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CITY OF MANVEL §



**MANVEL PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES 9/25/2025

**Regular Session
Call To Order**

Board Member Samuel Miller called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

- Present:** Place 2 Samuel Miller 06/2026 (Chairman)
- Place 3 Paul Sofka 06/2026
- Place 4 Larry Akery 06/2026
- Place 6 Mary Ann Atkinson 06/2026
- Place 7 Ellen Naegeli 06/2026 (Vice-Chairman)
- Absent:** Place 1 Linda Dune 06/2026
- Place 5 Byron Sarmiento 06/2026
- Also Present:** Keith Bonner - Ex-Officio

Jose Abraham, Director of Development Services
Tammy Bell, City Secretary

Pledge

Public Comments: "Comment Card" Required

Regular Agenda

- A. Presentation by Tim Duckworth with Cunningham Recreation on the status of the proposed playground design at Heritage Park.

Key points:

What's funded now: Base park work (parking, detention, landscaping, site trails) is in the City Hall Expansion package. The pavilion, gazebo, restroom, and playground are bid alternates and not funded at this time.

Design highlights: Inclusive play with ramp access to decks, transfer points to slides, an accessible "rocking raft," musical/drum panel, shaded decks, and a separated 2-5 and 5-12 play area.

Surfacing: Proposal uses engineered wood fiber (EWF) for cost-effectiveness; poured-in-place rubber discussed but noted as significantly higher initial and maintenance cost.

Grant opportunity: GameTime has approved a vendor matching grant application for this project. Rough order of magnitude shared: ~\$350,000 for equipment + install + surfacing, less ~\$95,000 grant match → ~\$250,000 net for the play area. Additional site items (drainage ties, concrete edging) estimated at ~\$25,000–\$50,000.

Estimated total need for playground scope: Not to exceed ~\$300,000 (final quote pending line-item breakdown).

Procurement/timing: To use the match, GameTime needs a signed quote and color selections by the 15th (with Texas leeway to Nov. 15), followed shortly by a PO for equipment. Installation/surfacing can be on a separate PO and scheduled to align with the City’s construction timeline. Equipment can be stored at no charge until installation.

Board discussion/direction:

General consensus that the revised concept meets the Board’s inclusion goals and prior feedback; red/white/blue color palette favored for Heritage Park.

Recognized savings from the grant but acknowledged funding timing with the larger City Hall Expansion bid.

Action items:

Vendor to email detailed quote split (equipment & shipping vs. installation & surfacing) to the City Secretary (Tammy Bell) for distribution as soon as available.

City Secretary to place a Council workshop and possible action item on the October 20 Council agenda (posted in advance under new requirements), assuming a Park Board recommendation at the special meeting.

Park Board to convene a special meeting on October 16 to finalize a recommendation to Council (including a “not to exceed” amount for the playground scope, incorporating site ties).

B. Update / Discussion with PGAL on Heritage Park.

Bid status: Full package (City Hall Expansion + park base) targeted to go out to bid this week with a four-week bid period; latest permit comments addressed.

Alternates in bid: Alt 1 – Gazebo (+ furniture); Alt 2 – Pavilion; Alt 3 – Restroom; Alt 4 – Playground.

Budget notes: Prior rough planning total with all alternates was ~\$1.3M. The GameTime proposal for the playground is expected to be less than the spec’d baseline and could reduce the overall cost if accepted.

Funding approach: Council will consider moving forward on the playground grant ahead of final bid results; phasing remains an option depending on overall project balances once bids are received.

Consent Agenda

A. Approve the meeting minutes to date.

Samuel Miller made the motion to approve the minutes to date. Mary Ann Atkinson seconded the motion.

The motion carried with an all-in-favor vote of 5/0.

Adjourn

Samuel Miller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Ellen Naegeli seconded the motion.

The motion carried with an all-in-favor vote of 5/0.

CERTIFICATION



TAMMY BELL, CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF MANVEL, TEXAS