



Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2026 | 5:30 p.m. | Therapeutic Recreation Center

Members:

Michelle Griffin, Chair
Dr. June Javier, Vice Chair
Steven L. Raudman
Thomas Alston Jr.
Evan Grummell

Dr. Irina A. Gorbunova-Ford
DeRocke Croom
Remi Travis B. Wright

Kathryn Wiesmann

Opening Business

- Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order
Attendees: Dr. June Javier, Evan Grummell, Thomas Alston Jr., Steven Raudman, Kathryn Wiesmann
Absent: Michelle Griffin, Remi Travis Wright, DeRocke Croom Jr., Dr. Irina A. Gorbunova-Ford

Dr. June Javier called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. A quorum was present and the board was given the opportunity to review the meeting minutes from September 9th, October 7th, November 3rd, and December 15th. A motion was made and seconded to approve each of the minutes. All was in favor to accept each of the minutes as written.

New Business

Board Member Updates

Angela King, City Attorney Office, began the process for the officer elections. Although elections are typically held during July meeting, a quorum was not present at the previous meetings and elections could not be scheduled. Board members were provided a copy of the bylaws which states the Chair and Vice Chair duties. Angela opened the floor to nominations for Chair. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dr. June Javier as Chair. All voted in favor to elect Dr. June Javier as Chair. Angela also opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Dr. Irina Gorbunova-Ford as Vice Chair.



In addition, Angela provided a refresher in reference to the board to include the following:

- Board members must attend 75% of the meetings held within a year. A year is defined by the member's term, which is different for each person depending when one was appointed.
- Article 3 of the bylaws details the basic duties of the board members.
- Article 4 of the bylaws details the duties of the Chair and Vice Chair. In addition, the board does not have a secretary, but the director/department takes on the administrative roles with the board.
- Article 5 of the bylaws details when a meeting is held and what happens if a regular meeting date falls on a holiday. Meetings are also open to the public and require a quorum of five board members.

Director's Department Update

Director Crittendon shared the following updates:

- The athletics division has hired a new Athletics Manager, Athletic Supervisor, and Athletic Specialist. The athletics division has been revamped and they are actively working to give what the community wants. An athletics stakeholder meeting will be scheduled in January 2026 to get the communities input and feedback.

Themed Meeting- Therapeutic Recreation Center

Shaeron King introduced herself at the Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator for the department. She shared that she has been a recreation therapist for over 30 years in facilities such as psychiatric, nursing home, and community centers. Her role is to provide recreation programs for individuals with disabilities. If the programs are not directly provided, then she ensures that people have access and they are included. The mission of Therapeutic Recreation is to provide creativity, enhancing innovative programming that engages individuals of all ages, interests, and abilities. The vision of Therapeutic Recreation is enhancing quality of life through the expansion of accessible and inclusive opportunities while promoting a lifelong community to the well-being of those we serve.

Therapeutic Recreation serves individuals starting at the age of 5 and up. They primarily serve individuals with developmental disabilities. 75% of the participants have autism and 25% have intellectual disability, down syndrome, and cerebral palsy. Some of the programs and services that are available at Therapeutic Recreation include the following:

- Afterschool
- Camps



- Classes
- Family Fun Night
- Inclusion Support
- Therapeutic Recreation Circle of Friends
- Music Therapy
- Parent's Night Out
- Sensory Activation Vehicle (SAV)
- Special Events
- Special Olympics

Shaeron also does assessments such as IEP for all children that may have some additional needs where extra services would be provided based upon those needs. She opened the floor for questions. In conclusion, the board members were given an opportunity to tour the Therapeutic Recreation Center.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m.