

Homewood Parks and Recreation Board

The Homewood Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, September 4, 2025, in the Conference Room at the Homewood Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Board Members present:

Ms. Jennifer Chadha – Chairman
Mr. Jeremy Bernstein
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. 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

August Park Board Meeting Minutes – A motion to approve the August 2025, Park Board meeting minutes as written was made by Dr. Sellers and seconded by Mr. Bernstein. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

No comments

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Squires reported that the 2025-2026 capital budget hearings are ongoing and will continue through September. He provided an update on the Outdoor Pickleball Courts project, noting that remaining funds from the current year's budget will be carried forward and added to the 2025-2026 capital request.

Mr. Squires also informed the Board that Mr. Phillip Hodges has submitted his resignation. The Ward 1 seat will be open for applications until September 12, 2025, with interviews to follow. The seat is expected to be filled by October 2025.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

No agenda items.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

F468 – Exceptional Foundation – October 2025 Calendar

A motion to approve the Exceptional Foundation's October 2025 Calendar was made by Mr. Bernstein and seconded by Mr. Miner. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

F469 – Dawson Memorial Baptist Church Children's Musical

A motion to approve the Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Children's Musical was made by Ms. Chadha and seconded by Mr. McDonald. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Dawson Memorial Baptist Church
Children's Musical Presentation
Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Homewood Central Park

F470 – Iron City Trykes – Santa Hat Stroll 2025

A motion to approve the Iron City Trykes Santa Hat Stroll 2025 was made by Ms. Chadha and seconded by Mr. Bernstein. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Iron City Trykes
Santa Hat Stroll 2025
Sunday, December 14, 2025
Homewood Central Park

F471 – Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation – Motherwalk 5K 2026

A motion to approve the Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation, Motherwalk 5K and Fun Run 2026 was made by Mr. Miner and seconded by Dr. Sellers. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation
Motherwalk 5K
Saturday, May 9, 2026
Homewood Central Park

OLD BUSINESS**PO6 – Park Board 2025-2026 Operations and Capital Budget**

Mr. Squires reported that budget hearings are ongoing with the City Council and will be voted on by the City Council before October 1, 2025. An updated budget will be provided to the Park Board at its October meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

No new Business

UPCOMING PARK BOARD MEETINGS**October Park Board Meetings:**

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Homewood Community Center – Conference Room
Programs Committee – 5:00 p.m.
Facilities Committee – to immediately follow programs meeting.
October Board Meeting – 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the September meeting was made by Mr. Miner and seconded by Mr. McDonald. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:11 p.m.