



Parks and Recreation Department

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)

FY 2026 Report to City Council

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Overview

The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was established to act as an advisory committee to the Mayor and City Council in efforts to promote close cooperation between the City and all private citizens, institutions, and agencies interested in the establishment and development of parks and recreation activities.

The Board shall advise on park naming and shall review and provide input to the Mayor and City Council on other legislative matters submitted to the Board by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Membership

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor and City Council, with one member nominated by each City Representative. Under the City's Uniform Bylaws, effective November 3, 2025, members generally serve staggered two-year terms, subject to applicable term limits and appointment procedures established by City Council.

Attendance

The Board conducted regular meetings throughout FY2026 to provide recommendations and receive updates on Parks and Recreation initiatives, programs, and projects.

The regularly scheduled March and April 2026 meetings were cancelled due to the lack of a quorum resulting from pending Board member reappointments. Following City Council approval of the appointments, the Board resumed regular meetings and continued conducting its business for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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Board Member	Appointing Authority	Meetings Attended
Deborah Zuloaga	Mayor	4 of 7
Ben Wilbanks	District 1	6 of 7
Daniel Collins	District 2	3 of 3
Michael Adjemian	District 3	4 of 7
Benjamin Avalos	District 4	5 of 7
Luis Terrazas	District 5	7 of 7
Timothy Haddox	District 6	4 of 7
Marcella Carrillo	District 7	6 of 7
Ricardo Bustamante	District 8	4 of 7

**Attendance to date as of July 9, 2026*

**Attendance is based on the number of regular meetings held during each member's active appointment period.*

**The March and April 2026 regular meetings were canceled due to a lack of quorum resulting from pending Board member reappointments and are not included in the attendance totals.*

Activities and Accomplishments

During FY2026, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed, discussed, and provided input on a variety of initiatives supporting the Department's mission and the City's park system. Significant activities included:

- Reviewed and adopted staff recommendations regarding participant suspensions in accordance with Department policies. Throughout the fiscal year, three (3) suspension appeals were heard, of which two (2) had the staff-recommended suspension period upheld, and one (1) was increased from the staff-recommended suspension period.
- Conducted Board business, including the approval of meeting minutes and the appointment of Board officers and Grievance Subcommittee members.
- Received updates on major Department initiatives, including the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Capital Improvement Projects.
- Reviewed updates on the maintenance and improvement of Downtown El Paso parks.
- Received presentations regarding the City's Unified Board and Commission Bylaws and their implementation.

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- Considered and recommended approval of park renaming requests, including:
 - Richard A. Castro Eastside Sports Complex
 - Trotter Memorial Park
 - Bill & Annette Means Park
- Received updates on Department programming and community events, including Club Rec, Senior Games, and WinterFest.
- Discussed the continued growth and expansion of Department programs, including participation trends and community impact.
- Collaborated with staff in identifying key accomplishments and priorities for inclusion in the FY2026 Annual Report to City Council.

Continuing Priorities

As the Parks and Recreation Department continues implementation of major capital, planning, and programming initiatives, the Board will remain engaged in reviewing updates, receiving community feedback, and providing advisory input on matters affecting parks, recreation facilities, and public programming throughout the city.

The Board identified opportunities for continued collaboration with Department staff to strengthen community engagement and public awareness. Future efforts may include sharing periodic updates via available communication channels on improvements, maintenance, and vandalism addressed at Parks and Recreation facilities, while also promoting responsible use of park amenities. The Board also supports exploring additional community volunteer opportunities, such as park cleanup events, to encourage stewardship and strengthen connections between residents and their parks.

Conclusion

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board appreciates the collaboration of City Council, Department staff, community partners, and residents during FY2026. Through regular meetings, program and project updates, and community-focused discussions, the Board remained committed to supporting a safe, accessible, and vibrant parks and recreation system for the residents of El Paso.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members

- Deborah Zuloaga (Mayor)
- Ben Wilbanks (District 1)
- Daniel Collins (District 2)
- Michael Adjemian (District 3)
- Benjamin Avalos (District 4)
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