

**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 6, 2026**

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order on April 6, 2026 at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Tracye Lewis, Chair - Place 1
Crystal Blake, Board Member - Place 2
Thomas Osen, Vice-Chair - Place 3
Kieran McMahon, Board Member - Place 4
Turquoise Banks, Board Member - Place 5
Mel Delaney, Board Member - Place 6
Sean Nutt, Board Member - Place 7

Absent:

Andrew Rivera, Board Alternate

Staff Members Present:

Adrien Pekurney, Director
Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director
Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director
Stephanie Hee-Johnston, 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 2, 2026 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 FEBRUARY 2, 2026 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

C. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

C.1 OVERVIEW OF PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Ms. Adrien Pekurney, with assistance from Mr. Michael Wilson, presented a general overview of the Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Process. The discussion included the timeline of the process, how the community will be involved and details of next steps.

D. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

D.1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE

Ms. Stephanie Hee-Johnston, NRH2O General Manager, provided an update on operations at NRH2O Family Water Park.

-2026 Season: The new season begins in 26 days, with May 2 marking the park's 32nd season. The park will be open on weekends only until Memorial Day, except during Music Fest, scheduled for May 8-19.

-Revenue: The water park has experienced a significant increase in revenue through the end of March 2026 compared to the same period last year.

-Staffing: The hiring process is progressing well. Approximately 300 seasonal team members are needed for comfortable park operations, and the park maintains two to three certified EMTs on staff.

-Training: Management and leadership training has been very successful. Lifeguard recertification for aquatic leads began this week, covering first aid, CPR, and lifeguard skills.

D.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

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

-Pond Bathymetry Study: The project kicked off today with a survey at Hometown Lakes. The study will include all ponds throughout the city.

-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan: Community surveys are scheduled to be

mailed out in May.

-JB Sandlin Playground Replacement: Construction began today. Fencing has been installed, and most of the existing playground has already been removed. The project is expected to be completed by the end of summer.

-John Barfield Trail - Spring Oak Extension: Five consultants responded to the Request for Qualifications. Staff is currently working to finalize a design contract.

-City Entry Sign Replacement: A design consultant contract for this project is in the final stages of development.

D.3 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

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

-Trail maintenance is a primary focus this time of year. Trees and vegetation are being trimmed and cleared to ensure safe, easy access along the trail system.

-Playground maintenance and inspections are conducted regularly. With higher park usage during this season, additional inspections are being performed to ensure safety for all visitors.

-Tree maintenance is handled partly by in-house staff and partly by a contractor, with safety as the top priority.

-Pavilion rentals are entering their busiest period. Weekend park staff monitor these areas to ensure trash bags are stocked and the spaces remain clean throughout rentals.

-Spring planting is underway, including the installation of trees, landscaping, and sod. Irrigation system maintenance is ongoing citywide. Staff are ensuring that all 1,859 zones are functioning efficiently as they are reactivated for the upcoming seasons.

-Athletics season is in full swing. Staff are maintaining 28 fields daily for youth and adult sports.

-Bridge deck replacement at Walker's Creek Park was recently completed. The project was finished quickly and has received several positive comments regarding the improved condition.

-Drainage improvements were completed along the Calloway Branch Trail. Fence replacement was completed along the Barfield Trail where it exits the east side of Northfield Park. The new fence includes more substantial materials designed to withstand floodwaters for years to come.

-Upcoming projects include concrete replacement along the Cottonbelt Trail, fence and wall repairs at the NRH Centre, roadway lighting improvements at Walker's Creek Park, and dock deck replacement at Green Valley Park.

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 the Richland Tennis Center.

- The NRH Centre celebrates its 14th anniversary on April 12, 2026, and is currently running a summer membership promotion.
- Registration for Summer 2026 youth camps is underway. Multiple options are available, with Camp NRH serving as the primary program.
- The aquatics area recently underwent an HVAC replacement. The upgrade includes a Paddock air extraction system and a new Desert Air Handling System, both of which will significantly improve air quality. During the closure, staff also completed maintenance such as rust removal on stainless steel components and deep cleaning of calcium buildup on tile surfaces.
- Pickles n' Paddles is now in its 11th season and still going strong.
- The Richland Tennis Center has been hosting multiple regional and district high school tournaments.
- The Grand Hall is offering graduation party packages and has recently hosted several city-sponsored and community events.
- The Senior Center relies heavily on sponsorships for events, one of which is their monthly luncheon.
- Pop-Up Easter Egg Hunts were very successful, with six events held at various locations throughout the city. NRH ArtFest will take place this coming weekend on April 11. An indoor backup plan is in place if weather impacts outdoor activities. The Sounds of Spring Concert Series begins April 17, with four Friday evening concerts planned at NRH City Hall.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**E.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTHLY REPORTS (JANUARY - FEBRUARY)
DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER (MARCH)
SAVE THE DATE (APRIL)**

There are no other informational items.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Tracye Lewis, Chair

ATTEST:

Cindy Dobbs, Office Coordinator