



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 08, 2025 at 5:30 PM

The Tom Hardin Room – 100 Public Square, Mount Pleasant, TN

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Mrs. McWilliams lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Patton lead the Invocation.

3. Roll Call

A. Luemma McWilliams - Chair Person

Bedford Smith - Co Chair Person

Kathy Pepe - Secretary

Loree Knowles - Commissioner

Larry Patton- Board Member

Katrina Holt - Board Member

Anna Arnold - Board Member

Ms. Busby performed roll call and all were in attendance but Mrs. Arnold.

4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

A. Minutes from Regular Meeting on September 10th 2025

Mrs. McWilliams stated that all members had been emailed a copy of the minutes and asked if there where no corrections she entertain a motion for approval. Mr. Smith made the motion, with one correction, line 5A, the word started was missing a t. Ms. Pepe seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

5. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. Haunted Trail

Ms. Busby stated that about two dozen groups signed up for the trail, four people had signed up for the chili cook off and that she was looking to have more before the event because some of the people who usually sign up had not done so yet. The Commission talked about the event in more detail.

B. Craft Day

Ms. Busby discussed the crafts for this years event would be simple and few supplies would be needed. Mrs. McWilliams stated that she had gotten paint brushes, glue, and construction paper. Mrs. Holt asked about the time and Ms. Pepe asked about what time volunteers needed to be there. Ms. Busby stated that the event would run from 11-1 and that volunteers would need to be at the center around 10:00am to set up stations. She stated that there would be cookies and hot chocolate.

C. Breakfast with Santa

Ms. Busby stated that she spoke with Santa and he would be there for that day. She spoke about getting help from some of the Bass Team members and the Fire Department with cooking and would just need help with serving and pictures. Mrs. Holt asked about what time the event was and what time volunteers needed to be at the center. Ms. Busby stated the event would start at 9 and volunteers would need to be there at 8 to finish set up and start cooking. Further details were discussed about the event.

6. Special reports from other City Departments or Committees if applicable

A. Park Report

Ms. Busby discussed Movie Night. She stated that the night was a good turn out and the movie was really cute. She thanked Ms. Pepe for being there to help her and talked about the technical difficulties they had. She then talked about the pavilion dedication and how well the event went.

Ms. Busby mentioned that she and Mr. Grooms spoke with Daniel Jackson, a Recreation Consultant, about working on a new strategic plan and getting us to the right people to help us with that, this will aid us in further growth for the City and its Parks.

B. City Manager Report

There was none

7. New Business

(Comments from citizens may or may not be included, dependent on the issues.)

A. Events for 2026

Ms. Busby asked everyone to start thinking of new events for the upcoming year. She mentioned the start of construction soon at the center and some events may have to be moved from the center. The Commission talked in further detail about this subject.

8. General comments from citizens (May be limited in time and/or number of comments.)

Mrs. Knowles stated that the County approved the plans for the new Library and that Columbia State was partnering with the University of Tennessee in their Nurses programs. There were no further comments.

9. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Mrs. McWilliams asked if there was anything else needing to be discussed and Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Holt seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.