

URBANDALE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

The Urbandale Parks and Recreation Commission met in session on September 24, 2025. Members answering roll call were: Haughland, Mamola, Devine, Richardson, Mayberry, Bewyer. Jan Herke and Scott Hock from the Park & Recreation Department also attended.

Devine called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and read the Character Counts statement.

The first item was the approval of the July 16, 2025 minutes. Mamola moved to approve the minutes and Haughland seconded the motion. On roll call: Mamola, Haughland, Devine, Mayberry. Nays: none. Passes: Richardson, Bewyer.

The next item was moved up on the agenda: Eagle Scout Projects. Brayden Griesel summarized his project for the Commission. He installed new basketball hoops, a new bench, and painted the lines for the basketball court at Ashleaf Park. Collin Mosbach also presented his project to the Commission, which was two birdhouses and a bike repair station at Walnut Creek Regional Park. The Commission thanked the scouts for their hard work and dedication to the projects.

The next item on the agenda was 2026-2031+ Capital Improvements Program Budget. Each year City staff prepares projects for the annual CIP (Capital Improvements Program) Budget, and along with the City Manager and Finance Director, work within budget parameters to determine project priorities and the year they could be completed.

Park staff have prepared and submitted the proposed CIP projects for consideration to the City Manager and finance department. These projects have not yet been discussed or budget impact for all departments considered. They are considered preliminary, and for preliminary review for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Herke summarized the proposed projects for the 2026-2031+ CIP related to Parks and Recreation include information on the following categories: Arts, Buildings, Parks – Trails, Parks – Not Trails (Playground and park amenities), and Parks – Walnut Creek Regional Park (WCRP).

The public hearing for the CIP is tentatively planned for Monday, December 1, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. It is anticipated that the final CIP budget document would go to the City Council for a public hearing and consideration in January 2026.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed CIP projects for the 2026-2031+ CIP budget as presented by staff. Mayberry moved to approve the proposed CIP Projects as presented by staff and Bewyer seconded the motion. On roll call: Ayes: Mayberry, Bewyer, Richardson, Devine, Mamola, Haughland. Nays: none. Passes: none.

There were no Citizen's comments.

The next item was Director's Reports. Hock reported the following:

Work is continuing on the trail from Sylvan Ridge to the Little League fields and other areas; Coronado Park playground is complete; Walker Johnston Open Air Shelter has been demolished and the goal is to have the new one built by April, 2026. Once the contractor is done at that location, they will move to Dunalp for the new restroom at that location; Most of the sidewalks are done at Lions Park and the playground install will start in October; The trail connection between Horizon's Ridge and the Bob Layton trail is now open; Barrett Boesen musical instrument install is upcoming.

Devine encouraged the Commission to give their feedback on the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) survey.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Chairperson

10/15/2025 Date

ATTEST: Joyce Headlee