

**War Memorial Stadium Advisory Board Minutes
Monday February 9, 2026
War Memorial Stadium Conference Room**

Attendance

Board Members

- Garth Wallis (S)
- Jerri Patrick
- Malik Perry
- Randy Price
- Dave Rogers
- Ruth Simmons

- Jim Wilson
(Emeritus)

Members absent

- Wayne Gomes (C)
- John Jackowski (VC)
- Karla Crump
- Nick Hobbs
- Paul London

Hampton City Staff

- Angela King
- Leon Bass
- JR Ruggiero

Community Baseball

- Henry Morgan
- Matt Mitchell

Other Guests

- Carolyn Campbell

(C) Advisory Board Chair

(VC) Vice Chair

(S) Secretary

(Z) Zoom

The February 9 meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted, and six voting members were present; there was a quorum.

Parks and Recreation Department Update

No changes for the budget. Hudson and Associates seating study is with Codes for review. Temporary stairs added last year need to be stained / sealed (Jim will coordinate). City will submit a request to extend the temporary permit prior to the expiration of the current permit for the temporary stairs. Hudson is working on handrail extension design.

Acting Committee Chair

Wayne and John could not attend the meeting.

- A motion to allow Garth to function as chair was made by Ruth and seconded by Randy. All voted and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

A motion to accept the January meeting minutes was made by Ruth and seconded by Randy. All voted and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Department Update (continued)

Leon provided the following report:

- A PVC water valve broke. It has been repaired.
- Board members are requested to provide pictures of potential landscape designs for the marquee area. Actual landscaping at the entrance sign is on hold until all road work is finished.

- The old playground area is deemed safe. No improvements or modifications are planned before the start of the season.

Ongoing Projects and Potential Winter Projects Discussion

Garth and Angela reviewed updates for the following projects:

- Phase II locker room – Proposed in CIP
- Additional Stand/Seat Improvements – As previously stated Hudson and Associates shared their assessment that additional temporary stairs would not be feasible based on Codes requirements. Their report is with Codes for review. H&A is completing drawings / design for a handrail system up into the stands.
- Parking – Wayne and Randy met with City Staff to discuss parking options and opportunities, including mapping options, restriping, and proximity parking, all with the goal of adding spaces. At our January meeting, board members discussed the possibility of having HPD at Pembroke Ave during busy games.
 - A motion to request Parks and Recreation submit an Extra Duty Service Contract for traffic control at busy games (8-10 games, max hours 6pm-11pm; assuming 5-hour shifts 10 games, would be a total of \$3,400), was made by Randy and seconded by Ruth. All voted and the motion passed unanimously.
- Concourse project – Starting this week.
- Kitchen/Bathroom Peeling Paint – Total Home Improvement agreed that the issue is product related. The THI quote was \$18,988 (2 times the prior quote) and was more in depth citing potential larger issues. Angela will forward the THI quote to City Staff for review. City will obtain a third opinion.
- Electrical Panels – Needs to be scheduled by City.
- General Storage and Flammable Cabinet – Needs to be scheduled with Pilots and City.

2026-2027 Winter Projects Discussion

Under the lease between the City and the Pilots, we are supposed to recommend a list of projects for the upcoming off season by March 1. So today, we want to discuss our next steps. Angela provided four historical lists of potential projects (these are consolidated from the past two or three years). Jim suggested that a special meeting be called to help formalize and finalize the list. A brief discussion followed, and all concurred. Parks and Recreation will schedule the meeting for the next 10 days. Board members were asked to review the historical lists prior to the special meeting. Community Baseball was asked to prepare an introduction for the special meeting listing their requirements and expectations.

Various projects (some newly reported) were discussed:

- Professionally lay the turf for the mini ball field.
- Brick wall padding – (no Formal NCAA requirement for 2025/2026).
- Complete fence padding in bullpen areas.
- Plexiglass partition in new concession stand to help with AC.
- 3rd pitch clock.
- League emphasis on more / better broadcast capabilities (centerfield camera)

Projects on current CIP lists (provided as reference)

- Parking
- Phase II locker room
- Outfield improvements (turf)
- Replace bathrooms (2 male / 2 female under stadium seating)

- Replace seating (replace wooden bleachers with aluminum)

Peninsula Pilots Updates

The Pilots are looking for opportunities to support America 250 celebrations. Board members should offer thoughts to Matt. The Pilots will also contract Mary Fugere.

New Business

No new business.

The Board adjourned at 1:15. The next regular meeting for the War Memorial Stadium Advisory Board will be on Monday, March 2 at 12:00 p.m. in the War Memorial Stadium conference room.