

February 17, 2026 Parker Senior Center Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date:	Feb 17, 2026
Time (Begin):	12:32
Time (End):	2:57
Location:	Parker Senior Center, Large Conference Room

Attendees

Role	Name
President	Marie Glees
Vice President	Tom Frame
Secretary	Debbie McHenry
Treasurer	Jim Noon
Director 1	Kam Breitenbach
Director 2	Jim Austin
Director 3	Tim Cattrysse
Center Manager	Leslie Soell
Town Administration Representative	Mary Colton
Town Council Liaison	Todd Hendreks - ABSENT
Outside Director 1	Dr. Meg Burke
Outside Director 2	Bobby Rogers - ABSENT

- Guests: Rich Foerster, Rose Whalen, Brenda Mooney (Parks and Rec Analyst) David Durant, Debbie Simpson, Tom Woods, and JR Clanton, Ryan McGinnis (Berry & Dunn)

President: Marie Glees

Marie called the meeting to order at 12:32. She welcomed JR Clanton and Ryan McGinnis, from the consulting company hired to conduct the Town and PSC feasibility study.

Feasibility Study: JR Clanton and Ryan McGinnis

Shared their backgrounds in city management and community engagement. Both emphasized their excitement about the project, which focuses on the physical condition and operational performance of the Center, and more broadly, senior services in Parker.

The consultants outlined their process: community outreach, facility analysis, and the collection of input from staff, volunteers, and members. They asked, “In a perfect world, what would you

like to have?”, and invited board members to share what is most valued about the Senior Center and what aspects should be preserved or improved.

Questions from JR and Ryan:

- What do you believe works best at the Senior Center?
- Which features or programs are most important to preserve?
- What challenges do you face with the facility and operations?
- What barriers prevent people from taking advantage of the Center?
- What recommendations would you propose for future improvements?

Board Responses:

- **Marie:** Emphasized the significance of exercise programs, socialization, and volunteer opportunities. Shared her personal journey—joining the Center soon after relocating to Colorado, becoming involved in various groups, and serving as secretary and president. Highlighted the positive impact on physical, mental, and emotional well-being and underscored the central role of volunteers in creating community.
- **Rose (Trips):** Detailed the extensive trip program (over 120 trips last year, now expanded with a second bus), noting the strong demand and testimonials of social benefits, friendships, and accessibility for seniors who otherwise struggle with transportation.
- **Other Board Members:** Shared experiences of forming lasting friendships, overcoming social isolation, and the value of centralized location and easy access. Noted that activities cater to diverse interests—from exercise and cards to meals and bus outings.
- **Challenges Identified:** Need for more staff and improved compensation; limited building space restricting growth of activities (e.g., requests for more exercise, outdoor activities like bocci ball, and new programs); 40+ year old building maintenance; competition for rooms and resources.
- **Barriers:** Transportation difficulties, lack of awareness about available resources (such as scholarship programs), and the challenge of communicating offerings broadly. Board members discussed efforts to upgrade the website and expand the communications committee to enhance outreach through multiple channels.
- **Recommendations:** Desire for facility expansion or improvement (possibly new construction at current property), partnership with local recreation centers for discounted access to activities like pickleball, and creation of “one-stop shopping” for all Parker-offered senior services information (via technology or central resource sharing).

Board members also advocated for more cross-generational programs and partnerships with schools, libraries, and external organizations.

Consultants expressed appreciation for the candid input and confirmed their commitment to capturing diverse voices through ongoing surveys and direct engagement. The timeline for the feasibility study was reiterated: engagement through February/March, data analysis and recommendations in April, and final report delivery in May/June.

Debbie McHenry (Secretary)

Debbie reminded everyone that the session was being recorded solely for the purpose of preparing the official minutes, with all recordings to be deleted once the minutes are approved at the next Board meeting. The minutes from the January 20 meeting were reviewed, and with no additions or corrections proposed, the minutes stand as written.

Mary Colton & Brenda Mooney (Parks and Recreation)

Mary highlighted the completion of a major transition to new recreation management software ("XPLORE Recreation"). She praised Brenda's central role in leading the rollout, which she described as the largest and most complex software migration the department has ever faced, covering point-of-sale, registrations, and scheduling. Brenda also oversees department accreditation—an honor held by only 2% of similar departments nationwide. Brenda is also coordinating the feasibility study.

Dr. Meg Burke (Outside Director 1)

Dr. Meg discussed collaboration with Paulette of Lifelong Learning, presenting the proposal for "Ask a Doc"—a series of small group educational health sessions for seniors. She shared plans to provide medical talks, encourage Q&A, and include resident physicians.

Marie Glees (President)

Marie recounted participating in the Parker Patient and Family Experience Council at Advent Hospital. She shared insights from the monthly council meetings and noted the mayor's recommendation of the Senior Center, which led to greater visibility for the organization.

Tom Frame (Vice President)

Tom reported on communication improvements, including website content updates, publishing board minutes and financials, and starting a "Did You Know?" email blast. He discussed the development of a communications committee and encouraged collaboration with community organizations, aiming to centralize resources for seniors and improve program publicity.

Leslie Soell (Center Manager)

Leslie updated on membership numbers (currently at 811, nearing the record 825), highlighted a significant increase in Facebook followers (up by 71 this month), and reviewed funding sources like the Kroger program (\$460 in January). She described ongoing upgrades, such as gathering flooring and security system bids for the storeroom, and adapting financial reporting formats into classes to improve tracking of restricted funds and grant-specific expenses.

Jim Noon (Treasurer)

January saw a \$33,000 surplus (compared to \$25,000 last year), with adjustments for depreciation and insurance bringing the effective surplus to \$38,000. He reported that meals netted \$2,610, and trips were \$2,500 ahead, but cautioned against overinterpreting short-term numbers. He noted a \$100,000 financial turnaround over the past year. Tim moved for approval of the financials, which was seconded by Debbie, and passed.

Kam Breitenbach (Director 1)

Kam reported on member renewals (8 in February to date), addressing payment and waiver issues, and recognizing efforts to reach out to lapsed members.

Jim Austin (Director 2)

Jim shared a draft of Vicki's Boutique fashion show flyer for review, noting that the event is scheduled for April 11th as a luncheon. Attendees were encouraged to mark their calendars, as it's an opportunity to spend money, with the group receiving 15% of sales in addition to proceeds from the event's luncheon. The expected attendance is around 50-60 people, seated at tables of 8, with a ticket price of \$20 per person. Jim emphasized the need for everyone's help to ensure the event's success and invited Rich Forester to address Annual Appeal and Kam to address Whimsical Wonders:

- Rich described targeted fundraising letters for different donor groups and the aim to streamline outreach by eliminating duplicate contacts. Goal for appeal is \$18,000. Rich and Tom are coordinating data and planning to launch the appeal in April.
- Kam noted that the \$10 early registration discount did not attract any sign-ups. Registration info is being resent, and as of March 1st, spaces will cost \$60 each for all, regardless of nonprofit status.

Tim Cattrysse Director 3

Tim updated on storeroom improvements, noting collaboration with Lou and Ray to provide labor (potentially at no cost), and reviewed material costs (under \$900 for vinyl flooring). He

compared bids (one \$4,000) and described work done on wall rehab, floor leveling, and maximizing the use of reclaimed materials for shelving and storage.

Rose Whalen (Trips Chair)

Rose reported 20 trips in January and February, with the addition of a second bus allowing 110 extra participants. She highlighted high-demand trips, and ongoing improvements to trip scheduling and participation. Rose and Tom discussed ensuring that trip participants are active members and considered ways to improve communication about membership status at check-in. Rose also mentioned that the bus fund surpassed \$18,000, in part due to trip cancellations being converted into donations.

Tom Wood (Bridge Chair)

Tom addressed ongoing scheduling and space issues between the Bridge group and other activities, citing recent displacements due to bus trips sign-up Tuesday and reserved events that led to inefficient room use. He urged more scheduling based on group size and actual attendance, while stressing the importance of compromise and communication with other chairs. Board agreed to improve coordination through Leslie and treat all activities equally, concluding with plans to review the process, encourage direct leader communication, and suggesting a more flexible, activity-based approach to bookings.

Rich Foerster and David Durant

Rich and David discussed being the PSC reps to the feasibility study. They observed that the consultants have had minimal involvement from PSC stakeholders. Most engagement is only now beginning, even though the final report is expected by May. Key voices may not be fully consulted, and necessary data is still being gathered. Also mentioned, County Board of Commissioners has ended its partnership with the Douglas County Community Foundation, creating its own nonprofit and cutting \$60,000–\$70,000 in annual DCCF support. Future DCCF funding from the county is uncertain, and leadership changes are expected later this year.

Debbie Simpson: Sunshine Committee:

Coordinating upcoming spring events (potluck, bake sale, Vicki's Boutique) and outlining tasks for the volunteer committee.

Minutes prepared by: Debbie McHenry

Minutes approved on: