

City of Denton Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board

Minutes May 4, 2026

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, May 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 321 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

Present: Chair Joshua Taylor, Vice-Chair Elinor Lichtenberg, Members Bob Tickner, Amy Pelzel, and Keri Caruthers.

Absent: Members Richard Villarreal and Kady Finley

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Citizens' comments are listed on Exhibit A.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. PRB26-010: Consider approval of the minutes of April 6, 2026

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

AYES (5): Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Pelzel, and Caruthers.

ABSENT (2): Members Finley and Villarreal

NAYS (0):

B. PRB26-011: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give input to staff regarding the results of 2025 Denton Halloween and upcoming preparations for 2026.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion staff was provided the following direction;

- Board requested money set aside for art also go towards musicians and other performance artists.
- Board requested staff speak to Peterbilt about hayrides.
- Board requested staff speak to local bike shops about pedicabs.
- Board requested staff consider increasing handicap parking around the square.
- Board requested staff consider adding one full music day.

C. PRB26-009: Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton temporarily amending Chapter 25 streets, sidewalks and public places, Article V Special Events, adding Division 6, neighborhood block parties section 25-252 through 25-256 to create a one-year pilot program to establish application and permitting processes for the implementation of a streamlined process for neighborhood block parties commencing June 1, 2026 and expiring June 1, 2027; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; providing codification; and providing an effective date.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

AYES (5): Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Pelzel, and Caruthers.

ABSENT (2): Members Finley and Villarreal

NAYS (0):

- D. PRB26-014: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take action regarding the naming applications for parks submitted by Denton Parks and Recreation.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

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Following discussion, Member Tickner moved to adopt the naming of the Hercules and Congress St. properties; Vice-Chair Lichtenberg seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Pelzel, and Caruthers.

ABSENT (2): Members Finley and Villarreal

NAYS (0):

Member Pelzel moved to deny the renaming of the G. Roland Vela Soccer Complex soccer field; Member Tickner seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Pelzel, and Caruthers.

ABSENT (2): Members Finley and Villarreal

NAYS (0):

Member Tickner moved to deny the renaming of the Fred Moore Park softball field; Member Caruthers seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Pelzel, and Caruthers.

ABSENT (2): Members Finley and Villarreal

NAYS (0):

- E. PRB26-015: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a Texas Historic Commission Subject Marker by the Scouting America Troop 65 to be placed near the Troop's Scout Hut at Evers Park.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

AYES (5): Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Pelzel, and Caruthers.

ABSENT (2): Members Finley and Villarreal

NAYS (0):

- F. PRB26-016: Consider recommending adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the city manager to enter into a development agreement between the City of Denton and TG Duchess Denton, LLC for the dedication of park land for a city park; authorizing the acceptance of land; and providing an effective date.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

AYES (5): Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Lichtenberg, Members Tickner, Pelzel, and Caruthers.

ABSENT (2): Members Finley and Villarreal

NAYS (0):

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

- Security cameras did not work during park attack.
- Park Tour will be held during next month's meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

JOSHUA TAYLOR
CHAIR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

ROBIN HILL
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____

May 4, 2026 Park Board Meeting- Exhibit A

Speaker Commentaries/Registration Online, Email, In-Person, Phone

Name	Address	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Marcella Franichal	317 Mill St. Denton, TX 76205	PRB26-014	Opposition	In-Person	Spoke against renaming field at Fred Moore Park.
Donald McDade	926 E. Prairie, Denton, TX 76205	PRB26-014	Support	In-Person	Spoke in favor of renaming field at Fred Moore Park.
Cynthia Cochran	2420 E. McKinney, Denton, TX 76209	PRB26-014	Support	In-Person	Spoke in favor of renaming field at Fred Moore Park.