

**War Memorial Stadium Advisory Board Minutes**  
**Monday January 5, 2026**  
**War Memorial Stadium Conference Room**

**Attendance**

**Board Members**

- Wayne Gomes (C)(Z)
- John Jackowski (VC)
- Garth Wallis (S)
- Karla Crump
- Paul London
- Malik Perry
- Dave Rogers
- Ruth Simmons

**Hampton City Staff**

- Angela King
- Airris Madden
- Leon Bass

**Other Guests**

- Carolyn Campbell

**Community Baseball**

- Henry Morgan
- Hank Morgan
- Matt Mitchell

**Members absent**

- Nick Hobbs
- Jerri Patrick
- Randy Price

(C) Advisory Board Chair

(VC) Vice Chair

(S) Secretary

(Z) Zoom

- Jim Wilson  
(Emeritus)

The January 5 meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted, and six voting members were present; there was a quorum. Malik arrived during the Department Update.

**Allow Wayne to Participate Electronically**

Wayne could not attend the meeting in person due to personal matters (travel).

- A motion to allow Wayne to participate electronically in today's meeting was made by Garth and seconded by Ruth. All voted and the motion passed unanimously.

**Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Introduction**

Arris introduced Leon Bass as the new Deputy Director.

**Minutes**

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

**Parks and Recreation Department Update**

P&R is working on city programming activities. The department is researching city wide grant opportunities. Board members expressed interest in exploring grants that could benefit the stadium / baseball operations and facilities with City Staff. The WMS fund balance is \$142,486.

**Ongoing Projects and Potential Winter Projects Discussion**

Angela reviewed updates for the following projects:

- Additional Stand/Seat Improvements – Hudson and Associates shared their preliminary assessment that additional temporary stairs would not be feasible. H&A is completing drawings / design for a handrail system up into the stands.
- Parking – Wayne and Randy are scheduled to meet with various City Staff to discuss parking options and opportunities. In addition, Board members can discuss the possibility of having HPD (or Sheriff's Office) at Pembroke Ave during busy games. A vote would be needed if we want to pursue this option.
- Concourse project – We are waiting for an update on the schedule.
- Kitchen/Bathroom Peeling Paint – Total Home Improvement agreed that the issue is product related. We are now waiting for an updated quote from Total Home Improvement.
  - A motion to request a Pilots reimbursement for up to \$10,000 for this project was made by Garth and seconded by Ruth. This motion was contingent on the receipt of an acceptable quote and action plan. All voted and the motion passed unanimously.
- Electrical Panels – Needs to be scheduled by City.
- General Storage and Flammable Cabinet – Needs to be scheduled with Pilots and City.

### **New Project Discussion**

Various projects were discussed:

- Professionally lay the turf for the mini ball field.
- Look at old playground area for visually appealing and safety purposes.
- Landscaping at the Entrance Sign – road work is not finished.
- Brick wall padding – currently on hold (no Formal NCAA requirement).

### **Lease Updates**

No updates – the lease is with City Council.

### **Peninsula Pilots Updates**

The 2026 baseball schedule has been released. The Pilot staff is filling the calendar with picnics and various activities.

### **New Business**

No new business.

The Board adjourned at 12:50. The next meeting for the War Memorial Stadium Advisory Board will be on Monday, February 2 at 12:00 p.m. in the War Memorial Stadium conference room.