

## Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

### July 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6:05 pm at The Indianola Activity Center. Commission Members present were:

Mike Baethke  
Randy Bickham  
Glen Cowan  
Matt Garrett  
Marcy Hahn  
Judy Pauley – via phone

Also present were:

Doug Bylund  
Casey Garcia  
Aaron Young

#### *Public Consideration/Correspondence*

#### *Consent Items*

The consent agenda consisting of the following was approved on a motion by Baethke and second by Hahn, unanimous approval.

Approve Agenda  
Approve June 11, 2025 Minutes

#### *Support Group Reports*

**Tree Committee:** No Report

#### *Department Heads Reports*

- IWC Report:
  - The Facility Marketing Plan Draft was shared by City Communications Manager Aaron Young. Two main goals are increasing Family Memberships by 8% and raising \$65,000 through the Friends of IWC.
  - The Membership Service Coordinator has been created and posted with a deadline of July 25.
  - Friends of IWC: A meeting for potential Friends of IWC Board Members is scheduled for July 16. Staff has prepared a Friends Ambassador Toolkit to assist in fundraising and advocating for the IWC. 3 main focal points have been developed: Upgrade Fitness Equipment, Improve Facility Accessibility and Modernize Spaces.
  - Required Minimum Distributions: This will be an item for the Friends of IWC to include in their fundraising and donation opportunities.
  - Negotiations are still ongoing with DeYarman Ford for the IWC Sponsorship. Staff is collecting quotes for the signage to be included in the original sponsorship agreement.

- Parks Report:
  - The Discmania Challenge was a success the weekend of June 27-29.
  - Staff is working to keep up with rain as we have one less seasonal position this summer.
  - A motion was made by Cowan with a second by Baethke to approve a request for a Furever Tree between Thanksgiving and Christmas at Buxton Park as a fundraiser for Kiya Koda. Unanimous approval.
  - There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Buxton Memorial Gazebo refurbishment on Friday July 25 at 11:00 a.m.
- Recreation Report:
  - Spring adult Softball Leagues are finishing, T-Ball Leagues will run through July with 271 participants, Youth Flag Football Leagues and Adult Softball will begin in mid-August.
  - The summer continues to be busy with Jr. Police and Fire Academies, Youth Tennis, Balloon Camp the first week of August and Aquatic Programs and the Aquatic Center.

#### *Commission Member Comments*

*Bickham suggested to research increasing IWC pool hours to 12:30 p.m. at least a few days per week.*

#### *Next Meeting*

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Activity Center

It was moved by Hahn and seconded by Pauley to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Unanimous approval.