

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
APRIL 7, 2025**

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order April 7, 2025 at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

Tracye Lewis, Chair - Place 1
Thomas Osen - Place 3
Kieran McMahon - Place 4
Cecille Delaney - Place 6 (arrived at 6:16 p.m.)
Sean Nutt - Place 7

Absent:

Shannon Kidd - Place 2
Charles Mather, Vice-Chair - Place 5
Andrew Rivera - Alternate

Staff Members:

Adrien Pekurney, Director
Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director
Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director
Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manager
Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager
Cindy Dobbs, Office Coordinator

A.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

B. ACTION ITEMS

B.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2025 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER OSEN, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER NUTT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2025 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

C. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

C.1 BUDGET PROCESS OVERVIEW

Ms. Pekurney presented an overview of the budget process.

D. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

D.1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE

Mr. Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manager, provided an update on activities at NRH2O Family Water Park.

-New season starts May 3. Nitro Blast construction is progressing. The slide portion is almost complete. He presented a power point presentation with photos of the progress.

-Staff is in the middle of hiring for the 2025 summer season. They are at a 40% return rate, which is very good. Management and Leadership Training just wrapped up with a theme of "Setting Expectations".

-NRH2O is gearing up for the 12th annual Music Fest, starting on May 10. The water park will welcome more than 20,000 guests over the ten-day event.

-Off-Season projects are underway to prepare for the new season.

D.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager, presented an update on capital projects.

-Cross Timbers Disc Golf Course is complete. The consultant who designed the course has informed us that 900-1200 rounds were played in the last month, which makes this location in the top 11% of courses in Texas.

-Kay Granger Park and Legacy Park Playground Replacements: Contract has been finalized and playground equipment is in production. Construction for this project is scheduled for May.

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-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan: A request for qualifications (RFQ) was released in January. A selection committee will meet in April to review the submissions. Once a professional is chosen, contract negotiations will follow and then the item will be sent to City Council for review.

D.3 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director, provided an update on parks maintenance and operations activities.

-Spring storms have not caused any major issues, thus far. Staff is responding quickly to cleaning up trails and debris after rain events.

-Contract mowers are now mowing at their normal spring schedules. Parks are mowed weekly and trails are mowed every other week. Most right-of-way properties are mowed every other week with the exception of irrigated locations.

-Irrigation staff has been diligently auditing and making repairs to all systems.

-Finishing touches are being made to the Fossil Creek Park renovation. One of the new amenities to this park includes a bicycle playground and pump track.

-Staff are working to complete drainage improvements at NRH2O to prepare for the upcoming season.

-Spring athletics are in full swing. Five tournaments have already been hosted this year. Girls Softball at Walkers Creek Park managed by Richland Youth Association is a new addition this year.

D.4 NRH CENTRE, GRAND HALL, ATHLETICS, SENIOR CENTER, RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director, presented an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Athletics, Senior Center, Cultural Arts and Richland Tennis Center.

-NRH Centre is celebrating its 13th anniversary in April. They are also wrapping up the process of transitioning to a new recreational software program. This will also be used by the Senior Center and the Parks Department in general. The upgraded software will enhance the member experience and will also offer a user-friendly mobile application.

-Youth camps are now enrolling for Summer 2025. NRH Summer Day Camp is scheduled to begin the week of May 27.

-The Aquatics area hosted their April Pools Day on April 4. This was a free event that featured water safety activities. They are getting ready for their Underwater Egg Hunt on April 18.

-Grand Hall is launching a new campaign to re-engage the social media channels with more frequent and consistent posts.

-Richland Tennis Center is pleased to partner with BISD and host numerous tournaments and events for local high schools.

-NRH Senior Center conducted their annual survey recently and was open from March 11-31. They are also pleased to announce that their Commemorative Paver Program is in full swing. These can be purchased to honor or remember a friend or family member and they are located right by the entry door.

-Cultural Arts recently hosted an opening reception to honor the first POP-UP Gallery exhibition in NRH City Hall, titled COMMUNITY.

-NRH Movies in the Park recently featured THE SANDLOT on the baseball field at Northfield Park. The next one is coming up in July, which will be held at the NRH Centre Outdoor Plaza and the feature film will be MOANA 2.

-Sounds of Spring Concert Series starts on April 25 and will continue each Friday until May 16.

-Play Today NRH returned in March and was a great success. The series will continue on the first Saturday of each month through June.

-NRH POP UP Egg Hunts are coming up on April 16, 17 and 18. Park names and locations will be announced at least eight hours before the event on social media and the City's website.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

E.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTHLY REPORTS (JANUARY - FEBRUARY) PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD UPDATES (MARCH)

There are no other informational items.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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Tracye Lewis, Chair

ATTEST:

Cindy Dobbs, Office Coordinator