

City of Denton Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board
Minutes
August 4, 2025

After determining that a quorum of the City of Denton, Texas, Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board was present, the Board convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 321 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

Present: Chair Kwami Koto, Members Keri Caruthers, Bob Tickner, Elinor Lichtenberg, and Amy Pelzel

Absent: Kady Finley and Richard Villarreal

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Citizen comments are listed on Exhibit A.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. PRB25-020: Consider approval of the minutes of July 7, 2025.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Member Caruthers moved to adopt the item as presented; Member Lichtenberg seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Koto, Members Pelzel, Caruthers, Lichtenberg, and Tickner.

ABSENT (2): Finley and Villarreal.

NAYS (0):

B. PRB25-009: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take action regarding recent naming applications for the Civic Center, Day Labor Site, and Juneteenth Softball Tournament.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion of the Day Labor Site, Member Caruthers moved to adopt the item as presented; Member Lichtenberg seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Koto, Members Pelzel, Caruthers, Lichtenberg, and Tickner.

ABSENT (2): Finley and Villarreal.

NAYS (0):

Following discussion of the Civic Center, Member Lichtenberg moved to adopt the item as presented; Member Caruthers seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Koto, Members Pelzel, Caruthers, Lichtenberg, and Tickner.

ABSENT (2): Finley and Villarreal.

NAYS (0):

Following discussion of the Juneteenth Softball Tournament, Member Tickner moved to deny the item as presented; Member Caruthers seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Koto, Members Pelzel, Caruthers, Lichtenberg, and Tickner.

ABSENT (2): Finley and Villarreal.

NAYS (0):

- C. PRB25-021: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the 2025 NRPA Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Member Tickner moved to support the item as presented; Member Caruthers seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Koto, Members Pelzel, Caruthers, Lichtenberg, and Tickner.

ABSENT (2): Finley and Villarreal.

NAYS (0):

- D. PRB25-023: Consider recommending adopting a schedule of fees, updating the existing charges and fees for use of city owned property and facilities, and for city services provided at or by Parks and Recreation; superseding prior fee schedules; providing severability and repealer clauses; and providing an effective date

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Member Caruthers moved to adopt the item as presented; Member Lichtenberg seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Koto, Members Pelzel, Caruthers, Lichtenberg, and Tickner.

ABSENT (2): Finley and Villarreal.

NAYS (0):

- E. PRB25-025: Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a cooperative agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Range Creek public hunting area; and providing an effective date.

Following discussion, Member Tickner moved to adopt the item as presented; Member Lichtenberg seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Koto, Members Pelzel, Caruthers, Lichtenberg, and Tickner.

ABSENT (2): Finley and Villarreal.

NAYS (0):

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

- None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

KWAMI KOTO
CHAIR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

DANIELLE RILEA
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____

August 4, 2025 Park Board Meeting- Exhibit A					
Speaker Commentaries/Registration Online, Email, In-Person, Phone					
Name	Address	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Emilio Gonzalez	2205 Mitchell Rd. Krum, TX 76249	PRB25-009	Support	In-person	Spoke in support of renaming labor site.
Rudy Rodriguez	1260 Hope St. Denton, TX 76205	PRB25-009	Support	In-person	Spoke in support of renaming labor site.
Mike Himojsa	5431 Hwy 377, Aubrey, TX 76227	PRB25-009	Support	In-person	Spoke in support of renaming labor site.
Paul Juarez	1318 Princeton Ct., Denton, TX 76201	PRB25-009	Support	In-person	Spoke in support of renaming labor site.
Guillermo Lopez	3001 Santa Monica Dr. Denton, TX 76205	PRB25-009	Support	In-person	Spoke in support of renaming labor site.
Elsa Camizzi	3612 Cotton Dr. Denton, TX 76207	PRB25-009	Support	In-person	Spoke in support of renaming labor site.
Frances Punch	2002 Wisterra St. Denton, TX 76205	PRB25-009	Support	In-person	Spoke in support of renaming Civic Center.