

# Meeting Minutes

## Parks and Recreation Board

### December 3, 2024, at 9:00AM

Hicks Community Center | 3442 S. Mingo | Tulsa, Oklahoma 74146

Attendees:

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

OTHER		
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- I. Chairperson Meinders Burkett called the meeting to order at 9:21AM.
  
- II. Meinders Burkett asked for review and approval of November 5, 2024, PRB minutes. No corrections or revisions were requested. Reese-Tipton moved to approve the minutes; Savage seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

### III. Reports

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

Director America noted communications with Mayor Nichols acknowledging the importance of parks and afterschool programs. Vice-Chair Savage noted providing free physicals to children playing sports.

Director America noted the first meeting of the Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee. Noted the success and sharing of information that was offered by the Committee members.

Director America noted the success of the Swan Lake reopening. Noted that the cofferdam is being removed this weekend.

Director America acknowledged the leadership change at the Tulsa Garden Center.

Director America noted the upcoming events, specifically holiday events coming up at our Community Centers. Highlighted the Eggnog Pajama Job being held at Centennial Center on December 14, 2024, at 10AM. This event will take place during the Tulsa Holiday Parade.

Questions were welcomed.

#### b. Partner Focus Report – Bike Club

Presenter noted that Bike Club is an afterschool program that was founded 11 years ago. There are around 640 kids and 220 adults that participate in this program. There is a large focus on safety in the program. There are around 20 kids per group. Once safety has been addressed, the Bike Club begins to take field trips around the City. The middle school groups have been visiting Blue Bell Park and have been experimenting with mountain biking.

Bike Club also visits schools to introduce Bike PE for third graders. In 2023, Bike Club taught 500 kids how to ride a bike. They also host out-of-school programming including camps and clinics.

Bike Club gives away bikes at Christmas. They plan to give out 250 bikes in 2024. They have given away 18,000 bikes. They have also included hand bikes to promote inclusion.

Bike Club has fundraised for the trail systems at Lubell Park, Mooser Hollow, and Bales Park. The Club also collaborates with Parks for summer programming at Hicks, Chamberlain, and Whiteside Park. Also noted the upcoming Bike Club Headquarters being constructed in 2025 and suggested holding a Park Board Meeting at the location once it has been completed.

Noted the appreciation for the collaboration between Bike Club and the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department.

Questions were welcomed.

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

- a. \*Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Annual Schedule – Anna America

Changes to the agenda were as follows:

1. First Tuesday of every month. Every other month will be held at the Gilcrease Museum starting in January. Gilcrease in January, March, May, July, September, December.
2. Change the December 2, 2025, meeting to December 9, 2025.
3. February 4, 2025, at Jane Malone
4. April 1, 2025, at Henthorne Park
5. June 3, 2025, at Oxley Nature Center
6. August – No meeting
7. October 7, 2025, at Whiteside Community Center
8. November 4, 2025, at Tulsa Zoo

Motion to approve Board Member Reese-Tipton, Vice-Chair Savage seconded the motion.

Approved

- a. Board Member Reports

[NOTE: Board Member reports on parks-related events, activities, efforts, and concerns. Other than announcements and reports, no discussion will ensue]

No comments.

- 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)]

- VI. Public Comments – None

- VII. Next Meeting – January 7, 2025, at Gilcrease Museum – 1400 N Gilcrease Museum Road.

- VIII. Adjournment at 10:09AM.