



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Leah J. Bonich, Thomas Sims, Ginny Enstad, Ellen Wolfson, Lawrence Lyman

Absent

Lisa Tinker Marsh, Anne Mooney

Staff Present

Parks and Recreation Director Jason Seeley, Assistant Director Mike McCosker, Recreation Coordinator Laura Halsey, Recreation & Family Services Manager John Clarke, Recreation Superintendent Denise Eaton.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairperson Leah Bonich.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of November 19, 2025 Minutes

Motion made by Lawrence Lyman, seconded by Thomas Sims, to approve the November 19, 2025 minutes.

Motion passes 5-0

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker

None present

4. Action Items

- a. Saturday Market Location

Jason Seeley, Parks & Recreation Director, provided Board members with the Farmer's Market survey responses from December 2025, along with those from 2021 for comparison. Discussion included the variety of vendors, restrooms, and survey results. The survey feedback from 2021 and 2025 provided very similar results. Mr. Seeley provided details on the additional costs and staffing requirements associated with moving the Farmer's Market back to the historic Farmer's Market Building. The board inquired about the additional costs, electrical access at the building, and thanked staff for their efforts in collecting the data. The board expressed concern that the current structure of the market isn't what the residents want.

Mr. Seeley provided renderings for installing a concrete loop similar to the Seven Oaks Park to allow for a more uniform setup for vendors. Ms. Enstad inquired about installing a brick route rather than a concrete sidewalk, to which Mr. Seeley responded that the price point would be higher, it would increase safety concerns as the bricks settle and shift, and it would not meet ADA requirements. Mr. Lyman requested that staff bring forward a tentative budget schedule for improvements to the West Meadow location. Another point of concern was the need for tables and chairs during the Farmer's Market that are not in close vicinity to the restrooms. It was agreed upon that the staff would discuss the option of including a brick accent at the entry points to the market.

Mr. Sims spoke in support of the renderings, stating they would provide a safer, more organized structure for the market while leaving a decent amount of green space within the meadow.

Ms. Wolfson asked if she, or other board members, could approach visitors at the Farmer's Market to find Winter Park residents and ask them for feedback on what they would like to see at the market or suggestions for improvements.

The Board does not recommend taking this item to the city commission, but instead leaving it at the staff level to work towards improving the current location of the Farmer's Market.

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

a. Project Update

Mr. Seeley provided a brief overview of projects, including the MLK Park Unity Corner & parking lot, Cady Way Volleyball courts, Seven Oaks & Hannibal Square Christmas events, Ward Park improvements, Art on the Green, Winter Park Tennis Center court resurfacing, and the 24th Annual Unity Heritage Festival.

7. Board Comments

Ms. Wolfson informed the board members that the PRAB members have been listed on the plaque at Seven Oaks Park.

Ms. Bonich doesn't feel there is enough marketing content for the Winter Park Farmer's Market. She stated that she receives updates in her feed from several other markets, but not from Winter Park.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

Mr. Seeley asked the board which items from the October 2025 PRAB work session they would like staff to focus on, and the consensus was athletic fields.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Approved by the Board on 02.18.2026
/s/ Laura Halsey, Recreation Coordinator