program will continue with sessions through September.
- Youth Pickleball Lessons held at Mills Park for the first time with 19 participants; concludes July 10. We are currently planning a full league for Fall or Spring.
- Youth Art Classes launched with 8 participants, completing four projects in June. We are planning holiday "one-off" nights later this year.
- Spring Men's Basketball League concluded in early June with 7 teams; the next league planned will be in the Fall.
- Adult Co-Ed Volleyball did not form a full league, but Open Play nights have seen a strong turnout and will continue through July with hopes for a Winter league.
- Adult Pickleball Summer Ladder League at Mills Park filled with 48 players across two divisions; additional leagues planned year-round.
- Hosted Arkansas Water Environmental Association meeting for City of Bryant Water Department on June 4.
- Hosted USA District Softball tournament on June 6.
- Hosted Slammin Buckets Basketball tournaments on June 6, 13 and 27.
- Hosted USA Rec State Softball tournament on June 13.
- Hosted all divisions for Cal Ripken State Baseball tournament on June 19-21.
- Hosted Captain Jenceson Payte's retirement party from Bryant Police Department on June 25.
- Hosted the City of Bryant Microsoft 365 Training for all city employees on June 25.
- Hosted USA Open State Softball tournament on June 27.

Upcoming Programs:

- Community Garage Sale August 1st
- Adult Singles Pickleball League August 3rd-August 31st
- Youth Archery August 6th-August 27th
- Youth Flag Football September 8th-October 29th
- Youth Volleyball October 10th-November 14th
- Youth Basketball

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Aquatics

- Held Water Safety Instructor Certification Course with 5 participants on June 9 – 12.
- Barracudas Swim Team has 87 swimmers this season, this first season under operations by Bryant Parks Department.
- Barracudas attended three away swim meets at Cabot, Maumelle and Sherwood.
- Hosted Barracuda home meet on June 27 with 187 swimmers from Bryant, Cabot, and Lakewood (NLR).
- Began hosting private pool parties at Mills Pool.
- Began Summer Group Swim Lessons and Free Swim Lessons with BYA at Mills Pool and Bishop Park.
- The BASS Swim Team attended two meets in June:
    - Texarkana AAU All-Star Invite on June 12–14: BASS swimmers earned 22 first-place, 20 second-place, and 6 third-place finishes, placing 2nd overall in Men's and qualifying all attending athletes for the 2026 National Junior Olympic Games.
    - El Dorado AAU Summer State Meet on June 26–28: BASS swimmers earned 20 first-place, 4 second-place, and 5 third-place finishes, placing 4th overall in Men's and again qualifying all attending athletes for the 2026 National Junior Olympic Games.

Parks Maintenance

- Installed a concrete pad cooling station and drain in the dog park near the water faucet.
- City of Bryant Street Department extended the concrete entrance to alleviate muddy areas and allow smoother wheelchair access
- Bishop Park Softball parking lot re-striping was completed.
- Demolished the kick wall at Midland Park to make more room for future fields
- Aeravated and sand top-dressed future field area at Midland where the kick wall was removed.
- Demolition of Mills Park basketball court was completed in preparation for new court construction