

**LINKED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION AND TREE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, HELD AT 1702 W. FOX ST AT THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 9, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M.**

Present:	Damian Armijo	Chairman
	Kelley Reid	Vice Chairman
	Eric Pierce	Board Member
	Trevor Fray	Board Member
	Denton McCullough	Board Member
	Albert Ornelas	Board Member

Absent:

Also Present:	Michael Hernandez	Parks Superintendent
	Jalynn Dominguez	Open Meetings Act Manager
	Stephan Brown	Compliance Clerk
	Mary Garwood	Beautification Coordinator

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0:00:00     **1.     ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**  
Roll was called, confirming a quorum.

0:00:00     **2.     TRANSITIONAL OVERVIEW OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION AND TREE ADVISORY BOARD - JALYNN DOMINGUEZ, OPEN MEETINGS ACT MANAGER**

Jalynn Dominguez, Open Meetings Act Manager, and Stephan Brown, Compliance Clerk, introduced themselves to the Board. **Ms. Dominguez** provided an overview of the updated Chapter 2 Ordinance, highlighting revisions to the meeting schedule, including time, frequency, and location. She also addressed the consolidation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with the Arbor Day Advisory Board.

0:00:00     **3.     NOMINATION AND VOTE OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**  
Denton McCullough nominated Damien Armijo as Chairman and Kelley Reid as Vice Chairman.

**MOTION**

The motion was made by Mr. McCullough and seconded by Mr. Pierce to approve Mr. Armijo and Chairman and Mr. Reid as Vice Chairman.

**VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes - Armijo, Reid, Fray, McCullough, Ornelas, Pierce; No - None; Absent - None; the motion carried.

0:00:00      **4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MINUTES - JANUARY 16, 2025**

**MOTION**

The motion was made by Mr. Ornelas and seconded by Mr. Reid to approve the Meeting Minutes – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Regular Minutes – January 16, 2025

**VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes – Armijo, Reid, Fray, McCullough, Ornelas, Pierce; No - None; Absent - None; the motion carried.

0:00:00      **5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - CITY OF CARLSBAD TREE ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MINUTES - NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

**MOTION**

The motion was made by Mr. McCullough and seconded by Mr. Armijo to approve the Meeting Minutes – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Regular Minutes – November 18, 2025

**VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes – Armijo, Reid, Fray, McCullough, Ornelas, Pierce; No - None; Absent - None; the motion carried.

0:00:00      **6. MONTHLY REPORTS PRESENTED BY MICHAEL HERNANDEZ, PARKS SUPERINTENDENT/CITY ARBORIST**

Michael Hernandez reported that tree trimming and weed-eating activities are ongoing. He informed the Board that the river has been drained and will remain so for three to four months. He said biologists are scheduled to assess the invasive aquatic vegetation to ensure its complete removal. He also stated that irrigation will begin for 45 trees at the cemetery and that a new bathroom will be installed on Blodgett Street near the bandshell. **Mr. Hernandez** said that a dedicated tree at the Pavilion was lost and will be replaced. **Mr. Armijo** asked if the same species would be replanted. **Mr. Hernandez** said yes. **Mr. McCullough** inquired about the disc golf area and asked whether landscaping would be completed after irrigation. **Mr. Hernandez** said he would need to coordinate with Nick Sullivan, as the landscaping was planned, but he has not received updates. **Mr. Ornelas** noted that gophers have returned near the pickleball courts. **Mr. Hernandez** stated that efforts are underway to remove them. **Mary Garwood** said Carlsbad MainStreet will hold Cavern Fest this year at the bandshell and mentioned that there are holes in the area that need to be filled before the event.

0:00:00      **7. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON ORGANIZING THE NEXT ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

Mr. Armijo noted that, in previous years, the Arbor Day celebration has been incorporated into their regular meetings. Ms. Garwood shared that Permian Resources will be planting trees in observance of Earth Day on April 22, 2026. Mr. Armijo added that participation in Tree City USA activities is required in order to maintain the designation.

**MOTION**

The motion was made by Mr. Ornelas and seconded by Mr. Fray to approve the next Arbor Day Celebration on April 24, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

**VOTE**

The vote was as follows: Yes – Armijo, Reid, Fray, McCullough, Ornelas, Pierce; No - None; Absent - None; the motion carried.

0:00:00      **8. DISCUSS POSSIBLE ADDITION OF “TRAVELING RINGS”  
WORKOUT EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Reid introduced the idea of adding traveling rings as a new piece of equipment in the parks. Mr. Hernandez expressed concern about potential liability issues, noting that the equipment could present safety risks.

0:00:00      **Adjourned**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Armijo declared the meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

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Chairman

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Date