



GARLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Work Session Room of City Hall
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
April 1, 2026
7:00 PM

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Garland, Texas will be held at the aforementioned location, date, and time to discuss and consider the following agenda items.

AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider Approval of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes for March 4, 2026**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Garland Parks Foundation Update

A Garland Parks Foundation volunteer will provide a Garland Parks Foundation update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

b. Homeless Encampment Update

Amber Thompson, Environmental Compliance Director, will provide a homeless encampment update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

c. Holford and Central Park Scoreboard Update

Albert Montero, Recreation Director, will provide a Holford and Central Park scoreboard update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

d. Rick Oden Park Security Update

Kari Pacheco, Parks Director, will provide a Rick Oden Park security update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

e. Urban Forestry Activity Update

Kari Pacheco, Parks Director, will provide an Urban Forestry activity update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

f. Review of Park Tour Locations for April 25

D'Lee Williams, Managing Director, will provide a park tour locations overview to the Board and be available to answer questions.

g. Capital Improvement Projects — Design & Development Division Update

Mark Ellender, Parks Planning Administrator, will provide a Capital Improvement Projects — Design & Development Division update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

h. Linked/Attached Documents

[Parks and Recreation Events](#)

[Silver Scoop](#)

[Rec- Beat Activity Book](#)

[Visit Garland Special Events](#)

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Future Agenda Items Status Report

D'Lee Williams, Managing Director, will review the ongoing future agenda items list with the Board and be available to answer questions.

5. ADJOURN

NOTE: A quorum of the City Council may be in attendance and may or may not participate in the discussions of the Board.



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MINUTES

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 7:00 PM on March 4, 2026, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

- Present: Jason Aguirre, Chair
Nancy Janssen, Vice Chair
Kay Moore, Board Member
David Morehead, Board Member
David Parrish, Board Member
Libby Odom, Board Member
Rochelle Ran, Board Member
- Absent: Aju Mathew, Board Member
Molly Bishop, Board Member
- Staff Present: Albert Montero, Recreation Director
Kari Pacheco, Parks Director
Mark Ellender, Parks Planning Administrator
Keith Reagan, Administrative Services Administrator
Arturo Villalba, Landscape Architect
Yvonne Naser, Management Services Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Consider Approval of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes for the February 4, 2026 Meeting**

A motion was made by Board Member Morehead, and seconded by Board Member Parrish, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026, meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

No public comments

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. **Consider Approval to Recommend the Youth Programs Standards of Care**

Albert Montero, Recreation Director, recommends the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to consider the Youth Programs Standards of Care.

A motion was made by Board Member Parrish, and seconded by Board Member Janssen, to recommend for Council approval the Youth Programs Standards of Care. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

- b. **Consider Canceling the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Regular Meeting for April or May**

D'Lee Williams, Managing Director, recommends the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to consider canceling the April or May meeting.

A motion was made by Board Member Libby, and seconded by Board Member Morehead, to not cancel the April and May Regular meetings. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

c. Garland Parks Foundation Update

A Garland Parks Foundation volunteer will provide an update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

Mr. Aguirre, Garland Parks Foundation volunteer, provided an update to the Board and was available to answer questions.

Topics covered:

- Surf and Swim fundraiser — May 16, 2–4 p.m.

d. Proposed FY26-27 Fee Update and Discussion

Albert Montero, Recreation Director, will provide an update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

Mr. Montero, Recreation Director, provided an update on the proposed FY 26–27 fees to the Board and was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Board Member Parrish, and seconded by Board Member Ran, to show support of the proposed FY26-27 fee. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

e. April 25 Park Tour Locations Update and Discussion

D'Lee Williams, Managing Director, will provide an update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

Mr. Montero, Recreation Director, provided an update to the Board and was available to answer questions.

Tour Locations:

- GSAC walk through
- Holford Soccer Site
- Bob Day Center
- Central Loop Trail Segment 3
- Wildscape at Spring Creek
- Surf & Swim walk through

f. Capital Improvement Projects — Design & Development Division Update

Mark Ellender, Parks Planning Administrator, will provide an update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

Mr. Ellender, Parks Planning Administrator, and Mr. Villalba, Landscape Architect, provided a Capital Improvement Projects and a Design & Development update to the Board and were available to answer questions.

g. Linked/Attached Documents

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4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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and be available to answer questions.

Mr. Montero, Recreation Director, reviewed the ongoing future agenda items list with the Board and was available to answer questions.

Mr. Montero notified the Board of the following:
Kari Pacheco will provide a camera security update in April
Spring Creek Update in April or May

5. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ Jason Aguirre, Chair

/s/ Yvonne Naser, Secretary

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND STUDIES UPDATE

The annual update of the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is complete. Revised Park project schedules and projected debt issuance over the next five years were approved on Feb. 15, 2022.

RECREATION CENTER AND AQUATICS IMPROVEMENTS

- GARLAND SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER RENOVATION AND EXPANSION

Status: Construction underway. Substantial completion is anticipated Q4/2026.

- SURF AND SWIM REGIONAL AQUATICS FACILITY

Status: Construction underway. Substantial completion is anticipated in 3/21/2026.

GENERAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- LOU HUFF PARK

Status: Preconstruction meeting held 2/3/2026. Contractor has mobilized onsite, survey work underway. Groundbreaking event with City set for 4/18/2026

- RICK ODEN SPLASH PAD

Status: Consultant revising layout/size of splash pad to bring the project within budget. Updates to follow.

- WYNN JOYCE PARK

Status: Contractor has mobilized onsite, survey work / temp fencing underway. Groundbreaking event with City set for 3/21/2026

- KINGSLEY PARK

Status: Design underway with consultant. Updated plan set received 3/20, currently being reviewed by City.

- JOHN PAUL JONES PARK

Status: Project includes shoreline erosion repairs, improved boating access, courtesy dock, kayak launch, parking lot improvements, and a new permanent restroom. Awaiting updated plan set from consultant responding to City review comments. Once received, plans will be submitted to TPWD for review, estimated at four to five months.

- TUCKERVILLE PARK (BOB DAY TENNIS CENTER)

Status: Groundbreaking event with City set for 3/21/2026

TRAILS AND GREENBELTS

- NAAMAN FOREST CONNECTION TRAIL

Status: Design underway. Dallas County supported trail connection linking the new Spring Creek Greenbelt trail to Halff Park and Naaman Forest Boulevard, with future connection planned along Brand Road. 90% of the plan review paused pending Kimley Horn site remediation study in Spring Creek Preserve.

- DUCK CREEK AUDUBON TRAIL

Status: Design underway. Dallas County supported trail connection linking Duck Creek Trail at Bill Cody Park to Audubon Park. 95% plan set anticipated to be provided to City 3/20/2026

- CENTRAL PARK WALKING TRAIL

Status: Construction underway. Trail loop planned to complete a walking route around Central Park and connect to the future Duck Creek spine trail. Construction is nearly complete, awaiting GP&L utility pole removal.

- GARLAND AVE UNDERPASS

Status: City Council approval paused pending Kimley Horn site remediation study in Spring Creek Preserve.

- MEADOWCREEK BRANCH GREENBELT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Status: Project reassigned to Engineering Department. Construction underway.

- DUCK CREEK CENTRAL TRAIL

Status: CPKC provided tentative approval for the trail beneath the railroad. Coordination meeting held with CPKC. The railroad contact is seeking approval internally, after which design plans will be advanced.

- JAMES PARK & QUAILCREEK

Status: Construction underway. Ratliff Hardscape selected as contractor. Existing playground has been removed, hardscape formwork & site utilities underway.

PLANS AND STUDIES

- ONSTREET BIKE/SHARED USE LANES

Status: Locations planned and confirmed with Garland Parks and Transportation, including priority segments. Pricing proposals expected to be requested in Q2.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

*Note: The status of 2019 Bond projects will be updated through the Project Management Office.

- ABLON PARK POND AND PIER IMPROVEMENTS

- MONTGOMERY PARK

- WATSON PARK SPLASH PAD & FUTSAL COURT

- PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS PACKAGE 1-3

- EMBREE PARK SPLASH PAD

- LON WYNNE PARK SPLASH PAD

- GRANGER ANNEX RENOVATION

- HOLLABAUGH RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION

- DUCK CREEK SOUTH EXTENSION TRAIL

- HOLFORD RECREATION CENTER AND AQUATICS CENTER

TYPICAL DESIGN PHASES AND MILESTONES

Pre-Design (PD)

Initial phase where project requirements, goals, feasibility, and scope are defined.

Schematic Design (SD)

Conceptual sketches and initial layouts are created to explore and illustrate possible design solutions.

Design Development (DD)

Refinement of the design, finalizing the layout and specific components, and beginning to integrate detailed drawings.

Construction Documents (CD)

Detailed drawings and specifications are prepared for construction bidding and permits.

Bidding & Negotiation (BN)

Contractors bid on the project, and the best proposal is selected through negotiation.

Construction Administration (CA)

Oversight of the construction process to ensure compliance with design specifications, managing contracts, and handling any on-site issues that arise.

Plan Set Deliverable Stages

30%, 60%, 90%, Bid Set, Issue for Construction

Future Agenda Items

Future Item Request	Assigned To:	Meeting Date	Complete	Comments
David Parrish, Board Member, requested an update on the cameras at Spring Creek Forest Preserve.		April-25		Provide update after completion of John Comer cameras and Central Park cameras to determine if funding available
Molly Bishop, Chair, has requested an update on the effectiveness of the Skatepark fencing and cameras	Pacheco	May-25		Provide update after installation
Molly Bishop requested Amber Thompson provide annual update to Board on Homeless Task Force	Williams	November-25		Scheduled for April 2026 agenda
David Parish requested periodic update on Spring Creek	Williams	December-25		Proposed for May 2026 meeting pending staff availability
Update Board on Wildscape naming at Spring Creek Forest	Williams	February-26		Update board once complete
Update board on Garland football comments: scoreboard, light out at Central and shade structures replacement or repair	Montero/Pacheco	Feb-26		Scheduled for April 2026 meeting