

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025  
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission  
Minutes**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at the Community Activity Center Grand Room 1 and was called to order by Chairperson Purcell at 6:04 PM**

**Commission Members present:**

Judy Purcell Chairperson  
Joshua Uloth Vice-chair  
Emily Arias, At-large  
Latrina Caldwell, At-large  
Doug Crandall, At-large  
Long Dang, East  
Kyle Krysinski, Central  
Taylor Murray, East  
Kellina Quigley, At-large

**Youth Liaisons:**

Keesha Ramirez

**Absent:**

Miriam Osammor, East  
Terry Parks, At-large  
Abundance Anako  
Councilmember Page

**Brooklyn Park Staff present:**

Marcus Hill, Manager Facilities and Parks  
Kelly Becker, Supervisor Recreation Programming  
Jeanine Machan, Administrative Assistant

- 2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE**

N/A

- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A Motion was made to approve the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 agenda by Commissioner Uloth and second by Commissioner Crandall.**

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A Motion was made to Approve March 19th, 2025 minutes by Commissioner Uloth and second by Commissioner Caldwell.  
Motion unanimously approved.**

- 5. ACTION ITEMS**

NA

- 6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1 SPECIAL USE FACILITIES**

Marcus Hill, Manager Facilities and Parks provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached) of the Special Use Facilities.

Questions/Comments

Chairperson Purcell asked with the shared uses gym at the CAC, how much does Rec and Park use and how much is used by the National Guard? Manager Hill stated we do not get enough time that prohibits the need to rent space at other locations in the city.

Commissioner Crandall asked if open skate was year 'round? Manager Hill confirmed open skate is all year.

Chairperson Purcell asked what is an art garden? Manager Hill stated that staff have developed programming for outside that is more conducive to the outdoors such as wood carving. Also, there will be gardening. Chairperson Purcell asked where will the bee hives will be located at the farm? Supervisor Kelly Becker stated that she thought the location would be towards the back of the farm area away from a lot of foot traffic. Chairperson Purcell commented that the weather station would be automatic. Commissioner Crandal asked if it was unmanned? Manager Hill confirmed. Youth Liaison Ramirez stated that there was an issue with use at the Sports Dome between the clubs from the school and the rentals. Manager Hill explained the partner usage between the school district and the city. Commissioner Crandall asked why the Sports Dome is only up for 6 months? Manager Hill stated that city code mandates a structure of this size along with utilities prohibits longer than 6 months. Also, the cost of maintenance for a year would be prohibitive. Chairperson Purcell suggested that if the structure was up for longer than 6 months it would require additional fire code requirements. Commissioner Arias stated that when the Dome is down the turf fields are still used. Vice Chair Uloth mentioned the refurbishing at Edinburgh USA, is the AV system also being considered? Manager Hill stated that the staff is looking into it.

## 6.2 COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES

Kelly Becker, Supervisor Recreation Programming, provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached) of the Community Health Resources.

### Questions/Comments

Vice Chair Uloth asked if the RN's are volunteers? Supervisor Becker stated they are paid. However, the cost is half of what it would be at a provider.

Commissioner Crandall asked if the city charges the vendors at the resource fair? Supervisor Becker confirmed.

Vice Chair Uloth stated that he has experience resistance with his own parents to utilize some of these programs because "they are not old". He asked how do you break down the resistance? Supervisor Becker said that the world of aging keeps changing. Terminology has added "older adults" before someone is a senior. People have to be in the right frame of mind.

Youth Liaison Ramirez suggested that volunteers be diverse. She stated that her grandmother would only want to be served by a BIPOC nurse. Supervisor Becker stated that there is diversity of the volunteers, however they rotate so she never knows who will be coming each week.

Commissioner Arias asked what the ratio of diversity of residents is that participant in the programming. Supervisor Becker stated that staff is working to bring programming to all cultural backgrounds both at the CAC and to meet in the community where the residents are.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

## 8. WRITTEN REPORTS

8.1 PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE

8.2 PARK PROJECTS UPDATE

8.3 DIRECTORS REPORT

8.4 RECENT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Uloth asked if the dog park at the Mississippi Gateway was complete? Manager Hill said that he did not think it was done yet but would get back to Vice Chair Uloth.

## 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Vice Chair Uloth reported that at the Brookdale Dog Park on the mound there is some glass that is showing up from the ground having heaved over the winter. Manager Hill stated that he would bring the issue to Operations and Maintenance.

## 10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – Councilmember Page  
No Report

10.2 CAC TASKFORCE UPDATE – Commissioner Parks

Commissioner Murray reported that future meetings have been postponed until more action is needed. The taskforce had done what they discussed they would do, which was the postcard campaign to the state representative asking for a vote of yes on funding.

#### 10.2 KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING

- MAY 21 - ANNUAL DEER HUNT, DESTINATION SPORTS CITY

#### 10.3 KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

- APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> – COPS AND TEENS

Vice Chair Uloth asked if staff were looking at other sports programming for cops and teens? Manager Hill stated that suggestions are welcome for staff to research.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

**A Motion was made by Commissioner Uloth to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Caldwell.**

**Motion unanimously approved.**

**Adjourned by Chairperson Purcell at 7:39 PM**

Submitted respectfully,  
Jeanine Machan  
Secretary

#### **Attachments:**

**4.1 6.1 Parks & Facilities Presentation**

**4.1 6.2 Community Resources**