

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA §
CITY OF MANVEL §



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

MINUTES 2/26/2026

Regular Session

Call To Order

Samuel Miller called the meeting of the Parks Board to order at 6:02 p.m. Those in attendance were:

- Present:**
- Place 2 Samuel Miller 06/2026 (Chairman)
 - Place 4 Larry Akery 06/2026
 - Place 5 Byron Sarmiento 06/2026
 - Place 6 Mary Ann Atkinson 06/2026
 - Ex-Officio Keith Bonner 06/2026
 - Alternate Luis Leija 06/2026 (Sitting in for the vacant Place 1 position)
- Absent:**
- Place 3 Paul Sofka 06/2026
 - Place 7 Ellen Naegeli 06/2026 (Vice-Chairman)
- Also Present:**
- Dan Johnson, City Manager
 - Tammy Bell, City Secretary

Pledge

Public Comments: "Comment Card" Required

Regular Agenda

- A. Consideration and possible action to forward a recommendation to the City Council regarding a proposed community garden at Croix Park by Keep Manvel Beautiful.

Erica Davis presented.

Enzo Frostini and Alex Lumston presented the community garden plan. They explained that it would not affect the soccer fields.

The project, led by community members in partnership with Keep Manvel Beautiful, includes installation of raised planter boxes, a water source, and potential future additions such as expanded planting areas and a storage shed.

Discussion included the proposed location, garden layout, maintenance through volunteer support, potential educational opportunities, and community benefits such as donating produce to local food pantries. No concerns were raised regarding the project.

Mary Ann Atkinson made the motion to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council.

Larry Akery seconded the motion.

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

B. Update and possible action on the Buddy Williams Park.

Staff provided an update regarding Buddy Williams Park, including a conceptual proposal in partnership with the Meridiana developer to plant approximately 250 trees in recognition of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States. The property, recently acquired by the City, has not yet been formally planned or developed.

Discussion included potential park concepts such as a passive or educational park, incorporation of a mix of tree types (including possible fruit-bearing trees), long-term maintenance considerations, irrigation needs, and opportunities for community engagement, including a potential tree planting event.

No formal action was taken. Staff will further evaluate the concept, including costs, layout, and long-term maintenance needs, and bring additional information back to the Parks Board for future consideration.

C. Discussion on City of Manvel Master Parks Plan.

Staff provided an overview of the City's current Parks Master Plan, originally adopted in 2017, and discussed the need to begin planning for an update as the plan approaches the end of its term. The update will be informed by the ongoing Comprehensive Plan process and associated public engagement efforts.

Staff also introduced a partnership with Texas Southern University, where graduate students will conduct a study focused on park amenities and community needs. The effort will include public outreach and engagement activities, with findings intended to help inform the future Parks Master Plan update.

Discussion included the importance of the Parks Master Plan as a guiding document for future park development, amenities, and long-term planning. **No formal action was taken.**

D. Approve the meeting minutes to date.

Luis Leija made the motion to approve. Mary Ann Atkinson seconded the motion.

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

CERTIFICATION


TAMMY BELL, CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF MANVEL, TEXAS