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AGENDA

Park Board Meeting, October 16, 2025

6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Minutes

- a. Approve September Park Board Minutes

3. Public Comments

a. Anyone wishing to provide comments germane to any item on this agenda shall indicate so by registering prior to the start of the meeting on the sign-up sheet provided at the entrance to the council chambers. No registrations will be allowed after the meeting has been called to order. The presiding officer shall establish an allotted time for each speaker and determine the order of speakers under the guidelines established in the City of Dickson Public Engagement Policy adopted in Resolution #2023-12

4. New Business

- a. Park Master Plan.... Kimley-Horn
 - 1. Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT)

5. Old Business

- a. Educational Pond Field Day... UT Extension

6. Other Business

- a. Program Updates
- b. Facility Updates

The Park Board met on October 16, 2025. Members present were; Councilwoman Stacey Levine, Hilary Duke, Randy Ramey, Warner Taylor, Tammy Kilgore and Tobi Vernon. Members absent were; Jennifer Lugo, Ricky Parchment, Kylea Parchment, Councilman Brett Reynolds and Russell Cole. Special guests present were; Ashley Acres, and Layla Khalif (Kimley-Horn and Associates), Vickie Witcher (UT Extension Office) and Cooper Morris.

Mrs. Kilgore opened the meeting and asked for approval of the September minutes. Mrs. Duke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, motion was carried.

New Business;

Park Master Plan... Mrs. Wilson introduced Ashley Acres and Layla Khalif who are associates at Kimley-Horn & Assoc. She stated SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. Ashley presented each component and requested the board to discuss them (see attached list of responses for each). Ashley also provided an update on the survey responses, noting that we received 77 responses on the first day and 243 to date, which is an excellent result.

Old Business;

Educational Pond Field Day... Mrs. Wilson introduced Mrs. Vickie Witcher with the UT Extension Office and one of the newest members on the City Tree Board. Mrs. Wilson informed the Board that on April 10, 2026, we will have an Educational Pond Field Day at City Lake. This will be done through the UT Extension Office at no cost to the City of Dickson. They will do a controlled electrical current through the water that will temporarily stun the fish, so that their staff can safely collect data as to the size and health of the fish and also the lake.

Other Business;

Program Updates... Mrs. Holland informed the Board that last weekend was our Touch A Truck program and it was a big day. We had close to 50 organizations involved and are waiting to collect numbers of riders from the bus drivers to get an accurate count of attendees. We also had fall camp last week with 20 participants and that went well also. She informed the board that we will have a movie in the park at Holland Park this Friday night. We will be playing "The Goonies" and there will also be a food truck present. We still have Boo Fest down town on October 25th, and Haunting at Henslee on October 31st. We will have a Veteran's Day Concert starting right after the parade on November 9th at Holland Park. The Piney

River Pearls along with some Veterans will be performing that day. There will be face painting, balloons, inflatables, a food truck.

Mrs. Wilson informed the board that the construction company (FTM) is still working on the punch list for Phase I at Buckner Park. She stated that she does not see them being finished by the end of the month. The skatepark restroom is progressing nicely. They met today on the aquatic center with Paul Pitney and the architects in attendance. She stated that they are almost finished with the 30% plan, with a few minor revisions.

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Duke seconded the motion, motion was carried.



Park Board Chairwoman

STRENGTHS

1. Henslee Park Splash Pad
2. Inclusive play opportunities
3. Communication (internal & external)
4. Partnerships with school system
5. Community Involvement – dedication
6. Wide variety of outdoor amenities for wide range of age (Pickleball Courts, Skate Park, Basketball, Disc Golf)
7. Walking Opportunities (nature, paved, variety of topography)
8. YMCA
9. Montgomery Bell State Park
10. Dedicated & Passionate Staff
11. Interconnected and good working relationships/communication among city departments
12. City investment in parks (new park amenities)

WEAKNESSES

1. Swimming Pool
2. Buckner Park Restrooms
3. Accessible programming (ADA), special needs programming
4. Connected sidewalks/safe pedestrian connections
5. Downtown parking
6. Adequate parking for some parks
7. No restrooms @ football facility, football facility condition
8. Lack of childcare in area
9. Lack of lighting
10. Aging infrastructure
11. Maintenance/storage space
12. Lack of indoor facilities (athletic, event, classroom)
13. Lack of equipment (bucket truck) to keep up with lighting maintenance

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Room to expand/grow
2. Hosting Tournaments
3. YMCA
4. BMX bike trail, accessible at Buckner
5. Nature playground
6. Safety/bike educational programs/classes
7. Pedestrian connectivity/safety
8. More specialized staff training (playground safety)
9. Hire additional staff (maintenance, programming)
10. Friends of Dickson Parks formation
11. Fundraisers

THREATS

1. Overuse of grass fields/can't keep up
2. Lack of staff dedicated to park maintenance
3. Difficulty contacting peer parks departments
4. Basketball & swimming (losing participants due to lack of facilities)
5. Ability to keep up with maintenance schedule
6. Aging facilities (overlapping expirations dates)