



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Jennifer Matheny, Chair

Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, October 20, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: This meeting was held remotely.

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance was Chair Matheny, Vice Chair Sandford, and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Gilbride, Kuczynski, and Weinberg. Also in attendance were Reps. Camporeale, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, and Walston; Kevin Murray, Director of Parks & Recreation Facilities; Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation Dept.; Michael Tedder, Parks & Recreation Commission; Dana Lee, Law Dept.; Peter Gould, Parks Police; and members of the public.

Chair Matheny called the meeting to order at: 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. <u>PR31.050</u>	ORDINANCE; <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; regarding beach access 09/04/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Sherwood 09/15/2025 – Approved by committee 5-0-0	Motion to Approve as Amended 6-0-0

Chair Matheny opened up the public hearing. Kieran Edmondson spoke in favor of the item. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, Chair Matheny closed the public hearing.

Representative Sherwood introduced this item. This is an option for residents to be able to prepay for a beach permit for the following year when they pay their car taxes. It is not a requirement.

Rep. Sherwood requested that the following amendment be made to Sec. 231-3:

The Tax Collector, in coordination with the Operations Department, shall ensure that notice of this prepayment option is provided on motor vehicle tax bills and on the City's website.

Attorney Lee confirmed this is a procedural and administrative change that would not require an additional public hearing, since it does not change the substance of what the residents are required to do.

A motion for this amendment was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Matheny, Sandford, de la Cruz, Gilbride, Kuczynski, and Weinberg in favor).

Rep. Sherwood stated she has discussed this with Attorney Lee, Director of Operations Matt Quinones, Luke Bittenwieser in the Transportation Dept., and the Controller's Office and everyone is on board with this ordinance.

A motion to approve this item as amended was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Matheny, Sanford, de la Cruz, Gilbride, Kuczynski, and Weinberg in favor).

At this point the meeting was paused and restarted to resolve a technical glitch.

2. [PR31.041](#) **REVIEW**; New Lione Park parking lot progress **Report Made**
03/04/25 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny
04/14/25 – Moved to Pending
09/15/25 – Report Made

Mr. Bittenwieser introduced this item. This project includes:

Eliminating the parking spaces at the Merrill Avenue travel lane into the park, adding greenspace, putting up a six-foot fence, and adding a guardrail. The travel lane needs to remain for maintenance and emergency vehicles, and for two private properties that have driveway access from the travel lane.

There will be new lighting and blue light security cameras installed.

There will be 25-30 parking spaces added in the Boys & Girls Club parking lot.

The beach volleyball court will be relocated.

The goal is to keep the park separate from the parking lot area so that people do not hang out in this area as currently happens.

There are \$1M in ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act) dedicated for this project.

It is currently in the contracting phase. Preliminary work is expected to start in the winter. Once ground breaks it will take three to four months to complete the project.

Rep. Stella said this is a good start but there have been going issues for years at this park such as people selling liquor and drugs out of their vehicles, music late at night, and public urination on private property.

Office Gould said this is a difficult situation to manage because it involves long time behavior. What needs to happen is a durable change in behavior. In early spring a lot of attention would need to go to this park so that little by little the offenders realize they cannot continue doing what they have been doing. The physical changes to the park should help.

Director Murray said they are upgrading the lighting and implementing year round bathrooms that will lock at 10:00 p.m.

A report was made.

3. PR31.052 **REVIEW;** E-Bikes in Parks
10/08/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny

Report Made

Chair Matheny said she received an e-mail from a constituent about e-bikes in Cove Park and would like to know what is being done to regulate e-bikes in parks.

Director Murray said his department is receiving many complaints about e-bikes, scooters, hoverboards, etc., both in the parks and elsewhere. He and Officer Gould worked have put up signage restricting them, subject to a fine up to \$250.00.

These bikes can go up to 25-30mph and are dangerous on the walking paths.

Officer Gould recently made a reckless driving arrest of an e-bike operator. There has been a big problem with them on the sidewalk at Cummings Park. As these devices continue in popularity, this will be a big enforcement issue.

A report was made.

4. [PR31.053](#) **APPROVAL;** Update to Park Regulations regarding
Wildlife
09/25/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny

**Motion to
Approve 6-0-0
with the
expectation that
a formal draft
resolution will
be available at
the 11/5/2025
Board Meeting**

Director Murray introduced this item.

The City is paying for a geese relief program in five parks right now, which is at the parks two times per day, seven days per week. There are many people who feed the geese, and this is doing injustice to the program. He would like to put up signage in both English and Spanish to educate people and get them to stop feeding the geese.

The signs will be very simple, stating 1) not to feed the waterfowl; 2) doing so is dangerous for both them and humans; 3) there can be a fine of up to \$250.00; 4) and will reference Sec. 175-1-17.

Rep. Weinberg noted there is a Jewish custom of throwing bread into the water during Rosh Hashanah. The City should notify synagogues and other major Jewish organizations once this update takes effect, and he would be willing to help with that.

This item will be approved in the form of a BOR resolution amending the Parks & Recreation Commission regulations.

A motion to approve this item with the expectation that a formal draft resolution will be available at the 11/5/2025 Board Meeting was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Matheny, Sandford, de la Cruz, Gilbride, Kuczynski, and Weinberg in favor).

5. [PR31.054](#)

APPROVAL; Barrett Park -- Luminous Butterfly
Project [public art mural].
10/10/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Matheny

No Action Taken

This item was not taken up due to being tabled at the October 15, 2025 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

Chair Matheny adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Matheny, Chair

This meeting is on video ([Part 1](#)) and ([Part 2](#))