

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Parks and Recreation Board**  
**February 3, 2026, at 9:00 AM**  
Whiteside Community Center | 4009 S Pittsburg Avenue | Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135

Attendees:

MEMBERS		
NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
SAVAGE	X	
MEINDERS BURKETT	X	
MILLER	X	
REESE-TIPTON	X	
FERNANDEZ		X
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

- I. Chairperson Savage called the meeting to order at 9:43AM.
  
- II. Savage asked for review and approval of January 6, 2025, PRB minutes. No corrections or revisions were requested.

NAME	IN FAVOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAINING	NOT PRESENT
SAVAGE	X			
MEINDERS-BURKETT	X			
MILLER	X			
REESE-TIPTON	X			
FERNANDEZ				X
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Motion carried.

**III. REPORTS**

- a. Parks, Culture and Recreation Department Report – Anna America

America noted the great work happening over at the Gilcrease Museum. America noted the effort to clean up the Public Comment process for the Board meetings. America noted that Legal and the Board Secretary have been working on cleaning up the policies

and procedures. America noted this would be coming to the Board for approval once it has been completed.

America noted the focus on winter response in parks. America noted that Parks staff transition into Streets staff during snow and ice to assist in clearing the roads.

America noted that over 500 trees have been planted in the parks and that there will be an Arbor Day Planting event that the Board can participate in.

America noted the Tulsa Trek 10 Mile Hike event taking place at Bales Park. America noted that signups are nearly full.

America noted that Bales Playground is almost completed and Bike Club Headquarters are nearing completion as well. America stated that a date is in the works to have a celebration around the opening of these two new assets.

America noted that there were 41 applicants for the Artist in Residency program at Oxley Nature Center. America noted that the applicants continue to grow every year.

America noted that, in the beginning of April, the Eggcessible Egg Hunt will take place in conjunction with Little Light House. America noted that Dustin Jagers has been working with other organizations to work on customizing the event to allow any child to participate.

America noted that her team is working on the renaming of Berry Park to be named after the actual Tulsan; the name will remain the same, the person who it is honoring is the only thing that would change.

America noted that there have been two promotions within the department that allowed our maintenance staff to transition into new roles:

1. Custodian II to Parks Utility Worker II
2. Gardener I to Recreation Coordinator

Guerra Wolf noted that there is a Public Comment on item III.a.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Aaron Griffith noted the foraging policy within Parks and asked for it to be reconsidered. Griffith stated there needs to be consideration by the Board to make the punishment less severe.

Griffith noted replacing current grass/turf with clover to help the environment. Griffith noted that Gathering Place is a great example of reducing maintenance costs and using a more natural approach that will pay in dividends to our Parks.

Griffith noted that there should be an inventory taken at all parks of the natural assets. Griffith noted this would be a good way to work towards preserving these assets.

b. Park Maintenance Update – Michael Carder and Corey Seaton

Michael Carder and Corey Seaton presented the Maintenance Update. Seaton and Carder spoke about the snow event that took place last week. Seaton noted any Labor and Trades employee who has a CDL is required to work snow and ice with the Streets department. Seaton noted that they lose about half of their staff during these events.

Seaton noted Parks employees worked over 900 hours during the last Snow and Ice event. Seaton noted that the Rec Center staff assisted with dripping the faucets, leaving cabinets leading to pipes open, etc.

Seaton noted his appreciation for America approving Standby Pay for Parks employees.

Carder noted that Mohawk Soccer Complex was the biggest vandalism event to date. Carder noted that Savage, Hilti, and Skate Park North are also being hit with electrical vandalism. Seaton noted that Skate Park North was completely ruined and will need a complete rebuilding. Seaton noted that they are working on getting quotes together for repairs.

Savage asked if there have been any increases safety measures for parks to make the light poles less accessible for people to get to and vandalize. America noted that the department is constantly working on new ways to prevent vandalism, but nothing has proven successful yet. America noted that Mohawk Soccer Complex has been hit over ten times, but the area is so large that it makes it nearly impossible to catch people.

America noted that none of the roads at Mohawk are plowed by the Streets Department. America noted that the Parks Maintenance team is responsible for clearing out these roads. America noted that Lacy Pool had a line break that was quickly taken care of by maintenance staff.

Questions were welcomed.

**IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION**

- a. \*Request to add an amendment to the September 13, 2022, meeting minutes of the Park and Recreation Board – Brenda Nails-Alford

Carolina Guerra Wolf stated that it is allowed to amend minutes from previous years. Guerra Wolf noted that the Board Secretary would add a section to the previous minutes to reflect the amendment if approved.

Nails-Alford noted that she is honored to represent her grandparents who were the proud owners of the Nails Dance Pavillion and Skating Rink at Lacy Park.

Nails-Alford stated, in 2022, she presented it to the Board and asked for her family to be remembered as a part of Lacy Park's legacy.

Nails-Alford stated she is not asking for the renaming of Lacy Park, she is asking for her family to be remembered. Nails-Alford stated her name was reflected incorrectly on the agenda as well.

Nails-Alford requested that the September 17, 2022, meeting minutes be amended to reflect her actual request as well as her actual last name.

Guerra Wolf stated that the motion would be to amend the minutes.

America noted her support for the request and stated she was present at the September 17, 2022, meeting where this item was discussed.

Nails-Alford stated that the legacies of these families matter and she would never disrespect someone else’s legacy for her family to be honored.

Motion to amend minutes from September 17, 2022, meeting minutes to read that Nails-Alford did not request a renaming of the park but to memorialize the Nails family legacy at Lacy Park and correcting Ms. Nails-Alford’s name.

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REESE-TIPTON	X			
FERNANDEZ				X
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Motion carried.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

[NOTE: "New business" is restricted to any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting. *Oklahoma Open Meeting Act*, 25 O.S.2001, §311(9)]

No new business.

VI. Next Meeting – Reed Community Center – 4233 S. Yukon Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma 74107.

VII. Adjournment at 10:18AM