

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Parks and Recreation Board**  
**April 1, 2025, at 9:00AM**

Clark Youth Theatre | 4825 S Quaker Ave | Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105

Attendees:

MEMBERS		
<i>Name</i>	<i>PRESENT</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
<b>Meinders Burkett</b>	X	
<b>Savage</b>	X	
<b>Reese-Tipton</b>	X	
<b>Fernandez</b>		X
<b>Miller</b>		X

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- I. Chairperson Meinders Burkett called the meeting to order at 9:36AM.
  
- II. Meinders Burkett asked for review and approval of March 4, 2025, PRB minutes. No corrections or revisions were requested. Savage moved to approve the minutes; Reese-Tipton seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously with the exception of the Burnstein Foundation's name being corrected per Anna America.

### III. Reports

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

America presented the Park and Recreation Department Report. America noted that the seasonal process has started including mowing and seasonal employee hiring. America noted that the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department is hiring for an Aquatics Program Planner I.

America noted, with comment from Maggie Regan at Oxley Nature Center, that 590 fourth graders visited Oxley Nature Center for a walkthrough. America noted the excitement of the new Artist in Residency, Matt Moffett.

America noted upcoming events including the Ribbon Cutting at Tulsa Zoo on April 7, 2025. America also noted the Eggcessible Egg Hunt on April 12, 2025, at Whiteside Park and encouraged everyone to attend the abundance of pet-friendly events that the Department offers.

America noted that the Parks, Culture and Recreation staff will be working at Kid's Zone at Mayfest.

America noted that today, April 1, 2025, is the first day with the new golf partners, Nick Sidorakis and Randy Heckenkemper. Sidorakis and Heckenkemper will be , taking over operations at Page Belcher and Mohawk Golf Courses.

America noted that, as a part of the City's reorganization implemented by Mayor Nichols, the Parks, Culture and Recreation department has taken over a portion of City Design Studio from the Department of City Experience. This group is now called City Architectural Building Services.

America noted the addition of playgrounds like Lakeview and Newblock. America noted that many other playgrounds are being constructed. The Department is currently waiting on a large pipe for Woodward Park to come in- estimating mid-April 2026.

America introduced Tammy Slack, Executive Director of the Clark Youth Theatre. Slack noted how thankful the theatre is for working with the City of Tulsa. Reese-Tipton noted that she is a former "Clarkee".

America recognized the loss of arts programs and the importance of preserving spaces like Clark Youth Theatre.

Savage noted the thoroughness of the reporting provided by America and the Department.

Questions were welcomed.

b. City Architectural Building Services Update – Mary Womble

Womble noted Cry Baby Hill, Route 66 Corridor, and the boutique recreation of vintage auto court model projects are all on hold.

Womble noted the Civic Center Parkade Elevator Modernization project started on March 5, 2025.

Womble noted the Municipal Courts Building ADA Transition Plan began on September 9, 2024. Anticipated completion date of March 31, 2025.

Womble noted the PAC Renovations project is on hold. City Legal filed a suit against CEI (Contractor) and are currently discussing settlement costs. Once the settlement has been paid, the City will discuss gathering bids and gather quotes for the remaining work.

Womble noted the Greenwood Cultural Center Facility Rehabilitations. Design meetings are bi-weekly, and the review of the schematic design is scheduled for April 1, 2025.

Womble noted the Public Safety Center start date was December 2024. Completion date is to be determined.

Womble noted the Performing Arts Center – ARPA Projects will be completed on June 30, 2026. Womble also noted the Performing Art Center IOT3 Renovation project. The timeline should begin within the next 60 days.

Womble noted the Bazaar Grocery Store project in District 3 started on January 13, 2025.

Savage inquired about Airforce Plant 3 and asked if it should be funded through the Airport. Womble noted it will be funded through IOT2.

America noted that Dream Keeper’s Park has 11 proposals that are being reviewed.

Meinders Burkett asked if the National Park Service grant will stand, America noted as of right now it is still in place.

Savage asked during the next meeting to address the fundraising between Bike Club and Gilcrease Museum.

Questions were welcomed.

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

a. Board Member Reports

No reports were given.

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)]

America noted the "History Hidden in Plain Sight" exhibit at 101 Archer North Gallery on the Historical Negro League baseball field at Lacy Ballfield. An invite will be forwarded to the Board members.

VI. Public Comments – None

VII. Next Meeting, May 6, 2025, at 9:00 AM – Page Belcher Golf Course – 6666 S Union Ave, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74132.

VIII. Adjournment at 10:10AM.