

**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER  
Wednesday May14th, 2025**

BOARD MEMBERS: Nate Scramlin, Isaac Francisco, Tirstan Walters, Rayvne Gilmore  
BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mike Dombrowski, Rick Kibbey, Kimberly Whitfield, Joan Lenhard

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 P.M. Foster Community Center

I. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

II. **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A. Approval of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Minutes Postponed until the June Meeting.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Mowing – Some trees have been damaged in Hunter Park during mowing. Staff does not remove tree guards. The department is working with the lawn maintenance crews to pick up trash prior to mowing.

B. 609 – 609 N Verlinden – Adjacent to Osborn Park – Dawn Glassay spoke with the board about a lot that is adjacent to Scribbles and Giggles Daycare. This lot is a green space and is currently privately owned and is currently being leased to a construction company parking for construction equipment. Dawn commented that the lot would make a nice extension of Osborn Park. The director will reach out to the current owner and Dawn will be in contact with the neighborhood association.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Art Path – The Arts Commission does not currently have the capacity to organize Art Path. The department is currently looking for alternative organizations to be able to facilitate art being placed for public display on the River Trail in the area that was used previously for Art Path.

B. Parks 5-Year Master Plan - The Board received the results of the community feedback sessions and the survey. The Board will be reviewing these results and building action steps for the next 5 Year Master Plan.

C. Rueter Fountain – The Department is putting an RFP to do an engineering assessment and design for the repair of the Rueter Fountain. Once the results are in then it would be put out for construction bids.

V. **UPDATES**

Strikeout Baseball – June 6<sup>th</sup> will be the grand opening of Strikeout Baseball.

The budget is up for approval next week by City Council.

Hiring is currently ongoing for summer camps.

The Hunter Park Pool is being filled.

A tree has been dedicated for Jodi Ackerman at the Foster Center

The department is dedicating 6 trees at Stabenaw Park on Memorial Day

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Loretta Stanaway – cemetery cleanup

Samantha Olson – international yoga day

VII. **INFORMATION**

VIII. **REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Isaac Francisco: Thanked the Scott Woods Neighborhood Organization for their efforts in cleaning and landscaping Scott Woods Park.

Tirstan Walters: Wanted to thank the community organizations involved with the clean up days in Old Town and Stabenow park

IX. **STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS**

All meetings of the Park Board shall be open to the public. Those in attendance shall have the opportunity to speak on any issue related to parks and recreation services not otherwise on the agenda at the end of the meeting and may speak on any agenda issue during the meeting after park board members have had an opportunity to discuss the issue or prior to the board voting on the issue. The President may impose a time limit on public comments.

Kim Ellinwood: Is pleased to announce that the automatic gate at Bancroft Park is being installed.

Meeting Closed 7:50