



**Chair Carol Richardson**  
Member Laurie Hall  
Member Travis White

City Manager Rodolfo Valladares

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will conduct a  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**  
**At 6:00 PM**

to address the item(s) below.

**Meeting Date:** March 25, 2026

**Meeting Location:** James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers  
15100 NW 142 Terrace  
Alachua, FL 32615

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the Chair, through the City Clerk's office, no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day prior to the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC ART EXHIBITS FOR THE HATHCOCK COMMUNITY CENTER**

**B) UPDATE ON ATHLETICS, CULTURAL PROGRAMS, EVENTS, & FACILITIES**

**C) APPROVAL OF MARCH 26, 2025 MINUTES**

**D) APPROVAL OF JULY 30, 2025 MINUTES**

**III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**

**IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**ADJOURN**



## Board Agenda Item

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**MEETING DATE:** March 25, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Discussion on Public Art Exhibits for the Hathcock Community Center

**PREPARED BY:** Rodolfo Valladares, City Manager

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive presentation and provide feedback to staff.

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### Summary

The Hathcock Community Center will serve as an important recreational and community gathering facility for residents of the City of Alachua. The City is currently advancing efforts related to the design of the facility to ensure it meets the recreational, social, and community needs of residents. As part of this effort, there may be opportunities to incorporate public art elements within the facility that highlight the community's character, culture, and history.

The City is seeking input from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regarding potential displays and concepts that could be incorporated into the Hathcock Community Center. The Board is asked to discuss possible public art displays that could be featured within the facility. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Art installations
- Murals

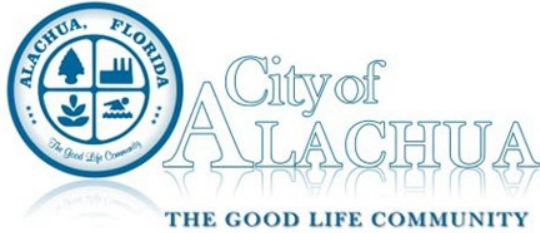
Board members are encouraged to consider how potential public art displays could create a welcoming environment and celebrate the community. The Board may also recommend a process for gathering additional community input and, if desired, provide recommendations regarding the selection of artists.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

### ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### ATTACHMENTS

None



## Board Agenda Item

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**MEETING DATE:** March 25, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Update on Athletics, Cultural Programs, Events, & Facilities

**PREPARED BY:** John Hansen, Recreation & Culture Assistant Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive the presentation.

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### Summary

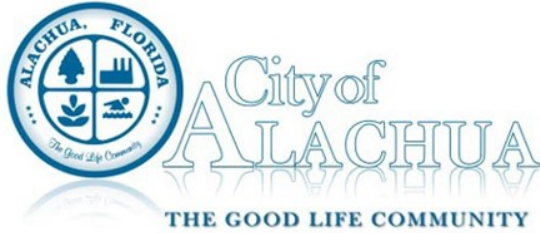
Staff will update the board on the status of athletic and cultural programs. Events that have passed since the last meeting and those being held up until the next meeting will also be discussed. Staff will also update the board on improvements currently underway at Criswell Park and the addition/improvement of a walking trail at Legacy Park.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

### ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### ATTACHMENTS

None



## Board Agenda Item

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**MEETING DATE:** March 25, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Approval of March 26, 2025 Minutes

**PREPARED BY:** John Hansen, Recreation & Culture Assistant Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the minutes for the March 26, 2025 meeting.

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### Summary

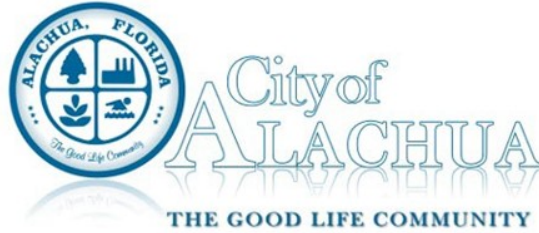
Approval of the minutes from the March 26, 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

### ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### ATTACHMENTS

1. 25.03.26.M.PRAB.



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM

**Vice Chair Horace Jenkins**

Member Laurie Hall  
Member Matthew Webster  
Member Travis White  
Member Carol Richardson

**City Manager Mike DaRoza**

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers  
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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Led by Member Carol Richardson.

### **INVOCATION**

### **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Led by Member Richardson.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Member Matthew Webster moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Laurie Hall.**

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

## **I. OLD BUSINESS**

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Carol Richardson was appointed as Chair.

### **B) APPROVAL OF JUNE 17, 2024 MINUTES**

Chair Richardson asked the Members to review the minutes and make recommendations.

**Vice Chair Horace Jenkins moved to approve the June 17, 2024, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes; seconded by Member Hall.**

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

### **C) OVERVIEW OF PREVIOUS EVENTS**

Staff Liaison Jack Hansen presented the item and provided an update.

### **D) OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

Staff Liaison Jack Hansen presented the item and provided an update.

### **E) UPDATE ON THE HATHCOCK COMMUNITY CENTER**

Staff Liaison Jack Hansen presented the item and provided an update.

### **F) ALACHUA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL GRANT**

Chair Richardson presented the item and made recommendations.

### **G) APPROVAL OF PRAB MEETING DATES FOR 2025**

Staff Liaison Jack Hansen presented the item and made recommendations.

## **III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**

Chair Richardson asked the members for comments.

There were no comments.

## **IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Chair Richardson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

## **ADJOURN**

**Vice Chair Jenkins moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Hall.**

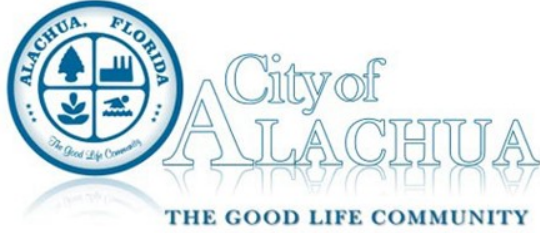
Passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY  
BOARD OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA,  
FLORIDA:**

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Presiding Officer

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Staff Liaison



## Board Agenda Item

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**MEETING DATE:** March 25, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Approval of July 30, 2025 Minutes

**PREPARED BY:** John Hansen, Recreation & Culture Assistant Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the minutes for the July 30, 2025 meeting.

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### Summary

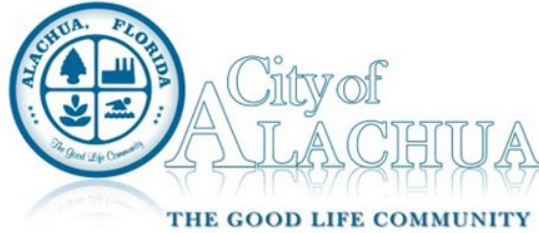
Approval of the minutes from the July 30, 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

### ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### ATTACHMENTS

1. 25.07.30.M.PRAB.



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
July 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM

**Chair Carol Richardson**  
**Vice Chair Horace Jenkins**  
Member Laurie Hall  
Member Matthew Webster  
Member Travis White

**City Manager Rodolfo  
Valladares**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Led by Chair Carol Richardson.

Horace Jenkins, Vice Chair - Absent  
Laurie Hall, Member - Absent

### **INVOCATION**

Invocation led by Member Travis White.

### **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Invocation led by Member Travis White.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Richardson asked the Members to review the agenda and make

recommendations.

**Member Matthew Webster moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Travis White.**

**Passed by unanimous consent.**

## **I. OLD BUSINESS**

Staff Liaison Jack Hansen stated there was no old business to discuss.

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A) OVERVIEW OF PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS**

Staff Liaison Hansen discussed updates about events that were held recently and the desire to continue these events. Including discussion of Color Me Culture, Soccer games, Just Between Friends sale and the Annual Backpack Give Away.

Brandon Wilson stepped down after his 2-year term as 399 Sports and Recreation's President. Miss Shenita Sykes became President.

### **B) UPDATE ON CULTURAL PROGRAMS**

Staff Liaison Hansen discussed updates, including music and arts programs. Discussed Legacy rooms uses, such as Zumba and Robotics practice.

## **III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**

Chair Richardson opened the floor for comment. Items discussed and any questions answered.

Chair Richardson asked for updates at the next meeting on the Grant application, which was submitted to the Alachua County Arts Council, and an update on Wild Spaces and Public Places for the goals for the upcoming fiscal year. Discussion of using the Swick House for the visual arts.

## **IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

James Curington suggested working to unify all the advisory boards. Stated seniors need support from the various boards.

Chair Richardson asked if there could be a joint meeting between the Senior Resources Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in the future.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Richardson took a motion to adjourn.

**Member White moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Member Webster.**

Passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY  
BOARD OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA,  
FLORIDA:**

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Presiding Officer

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Staff Liaison