

Homewood Parks and Recreation Board

The Homewood Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, April 9, 2026, in the Conference Room at the Homewood Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present:

Ms. Jennifer Hardin
Dr. Allison Litton
Mr. Vernell McDonald
Mr. Todd Miner
Dr. Robert Sellers

Board Members absent:

Ms. Jennifer Chadha
Mr. Jeremy Bernstein
Ms. Aracely Favre
Mr. Joe Leavens

Staff members present:

Mr. Berkley Squires – City Services Director
Mr. Rusty Holley – Superintendent, Administration & Parks
Mr. Jakob Stephens – Superintendent, Athletics & Aquatics
Ms. Nakeia Sims – Administrative Supervisor
Mr. Sam Gaston – Special Assistant to the City Manager

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mr. Squires.

MINUTES

March Park Board Meeting Minutes – A motion to approve the March 2026, Park Board meeting minutes as written was made by Ms. Hardin and seconded by Dr. Litton. The motion was approved by all members present.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

No comments.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Squires introduced Mr. Sam Gaston to the Park Board, explaining that he joins from the City of Mountain Brook and will serve the City of Homewood as Special Assistant to the City Manager, Mr. Cale Smith. Mr. Gaston thanked Mr. Squires and complimented the Park Board and all Homewood's parks and recreation facilities.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

PR38 – Homewood Tennis Club - Contract

Mr. Squires, on behalf of the Programs Committee, reported that the committee met to review the Homewood Tennis Club contract. He stated that the committee recommends approval of the contract and implementing the following fee over the next three years: \$19,000 in the first year, \$23,000 in the second year and \$26,000 for the third and final year of the contract. He added that the contract will be up for renewal again in 2029. A motion to approve the Homewood Tennis Club contract was made by Dr. Litton and seconded by Ms. Hardin. The motion was approved by all members present.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

F484 – Exceptional Foundation May 2026 Calendar

Mr. McDonald presented the Exceptional Foundation's May 2026 Calendar to the board; the calendar comes from the Facilities Committee with a recommendation to approve. The committee's recommendation was approved by all members present.

F485 – West Homewood Neighborhood Association (WHNA) – Crawfish Boil

Mr. McDonald presented the West Homewood Neighborhood Association's Crawfish Boil event request to the board; the request comes from the Facilities Committee with a recommendation to approve. The committee's recommendation was approved by all members present.

WHNA Crawfish Boil

Patriot Park
Sunday, April 12, 2026

F486 – West Homewood Neighborhood Association (WHNA) – June Street Fest

Mr. McDonald presented the West Homewood Neighborhood Association's June Street Fest event request to the board; the request comes from the Facilities Committee with a recommendation to approve. The committee's recommendation was approved by all members present.

WHNA June Street Fest
Patriot Park
Saturday, June 6, 2026

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

UPCOMING PARK BOARD MEETINGS

May Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Homewood Community Center – Conference Room

Facilities Committee – 5:30 p.m.

Programs Committee – to immediately follow facilities meeting.

May Park Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Homewood Community Center – Conference Room

6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the April meeting was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. Miner.

The motion was approved by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:18 p.m.