

CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
January 20, 2026 7:30 AM

PARK BOARD ATTENDEES:

Chad Gay
Mayor Ashley Curry
Kirk McCulley
Mitch Bevill
Emily Boyd

Staff Attendees:

Jamie Lee
Sandi Wilson

Community Attendees:

Laura Casey – VHCS
Faith Lenhart – VHCS / Arts Council
Michael Lytle – LaCrosse
Jamie O'Brien – Softball
Chad Long – Baseball

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM by Kirk McCulley.
Kirk McCulley led us in Prayer and the Pledge.

Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025 and Work Session notes and Called Meeting minutes from December 5, 2025. Motion to approve by Chad Gay and 2nd by Mitch Bevill. Motion approved.

Mayor's Report: The mayor spoke to the Ladies Garden Club and gave them his "state of the city" report. He spoke about the number of participants and players that are participating in the Parks and Leisure Services. They were impressed and had no idea that the usage within our facilities and parks were at that number. He also gave an update on the Veterans Memorial at AVP. Donations for the project can be made through the Park and Recreation Foundation and on their website.

Jamie Lee's Report:

- Basketball Update – Basketball is going great. Regular season play ends on February 7, playoffs should be complete by February 14. There have been a few little things but overall, it has been a good season. We appreciate the partnership with the schools.
- Tennis Update – Tennis registration is opening this week. We have received the schedule from Pizitz to practice at Wald.
- Maintenance Update – There are lights out at SHAC. We are currently getting quotes to have those repaired. Work at AVP is moving along. We have the grant monies that we will begin using in the next month. Currently, the bridges are being assessed, the plan is to keep 1 of the bridges and removing the others. The bids on the VHAC Heater came back double. That is mostly due to the storage building that was included in the bid packet. Within the next month, the project will be rebid without the building included. Mitch asked if there were plans to rebid the building separately? Jamie said yes, that is the plan. Chad Gay asked if this would push back the timeline and are they still saying that the project will be complete before the start of the season? Jamie said that it would

push it back but they are still saying the main part of the work would be complete before the VHAC opens on Memorial Day weekend. There are several projects going on to get the parks ready for the start of the spring season; gate work at Cahaba Heights, sidewalk repairs at LP grass and SHAC, backstop pads at Wald and Cahaba Heights.

Old Business:

- Nashville Road Show – March 13, 2026 at Wald Park. Everything is on schedule. All permits, etc. have been completed. They are currently waiting on the ABC Board’s final approval.

New Business:

- Arts Council – Faith Lenhart talked to the Park Board about the possibility of having a “permanent art gallery” for the city and the possibility of having it at the Civic Center. (Handout included) If agreeable, the gallery would not have any cost to the city. The one piece they are waiting on to move forward is the Insurance piece. Walt Castello stated that most places send a list of expectations about insurance, etc. to the artist who would be presenting. Mayor Curry asked if student art would be included and Faith answered yes. Kirk made a motion and Chad Gay 2nd to move forward with the planning pending the insurance piece and council approval. Motion passed.
- Southern Volleyball, March 13-15, 2026 – Large Travel Volleyball tournament. Would set-up Friday night after hours, need 14 hours on Saturday and 10 hours on Sunday. We would need to close the center in order to accommodate the players, spectators and parking. Jamie stated that no coolers or tents would be allowed in the center; outside only. There was discussion on member usage numbers and potential revenue loss from the event side if the center was closed to any other activity. Mitch Bevill asked Laura Casey what the schools based rental pricing on for an event of this magnitude and she responded with various items and breakdowns of cost, etc. Kirk McCulley made a motion, seconded by Chad Gay to rent the VHCC in its totality to Southeastern Volleyball from Friday, March 13, 2026 beginning at 6pm through Sunday, March 15, 2026 when the tournament ended for a total of \$9,000.00. Motion passed.
- Braves Country – The 2 dates work with other events and we have reserved them; June 12 – 14 and June 19 – 21, 2026. They will be playing different age groups on the different weekends. The Fridays will be clinics in the morning and then skills in the late afternoon / evening. They have asked to split the skills in the afternoon with time at the VHAC. Jamie gave an overview of the event and let the Park Board know that we are charging the Braves Country full price for the fields and the event and tournament will be open All-Star teams. There was discussion on the cost for a private party at the VHAC. The lifeguard cost would be approximately \$350.00. Emily Boyd stated that we need to rent for the full price. Kirk McCulley in talking about cost suggested that we give them a price after the numbers were known because they may not need the total number of lifeguards that the \$350.00 price was based on. Jamie Lee gave an overview of ARPA and VHPR’s relationship with them and their relationship with Braves Country. Emily asked about the 2025 actual budget. Kirk McCulley made a motion to rent the VHAC to Braves Country on June 12 and June 19, 2026 from 6:00-9:00pm for \$250.00 per date. The motion was seconded by Mitch Bevill. All were in favor with the exception of Emily Boyd opposed. Motion passed.

- VHAC Pool Party Fees – The current fee for a semi-private party at the VHAC is \$250.00; you must be a resident, you are allowed 25 guests and it is a 2-hour limit during open hours at the VHAC. The current fee for a private party at the VHAC is \$250.00; You must be a resident and member of the VHAC, unlimited guests, 2-hour limit after the VHAC has closed. Jamie stated that the cost alone for the lifeguards is \$350.00 for a 2-hour private party and he feels that the rental rate needs to be adjusted to accommodate. Kirk McCulley made a motion to raise the cost of a private party at the VHAC from \$250.00 to \$500.00. Motion seconded by Mitch Bevill, all approved.
- Libby’s Friends Request – Chad Long gave an overview of “Libby’s Friends”. Jamie Lee had received an email from Chad detailing the fundraiser tournament that they have each year. The request this year is for May 3, 2026 at Cahaba Heights Park only. The request is to waive the rental fees in full for the tournament this year. Mitch stated that VH Baseball is partnering with this organization and if the fees were waived then they would give a donation to Libby’s Friends in leu of paying the rental fees. Kirk McCulley made the motion to waive the fees for the tournament, Chad Gay seconded the motion, motion passed.

Other Discussion / Citizen Comments / Upcoming Dates / League Reports:

- Laura Casey (VHCS) reported on a situation that the VHCS would like our assistance with; One of the Recreation Tackle Football coaches created (and printed for players) a t-shirt that was determined to be inappropriate. There was some discussion about language, presentation, etc. Laura stated that the school has a course that they conduct on what is acceptable and appropriate that she will share with the board.
- Chad Long reported that Baseball has a record 1250 registered thus far.
- Jamie O’Brien reported that Girls Softball numbers look great. They are at 225 already with a few days left (last years’ number was 175).
- Michael Lytle reported that the Lacrosse boys’ program is still holding strong at 250 players however, they are seeing a down trend in the girls’ program.
- Kirk asked Jamie Lee about plans for the weather threat for the weekend. Jamie stated that we would not cancel unless we absolutely had to. Jamie and Laura discussed possible plans for the Sadie Hawkins Dance and the logistics of the weather.

Upcoming Meetings: Work Session: February 17, 2026 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.

Regular Meeting: March 17, 2026 at 7:30 am in the Cahaba Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43am.