

**City of Denton Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board**  
**Minutes**  
**April 7, 2025**

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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, April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 321 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

**Present:** Vice-Chair Kwami Koto, Elinor Lichtenberg, Keri Caruthers, Richard Villarreal and Bob Tickner

**Absent:** Members Amy Pelzel and Kady Finley

**1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- None

**2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

A. PRB25-012: Consider approval of the minutes of March 3, 2025.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Koto, Members Tickner, Lichtenberg, Caruthers, and Villarreal.

ABSENT (0): None

NAYS (2): Members Pelzel and Finley

B. PRB25-005: Receive a report from staff, hold a discussion, and give staff direction for recommending approval of the non-park use of a part of Vintage Park, Tamarack Park, and Burch Farm for the purpose of installing and maintaining public sanitary sewer infrastructure with the necessary permanent and temporary easements in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction:

- Add language ensuring PARD has access to the land.

Member Tickner moved to adopt the item; Member Villarreal seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Koto, Members Tickner, Lichtenberg, Caruthers, and Villarreal.

ABSENT (0): None

NAYS (2): Members Pelzel and Finley

C. PRB25-014: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a project that the Junior Girl Scouts Troop 2302 are proposing for Avondale Park.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Koto, Members Tickner, Lichtenberg, Caruthers, and Villarreal.

ABSENT (0): None

NAYS (2): Members Pelzel and Finley

- D. PRB25-010: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a Wildflower Program for City of Denton parks, open spaces, and rights of way.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction.

- Add signage warning of snakes and other risks.

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

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Koto, Members Tickner, Lichtenberg, Caruthers, and Villarreal.

ABSENT (0): None

NAYS (2): Members Pelzel and Finley

- E. PRB25-011: Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding progress made toward the City of Denton's Urban Forest Master Plan, and a multiyear forecast explaining future planting efforts and the impact these plantings will have on the City's tree canopy.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction.

- Consider including a report on tree requirements for developments.

- F. PRB25-007: Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton adopting the Standards of Care for recreational care programs administered by Denton's Parks and Recreation department pursuant to Texas Human Resources Code Section 42.041(b) (14); and providing an effective date.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Koto, Members Tickner, Lichtenberg, Caruthers, and Villarreal.

ABSENT (0): None

NAYS (2): Members Pelzel and Finley

- G. PRB25-013: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the May 12, 2025, Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board meeting and scheduled tour.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction.

- Consider adding Fire Station 8 and prescribed burn locations to Park Tour.

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

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Koto, Members Tickner, Lichtenberg, Caruthers, and Villarreal.

ABSENT (0): None

NAYS (2): Members Pelzel and Finley

### **3. CONCLUDING ITEMS**

- None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

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KWAMI KOTO  
CHAIR  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

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ROBIN HILL  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

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