



GARLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Work Session Room of City Hall
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
May 6, 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 the April 1, 2026 Meeting**

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. **The Garland Parks Foundation Update**

Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Lucht, will provide the Board with an update on The Garland Parks Foundation and be available to answer questions.

- b. **Parks & Recreation Budget Update**

Keith Reagan, Administrative Services Administrator, will provide an update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

- c. **Spring Creek Forest Preserve Update**

Christina Hickey, Engineering Services Administrator, and a consultant from Kimley Horn, will provide an update to the Board and be available to answer questions.

- d. **Capital Improvement Projects — Design & Development Division Update**

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

- e. **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 April 1, 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
Molly Bishop, Board Member
David Parrish, Board Member
Libby Odom, Board Member
Rochelle Ran, Board Member

Absent: Aju Mathew, Board Member
David Morehead, Board Member

Staff Present: D'Lee Williams, Managing Director
Kari Pacheco, Parks Director
Keith Reagan, Administrative Services Administrator
Yvonne Naser, Management Services Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No public comments

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.

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

Topics covered:

- Surf and Swim fundraiser — May 16 — to benefit The Stars Camps

b. Homeless Encampment Update

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

Ms. Thompson, Environmental Compliance Director, provided a homeless encampment update to the board and was available to answer questions. Ms. Thompson also provided [resources](#) that can be printed.

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.

Ms. Williams, Managing Director, provided a Holford and Central Park scoreboard update to the board and was available to answer questions. The Central Park scoreboard has been fixed.

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.

Ms. Pacheco, Parks Director, provided a Rick Oden Park security update to the board and was available to answer questions. Two additional cameras were recently added, and additional security measures are being considered.

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.

Ms. Pacheco, Parks Director, provided an Urban Forestry activity update to the board and was 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.

Ms. Williams, Managing Director, provided a park tour locations overview to the board and was available to answer questions.

Park Tour locations:

- Bob Day Tennis Center at Tuckerville Park
- Surf & Swim
- Garland Senior Activity Center
- Wildscape at Spring Creek Forest Preserve
- Holford Soccer Site
- Central Park Loop Trail
- Duck Creek Segment 3

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.

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5. ADJOURN

Chair Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 8:19 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. Topping out event held 4/15/2026 at City Hall.

- SURF AND SWIM REGIONAL AQUATICS FACILITY

Status: Construction underway. Aquatics/MEP/Civil/LA/Arch/Structural Punch walk held 4/15/2026. Contractor will address any discovered issues and continue to complete remaining work.

GENERAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- LOU HUFF PARK

Status: Construction underway. Contractor has mobilized onsite, SWPPP & construction fencing installed. 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: Construction underway. Contractor has mobilized onsite, SWPPP installation to be finalized by 4/17/2026, with earthwork anticipated to begin week of 4/20.

- KINGSLEY PARK

Status: Design underway with consultant. Updated plan set received 3/20, currently being reviewed by City. Plan set to be returned to consultant week of 4/20.

- 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: Grand opening event with City held 3/21/2026. Tennis center is open to public. Contractor is working to complete minor punch walk site items.

- JAMES PARK & QUAILCREEK

Status: Construction underway. Ratliff Hardscape selected as contractor. Hardscape formwork & site utilities underway.

TRAILS AND GREENBELTS

- NAAMAN FOREST CONNECTION TRAIL

Status: Design underway. Dallas County supported trail connection linking the new Spring Creek Greenbelt trail to Half 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 received 3/20, currently being reviewed by City. Plan set to be returned to consultant week of 4/20.

- 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. The railroad contact is seeking approval on the trail alignment internally. Consultant is revising plans in response to CPKC feedback.

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.

Punch Walk

Project team walks the site to identify remaining issues, incomplete work, or defects before final acceptance.

Plan Set Deliverable Stages

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

Future Agenda Items

| Future Item Request | Assigned To: | Meeting Date | Complete | Comments |
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| David Parrish, Board Member, requested an update on the cameras at Spring Creek Forest Preserve. | Pacheco | 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 gates and fence installation |
| David Parish requested periodic update on Spring Creek | Williams | December-25 | | Scheduled for May 2026 meeting |
| Update Board on Wildscape naming at Spring Creek Forest | Williams | February-26 | | Update board once complete |