



Park and Recreation Commission Report

City Council
December 1, 2015

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Current Roster

1. Becky Whatley, Chair, Ward 1
2. Barry Johnson, Vice Chair, Ward 7
3. Julia Lyles, Ward 6
4. M. Todd Rounds, Ward 4
5. Luz Negron, Ward 2
6. John Venegas, Ward 4 (Citywide)
7. Amy Cardullo, Ward 3
8. Walter Elliot, Ward 5
9. Joseph Feola, Ward 4 (Citywide)



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Riverside City Charter

Sec. 809. Park and Recreation Commission.

There shall be a Park and Recreation Commission which shall have the power and duty to:

- (a) Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to parks, recreation, parkways and street trees.
- (b) Consider the annual budget for parks, recreation, parkways and street tree purposes during the process of its preparation and make recommendations with respect thereto to the City Council and the City Manager.
- (c) Assist in the planning of parks and recreation programs for the inhabitants of the City, promote and stimulate public interest therein, and to that end solicit to the fullest extent possible the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies interested therein.
- (d) Establish policies for the acquisition, development and improvement of parks and playgrounds and for the planting, care and removal of trees and shrubs in all parks, playgrounds and streets, subject to the rights and powers of the City Council. (Effective 12/27/1995)



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Commission Achievements

1. Approval of Glen and Mary Ayala Naming Request – Ysmael Villegas Community Center Gymnasium Dedication
2. Funding – use of Cell Towers Funds for roof repairs and fitness stations; review of Department's Annual budget
3. Updated Urban Forestry Policy Manual



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Department Achievements

1. Arlington Youth Innovation Center - new concept & design approval
2. Golf – 28,362 annual rounds of golf played
3. Special Transit – 175,256 passenger totals
4. Re-design of Commission reports
5. Water Conservation Efforts – conserving around 28% monthly



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Activities Attended

1. City Tour with Urban Forester
2. Volunteer Recognition / Summer Concert
3. Staff Appreciation Luncheon
4. Mariachi Festival
5. Mayor and Council Regatta
6. Spring Eggstravaganza



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Future Challenges

- Park Master Plan - community meetings
- Monitor and request funding to continue supporting the programs the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department offers.



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Recommendation

That the City Council receive and file the Park and Recreation Commission report



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