

Homewood Parks and Recreation Board

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

Board Members present:

Mr. Jeremy Bernstein
Ms. Aracely Favre
Ms. Jennifer Hardin
Dr. Allison Litton
Mr. Vernell McDonald
Mr. Todd Miner
Dr. Robert Sellers

Board Members absent:

Ms. Jennifer Chadha – Chairman
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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mr. Squires.

MINUTES

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

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

No comments.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Squires indicated that he would present the Park Board 2026-2027 Operations and Capital Budget Request as New Business.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

PR42 – Annual Report – Homewood Soccer Club

Mr. Bernstein presented the Homewood Soccer Club Annual Report to the board; the report comes from the Programs Committee with a recommendation to approve. The committee's recommendation was approved by all members present.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

F499 – Usage Request – Exceptional Foundation September 2026 Calendar

Mr. McDonald presented the Exceptional Foundation's September 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.

F500 – Event Request – Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation – Mother Walk 2027

Mr. McDonald presented the Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation's MotherWalk 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.

MotherWalk 2027

Saturday, May 8, 2027
Homewood Central Park

OLD BUSINESS

None

Ms. Hardin entered the Park Board meeting at 6:11pm.

NEW BUSINESS

P07 – Park Board 2026-2027 – Operations and Capital Budget Request

Mr. Squires presented the Park Board's 2026-2027 Operations and Capital Budget Request to the board. He highlighted proposed increases and decreases within the budget and provided additional information regarding current increased capital improvement, repair, and operational needs.

A motion to approve the Park Board's 2026-2027 Operations Budget Request in the amount of \$7,024,749.00 was made by Dr. Litton and seconded by Mr. Bernstein. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

A motion to approve the Park Board's 2026-2027 Capital Budget Request in the amount of \$240,000.00 was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Dr. Litton. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Mr. Squires stated that the Park Board's 2026-2027 Operations and Capital Budget Requests will be on the upcoming City Council agenda on August 10, 2026 and will be revisited at the October Park Board meeting.

UPCOMING PARK BOARD MEETINGS

September Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Homewood Community Center – Conference Room
Facilities Committee Meeting – 5:30pm
Programs Committee Meeting – 5:45pm

September Park Board Meeting:

Thursday, September 3, 2026
Homewood Community Center – Conference Room
6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the August meeting was made by Mr. Miner and seconded by Dr. Litton. The motion was approved by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:21 p.m.