

City of Birmingham
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
March 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, Sarah Kupczyk, Anne Lipp; Alternate Board Members Narlu Castellano, Joseph Wrobel; Student Board Members Jack Bassett, Abigail Murphy

Absent: Board Members Jessica Einstein, 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

III. Announcements, Introductions Of Guests & Chairperson Comments

1. Welcome Student Representatives

- a. Jack Bassett, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory School
- b. Abigail Murphy, Seaholm High School

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

VC Graham provided the update, highlighting the approval of the vision statement, building program, and architectural preferences, with Clark selected as the construction manager. Upcoming discussions will cover building concepts, cost estimates, and parking options.

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

V. Approval Of The Minutes - February 4, 2025

Motion by Graham

Seconded by Lipp to approve the minutes.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Wrobel, Castellano, Collins, Carmona, Graham, Lipp, Kupczyk

Nays: None

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Birmingham Well Sites Park Designations

PRM Laird presented the item and answered informational questions from the Board.

Board members raised the following points during discussion:

- It was nice to see a couple years' of work come to a close.
- The affected well sites have been addressed as parks within the City. This would bring their official designation into alignment with that treatment.

Motion by Lipp

Seconded by Collins motion to recommend the City Commission review Derby Tank and Redding Well sites in addition to Baldwin, Pumphouse Park, and W. Lincoln Well and consider designating each as park property.

Board members made the following comments on the motion:

- It could be beneficial to add park signage to these sites.
- This designation would set these areas aside specifically for recreation, as opposed to a more general public property use.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Wrobel, Castellano, Collins, Carmona, Graham, Lipp, Kupczyk

Nays: None

VII. New Business

VIII. Miscellaneous Communications

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

IX. Reports From Staff

1. Winter Sports Recap

2. Playground Design Services RFQ

PRM Laird presented both items and answered informational questions from the Board.

Board members raised the following points during discussion:

- Homeowners' Associations (HOAs) and neighborhood associations are distinct. The former has legal jurisdiction. Birmingham does not have any HOAs.

X. Items For Next Meeting

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Connie Folk, Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist