

Homewood Parks and Recreation Board

The Homewood Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, July 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 Chadha – Chairman
Mr. Jeremy Bernstein
Ms. Aracely Favre
Mr. Vernell McDonald
Mr. Todd Miner
Dr. Robert Sellers

Board Members absent:

Ms. Jennifer Hardin
Mr. Joe Leavens
Dr. Allison Litton

Staff members present:

Mr. Berkley Squires – City Services Director
Mr. Jakob Stephens – Superintendent, Athletics & Aquatics
Ms. Nakeia Sims – Administrative Supervisor

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mr. Squires.

MINUTES

June Park Board Meeting Minutes – A motion to approve the June 2026, Park Board meeting minutes as written was made by Dr. Sellers and seconded by Mr. Bernstein. The motion was approved by all members present.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

No comments

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Squires provided an update on the Outdoor Pickleball Courts Project, reporting that all bids received exceeded the project's budget and were subsequently rejected. He stated that the project has been postponed until next year to allow for additional funding and budgeting. Mr. Squires further reported that re-turfing at several ballfields will need to be undertaken over the

next couple of years. He also advised that the planned improvements at Overton and Woodland Parks have been deferred until next year as well. Mr. Squires stated that several upcoming capital improvement projects will be reviewed to discuss priorities and planning for the next budget year.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

No agenda items

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

F495 – Exceptional Foundation August 2026 Calendar

Mr. McDonald presented the Exceptional Foundation August 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.

F496 – Event Request – National MS Society Walk MS 2027

Mr. McDonald presented the National MS Society, Walk MS 2027 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.

National MS Society Walk MS 2027

Homewood Central Park
Saturday, April 10, 2027

F497 – Event Request – Parkinson's Foundation – Moving Day 2026

Mr. McDonald presented the Parkinson's Foundation Moving Day 2026 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.

Parkinson's Foundation - Moving Day 2026

Homewood Central Park
November 14, 2026

F498 – Event Request – Junior League of Birmingham – Fundraiser 5K

Mr. McDonald presented the Junior League of Birmingham Fundraiser 5K 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.

Junior League of Birmingham Fundraiser 5K

Patriot Park

Saturday, April 24, 2027

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

UPCOMING PARK BOARD MEETINGS

August Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Homewood Community Center – Conference Room

Facilities Committee Meeting – 5:30pm

Programs Committee Meeting – 5:45pm

August Park Board Meeting:

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Homewood Community Center – Conference Room

6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the July meeting was made by Mr. Miner and seconded by Ms. Favre.

The motion was approved by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:09 p.m.