



## **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

February 11, 2026  
Little Rock City Hall

**Attendance:** Quinten Whiteside, Cannon Fletcher, Summer Campbell, Samuel Ellis

**Absent:** Chemia Woods, Amber Tiegen, Nolan Hughes, City Director-Andrea Lewis

**City Board of Director Liaison:** City Director-Capi Peck,

**LRPR/LRCAO Staff:** Parks Director-Leland Couch, Deputy Director Administration-Angela Nelson, 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-Mahogany Burkhalter, Parks Data and Marketing Coordinator-Graham Brown, Secretary-Kyndall Richardson

**Welcome:** Chairman France welcomed everyone. Meeting called to order at 11:53 am.

**Roll Call:** Roll call completed. Four (4) Commissioners are present. Quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Whiteside asked for a motion to approve February 2026 minutes. Commissioner Fletcher made 1<sup>st</sup> motion. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Campbell. Vote passed. Motion carried.

**Citizen Communication:** None

### **Director's Presentation/Staff Reports/Events:**

#### Staff Reports:

- ❖ No Staff Report questions
- ❖ Graham Brown – Parks Marketing and Media Coord – Gave brief update of Parks webpage.

#### Director's Report:

- ❖ BOD Items:
  - First Tee Contract Extension
  - War Memorial Park Stadium Ext
  - Boathouse Agreement – River Mtn Park
  - Pool Maintenance Agreement
  - Reservoir Park Ball Field Project Bid
  - Maintenance Contract expiring will be put it out bid
  - ESRI Work Order System Contract
  - ELR Facility User Agreement
  - Otter Creek Soccer field Contract
  - Natural Stepps lease expansion
  - Security Sys Contract
  - Placer AI – Data



- Kaizen Golf Booking System
- Social Media Contract
- ADA Contract – Cromwell
- MacArthur Dog Park
- River market Hall – Improvement Project
- CPRG Grant – Reservoir Park & Murray Park – 77,000+ Trees
- Tri Creek Greenway
- CPRG Grant – Rose Creek NA

- ❖ Commissioner Fletcher asked question about Social Media Contract, 311 and the work order system, River Market Hall renovation, and funding of the River Market Hall project.
- ❖ Director Peck asked about the increase in size of the River Market Hall.
- ❖ Commissioner Ellis asked about the timeline of completion.
- ❖ Commissioner Fletcher asked about Community Impact Day

Events: – Graham Brown – Parks Marketing and Media Coordinator

- ❖ LR Marathon – March 1, 2026
- ❖ Black History Programs at Dunbar Comm Ctr, Southwest Comm Ctr at the end of the month.
- ❖ Youth Basketball, this week and next
- ❖ Youth Soccer starts in March
- ❖ Disc Golf – Popup – War Memorial Park – Public Input and to ask questions. Located in War Memorial Golf Pro Shop.

Presentation:

- ❖ Presentation – Deputy Director – Angela Nelson

Unfinished Business:

- ❖ Subcommittee Reports
  - Masterplan Subcommittee Report– Commissioner Fletcher - No Masterplan Subcommittee meeting was held. No update at this time.
  - Marketing Subcommittee Report –Vice Chairman Whiteside had No Update. They weren't able to meet.
  - Parks Conservancy Subcommittee Report – Subcommittee Chair – Commissioner Ellis – 30 for 30 initiatives to raise money for our parks. Graham stated they discussed Passport programs, 30 Crossing Park, the Deck Park, Working on Passport Booklet.
- ❖ Presentation list discussion/Selection for the next meeting.
  - Will pause on Section 13 presentation. Discussed having a presentation on the Senior Center and provide a show and tell. Deputy Shawanda Craig can come back later to provide programming data. Will send out Presentation list.



- ❖ Subcommittee Assignments/Subcommittee Chair/ Subcommittee Chair Procedures.
  - Subcommittees and the process were explained to the new Commissioners. No new assignments at this time.
  - Tabled this to the Retreat. Will give an overview.
- ❖ Vacancies – Available Positions – Please Promote
  - Someone has stated they applied - will follow up with the City Clerk Office
- ❖ Vote for Retreat Day being on January 28, 2026 / Reschedule – Commissioner Retreat – Deputy City Atty Simone Blagg. Facilitator – Melissa Mitchell
  - Discussed Retreat dates. Decided on March 11, 2026, immediately following the Commission Meeting from 1pm – 3pm.
  - Commissioner Campbell made Motion for the retreat date and time. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ellis. Voted passed. Motion carried.
  - Retreat will be March 11, 2026, from 1pm – 3pm immediately following the Commission meeting. Question was asked if Commissioner Fletcher could call into the meeting. Deputy Atty Blagg will research and get back to us with the response to be emailed out.
- ❖ BOD Presentation - (Does this need to be moved to a later date.)
  - Director Couch will confirm that the Parks Commission presentation is on the BOD calendar.
- ❖ Commissioner Cannon Fletcher - Request to make Dashboard presentation. Will have to be submitted to Parks prior to meeting.
  - No Follow-up needed
- ❖ Commissioner Kemp Resignation.
  - No Follow-up needed
- ❖ Commissioner Mike Bernardo last meeting, parting words.
  - No Follow-up needed
- ❖ Chairman Ben France last meeting, parting words.
  - No Follow-up needed
- ❖ Chair/Vice Chair Election
  - No Follow-up needed

New Business:

- ❖ 30 Crossing Update – Ongoing update request – discussion
  - Director Couch gave update. Advised about the separate Deck Park meeting that week.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- ❖ No New Items at this time.



Board – liaison Feedback

- ❖ City Director Capi Peck discussed the City-Wide Cleanup – Meetup at Clinton School of Public Service from 9am – 12pm on 3/15/2026. Deadline to sign up online is Sunday 2/16/2026 on Keep Little Rock Beautiful website. You can show up as well.

Adjournment:

- ❖ Meeting Adjourned at 1:01 pm.