

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

**Comiskey Park Building, 255 E 24th Street,
Dubuque, Iowa 52001**

PRESENT: Jennifer Tigges, Lori Ollendick, Jessica Ochoa, Ron Axtell, Josh Jorgenson, Robin Kennicker

ABSENT: Jason Henkel

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Fehsal, Angie Metcalf

CALL TO ORDER: Tigges called meeting to order at 4:35pm.

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Ochoa, seconded by Axtell, to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025, special meeting. Jorgenson and Kennicker abstain.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND FACILITY TOUR:

Discussion was had regarding whether to have the July meeting and when and where the facility tour should take place. It was decided there would be a regular July meeting. It was discussed to have the facility tour September 9th, 2025 and a guided bus tour of the parks and city owned green space located in the North End. Final details will be determined at the July meeting.

SOUTH POINTE SUBDIVISION PARK CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

Ochoa made a motion to recommend South Pointe Subdivision Park concept plan. Jorgenson Seconded. Unanimous.

BEGIN NAMING PROCESS FOR SOUTH POINTE SUBDIVISION PARK:

Park Division manager Steve Fehsal provided details regarding the naming process according to the City's Naming Policy. We will most likely begin the public input in mid June and provide the public input to the commission for a recommendation at the August 2025 meeting.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

Park Division manager Steve Fehsal introduced the Commission's goal setting sheets to be provided for review by City Council during their goal setting sessions in August 2025. Page one listed the success of FY 2025 identified by the Commission and their impacts. Page two listed the goals and focus issues for FY2026[SF1] identified by the Commission. Commission members listed their successes and discussed the goals.

Commissioner Ochoa made a motion to approve the goal setting sheets and Commissioner Kennicker seconded Unanimous.

CHAPTER 10:5B-13, 10:5B-22, 10:5C-1 PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE UPDATE RECOMMENDATION:

Ochoa made a motion to recommend the updates to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance chapter 10:5B-13, 10:5B-22, 10:5C-1. Axtell Seconded. Unanimous.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE:

Park Division manager Steve Fehsal and Lead Administrative Assistant Angie Metcalf provided updates on the Master Plan as well as details regarding upcoming public engagement sessions that are scheduled.

DIVISON MANAGER UPDATE:

Park Division manager Steve Fehsal provided an update on ongoing projects.

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Commissioner Tigges advised a community member had reached out to her in regards to naming Rockdale/Grandview Entry Falb Park and was curious what the process was to do that.

Commissioner Ochoa asked what the age limit is for the play set inside of Flora pool. Fehsal advised he would reach out to Recreation Division manager for the answer.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Ochoa, seconded by Axtell, to adjourn the meeting 6:13 p.m. Unanimous.