



Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes June 12, 2025

Committee Members:

- Position #1 ☐ Jay Ego
Position #2 ☒ Mary Mejia-Weaver
Position #3 ☒ Hunter Tibbals
Position #4 ☐ Carlisle Harrison
Position #5 ☐ Erica Juarez
Position #6 ☐ Angel Aguilar
Position #7 ☒ Doug Minton

City Representatives:

- ☒ Jackie Myers, *Council Representative*
☒ Maria Duron, *Council Representative*
☒ Brandon Artz, *Parks & Recreation, Director*
☐ Kasia Robbins, *Parks & Recreation, Rec Manager*
☒ Kelly Schwirse, *Parks & Recreation, Admin*
☐ Yaneisy Perez, *Youth Advisor*

Members of the Public:

Karyn Jones was present for meeting.

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Hunter Tibbals. In the absence of a quorum, members acknowledged that no formal votes could be taken and agreed to continue with the meetings agenda.

Reports & Business

Urban Forestry Update

Presentation on the Urban Forestry Project presented by Oscar Corvera from Arbor Pro.

Tree Inventory and Management

- Collected data on approximately 1,000 city-maintained trees
- 674 trees in good health, 325 in fair health, 34 in poor health
- Developing a comprehensive urban forest management plan
- Created detailed mapping and imagery of city trees

Main Street Revitalization

- Most Main Street trees are in poor condition
- Recommended complete removal and replanting
- Plan to create a more suitable tree environment with proper species selection

Budget and Maintenance

- Proposed a \$55,000 budget for first-year tree maintenance
- Recommended priority work including pruning and removals
- Suggested planting 100 trees annually
- Developed a five-year management strategy

Program/Events Update

- Discussed Hermiston Youth Soccer Organization transition
- Reviewed upcoming summer events (swim lessons, Fourth of July, pool opening)
- Introduced Memorandum of Understanding for Pickleball Courts

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned,
- Next meeting: Thursday, June 10th at 5:30pm