



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2026

Little Rock City Hall

Attendance: Quinten Whiteside, Chemia Woods, Samuel Ellis, Cannon Fletcher, Summer Campbell, Nolan Hughes

Absent: Amber Tiegen, City Director-Andrea Lewis

City Board of Director Liaison: City Director-Capi Peck

LRPR/LRCAO Staff: Parks Director-Leland Couch, Deputy Director Operations-Justin Dorsey, Deputy Director of Recreations-Shawanda Craig, Deputy City Attorney-Simone Blagg, Safety and Training Coordinator-Courtney Perry, Administrative Assistant to the Parks Director-Mahoganey Burkhalter, Parks Data and Marketing Coordinator-Graham Brown, Senior Affairs Coordinator-Michael Washington

Welcome: Chairman Whiteside welcomed everyone. Meeting called to order at 12:02 pm.

Roll Call: Roll call completed. Six (6) Commissioners are present. Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Whiteside asked for a motion to approve April 2026 minutes with the changing of the month from February 2026 to March 2026. Commissioner Woods made 1st motion. Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hughes. Vote passed. Motion carried.

Citizen Communication:

Presentation: Presentation Rescheduled until next Meeting.

Director's Reports:

Staff Reports

- Recreation Report overview given by Deputy of Recreation - Shawanda Craig.
- Operations Report overview given by Deputy of Operations - Justin Dorsey
- Administrative Resources Report overview given by Administrator – Angela Nelson

BOD Agenda Items

- Commercial Air Contract – Resolution – 17049
- Second Chance Fitness – Resolution – 17050
- Musco Sports Lighting – Resolution 17051
- Targeted Community Dev. Funds – Hindman Park – Resolution 17063

Events

- Parks and Rec Events – Graham Brown – Parks Data & Marketing Coordinator
 - Allsopp Park - Ribbon Cutting – July 7th at 11:00 am.
 - Cooling Centers Now Open – Dunbar CC, Southwest CC, and West Central CC.
 - Trailblazers Camp – Registration opening soon.



- Parks Commission Subcommittee Reports
 - Parks Conservancy – Subcommittee Chair – Commissioner Summer Campbell.
Commissioner Campbell was unable to attend. Director Couch attended. They discussed bylaws, articles of incorporation, and getting new board members. Next Meeting, 7/7/26. 1st Tuesday of the Month.
 - Marketing – Subcommittee Chair – Commissioner Chemia Woods.
No Meeting. Commissioner Woods asked questions about what is immediately needed from the Marketing team. It was advised that we have projects throughout the year that may need assistance. Director Couch offered to assist with scheduling, but no decisions were made.
 - Masterplan – Subcommittee Chair – Commissioner Cannon Fletcher.
Reviewing the 2001, 2020 Masterplans and the 2025 Strategic Review.

Unfinished Business:

- Parks Commission Applications Status/Vacancies – Applications/Status
Mahogany advised of the City Clerk's plans to add the applications to the BOD Agenda in July and that we would tentatively notify the applicants. Discussed Quorum concerns. Reviewed Bylaws for details.
- UAMS LR Open – Attendance – Tues, May 26th-6pm – Chairman Whiteside shared his experience and stated that he would like for the Commission to attend in the future. Commissioner Fletcher shared his experiences.

New Business Parks Commission:

- Site Visit dates for Fouche Creek – Benny Craig Park Float – Commissioner Ellis discussed the site visit and asked for dates suggestion. Chairman Whiteside suggested the following dates for the Commission to check availability. Will vote on the issue at the next meeting.
 - Tentative Save the Dates – 10/7/26 or 10/8/2026, 4pm – 6pm
- March Retreat – Review – Director Couch was going to attempt to discuss the Retreat but time ran out.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- No Agenda Items – Chairman Whiteside asked if they could email this information in between meetings. Deputy Atty Blagg advised that, yes they can.

Board – liaison Feedback:

- City Director – Capi Peck stated that the Adopt the Street program was growing. She stated that they're looking to push the litter programs in the K-6th grade level schools.

Adjournment:

Chairman Whiteside asked for motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Woods made a motion to adjourn meeting at 12:57 pm. Motion was 2nd by Commission Hughes.

- Meeting Adjourned at 12:57pm.