

PARK BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
Wednesday July 8th, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Dombrowski, Kimberly Whitfield, Isaac Francisco, Joan Lenhard,
Tirstan Walters, Ravynne Gilmore, Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Nate Scramlin

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33PM

I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

**Added G to Correspondence, B to new Business and changed A to Old Town Grants
Lenhard moved to accept Walters seconded, passed unanimously**

II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- A. **May 13th, 2026** Lenhard moved to accept, Francisco seconded, passed unanimously.
- B. **June 10th, 2026** Walters moved to accept as corrected and to correct the July minutes to reflect the June 10th, 2026 meeting to B under Board Meeting Minutes, Whitfield seconded, passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Old Town Grants** Tabled for the September 2026 meeting
- B. **Board Elections** Discussed our 3 positions: President, Vice President, Secretary.
Elections tables for the September 2026 meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **BMX Starting Gate Ramp Grant** Walters moved to accept, Whitfield Seconded, passed unanimously

V. UPDATES

- A. **Community Center Study** The committee has met and there will be more public comment meetings going forward and more information will be presented to the board.
- B. **Marshall Basketball Courts** Work has begun. The soil from Marshall has been taken to St Joseph Park. The anticipated completion with a ribbon cutting is in the late Summer.
- C. **Moores Park Pool** We have received all permits required for building. We are still waiting on some pricing and funding sources on the required changes.
- D. **Bancroft Park** The gate at Bankroft has been fixed. There is also be a boulder that will be moved back after being involved in a vehicle incident.
- E. **Personnel Update** The department is working on hiring the manager of leisure services and the gardener for the Francis and Cooley Gardens and our Downtown Parks. The Manager of Leisure Services is expected to be hired in August.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Catherine Church – Moores Park Pavilion
- B. Mike Stout MWS Press Event
- C. Steve Bell – Fireworks in the Park
- D. Adam Hussein regarding fireworks in the park
- E. Trini Pehlivanoglu regarding fireworks in the park
- F. Ravynne Gilmore regarding fireworks in the park
- G. Tirstan Walters Gier BMX Grant Support

VII. **INFORMATION**

VIII. **REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski asked about a garden near Cooley Law School, the director confirmed that is not on city property.

Kimberly Whitfield asked about an update for St Joseph Park. The director confirmed that there has been discussion with LPD about safety in the area and the department is looking into adding gates and lights at key points in the park.

Ravynne Gilmore asked to have LPD to provide some information about violent crime in parks. Ravynne also asked about lifeguards and the training program for new lifeguards.

Isaac Francisco informed the board that he intends to step off the board when his term is up in June 2027 to focus on community development projects in his neighborhood.

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.

Paul Kolar from the Moores Park Neighborhood Organization wanted to thank the department for the new signs at Moores Park. The neighborhood organization will be meeting with the Parks Department to improve the games area of Moores Park. They are disappointed that the Moores Park Pool will not be opened this year. The neighborhood organization is happy that there are events hosted the park.

Meeting closed at 7:55