

City of Birmingham
Parks And Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
851 South Eton - Conference Room

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Chair Heather Carmona, Vice Chair Pam Graham; Board Members Susan Collins
Jessica Einstein, Sarah Kupczyk, Anne Lipp, Steve Sweeney

Staff: Department of Public Services Director Zielinski; Ice Arena and Facilities
Superintendent Folk, Parks and Recreation Manager Laird, Parks and Recreation
Foreman McNab, Recreation Coordinator Schultz

Guests: Joseph Wrobel

III. Announcements, Introductions Of Guests & Chairperson Comments

1. Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee (SCC) - Update

VC Graham provided the update.

IV. Open To The Public For Items Not On The Agenda

V. Approval Of The Minutes - January 14, 2025

Motion by Graham

Seconded by Carmona to approve them.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Sweeney, Collins, Carmona, Einstein, Graham, Lipp, Kupczyk

Nays: None

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Miscellaneous Communications

Any communications can be found in the evening's agenda packet.

IX. Reports From Staff

1. Park and Project Updates

PRM Laird summarized the report and staff answered informational questions from the Board.

Board members' comments were as follows:

- The plans to update a number of park playgrounds were welcome and appropriate.

2. Park Recycling Review

PRF McNab summarized the report and staff answered informational questions from the Board.

Board members' comments were as follows:

- Public education on recycling would be important for the success of this effort.
- The City could consider recycling higher-value materials first, like aluminum cans, before moving to recycle more materials.
- Residential cardboard boxes should be broken down and placed in the residential recycling container.
- If the City is going to study business recycling practices, it is appropriate for the City to emphasize and prioritize recycling within its parks and among its residents.
- Specific waste receptacles that can fit pizza boxes could be useful near Shain Park.
- The recycling and trash receptacles in parks should be different colors.

X. Items For Next Meeting

A discussion would occur at the March meeting regarding potentially shifting the meeting schedule to an earlier time.

It could be useful to review how the OpenGov platform can be used to view Ice Arena and golf course financial data.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Connie Folk, Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist