



**Locust Park Advisory Board  
Meeting  
Minutes  
Joel Huneycutt Community Room**

6:00 PM

January 6, 2025

Board Chair  
Board Members

Kara Finch  
Kerry Sanford, Lucia Downer, Blair Dover,  
and Felix Salzedo

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

All members present, with the exception of Lucia Downer and Blair Dover.

**2. Adopt Agenda**

M/S/A Board Members Kerri Sanford and Karah Finch (2-0)  
Motion To adopt agenda for this meeting.

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**3. Oath of Office**

City Clerk Amy Furr administered the oath to newly appointed board member Felix Salzedo

**Mr. Felix Salzedo**

**4. Minutes - adopt November 4, 2024**

M/S/A Board Members Kerri Sanford and Kara Finch (3-0)  
Motion To approve minutes from previous meeting on November 4, 2024.

**November 4, 2024**

**5. Director's Report**

Director's report was presented by Emily Jones, Park Director, highlighting winter athletics (basketball), noting use of Ridgecrest gym this season due to an increase in teams. Basketball camp was held over Christmas break in conjunction with Perfect10 Skills Academy, noting that they provide a partial sponsorship for coaches shirts in exchange for us collecting a portion of their registration fees for this camp. Upcoming spring sports registration is now open. Special events were reviewed, highlighting all Christmas events. Repairs at the park were mentioned.

## **6. Sub-Committee Report**

## **7. Special Report**

## **8. Unfinished Business**

## **9. New Business**

Jessica Honeycutt, Program Coordinator, discussed the 2025 calendar of events.

Upcoming athletics were previously discussed in Director's report, so not discussed here.

Grant applications - waiting for meeting with Amy and grant writer, who just returned from vacation today, so not a lot of information to share at this point.

Emily reviewed the comments from the two public forums that have been held (one at the park, one at the Christmas tree lighting).

- swings for all abilities
- spinning structure that is handicap accessible
- new pour in place throughout
- in-ground structure with sensory items in pour in place flooring and hanging above, with shade
- replacing entire play structures
- fence around play structure and basketball court?
- replace bridge

Emily went over the 10-acre land acquisition for the potential future YMCA.

Emily is meeting with the West Stanly Rotary (civic group) later in January.

Emily is working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and will have a meeting with Cesar in February to discuss.

## **Upcoming Special Events**

## **Upcoming Athletics**

### **Grant Applications: Accessibility in Parks**

- 1. ADA Transition Plan**
- 2. Review Responses from Public Meeting**
- 3. Site Plan**
- 4. Meeting with Civic Groups**

## **10. Board Closing Comments**

Next meeting is February 17, 2025.

**11. Adjourn**

M/S/A Board Members Kerri Sanford and Kara Finch (3-0)  
Motion To adjourn meeting was made at 7:08 PM