

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
December 15, 2025**

12/15/2025 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Laura Donaldson, Patty McKeeman, Andrew Motis- Chair, Brandon McWhorter, Kara Wiseman

Staff Present: Stephanie Lutton, Parks and Recreation; Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk; JC White, Turf Management Specialist; Deena Drumgo, Assistant City Manager

Chair Andrew Motis called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present.

2. Communications And Petitions

3. Minutes

3.I. Minutes - September 15, October 20, & November 2025

The minutes were reviewed but could not be approved due to a lack of a quorum.

4. Parks And Recreation Updates

The Chair asked about needed repairs to the playground at Kiwanis Park. Ms. Lutton gave an update on Kiwanis Park upgrades and said the entire playground system will be replaced when the trail is done. Laura Donaldson asked if there is a projected start date. Ms. Lutton said not yet.

Parks & Recreation Director Stephanie Lutton provided an update on three major projects. The Ridge Scenic Highway Trail remains in the design phase, scheduled to connect Central 3rd Street all the way up to the Rails-to-Trails system. She noted that the Kiwanis Park Loop Trail design is nearing finalization, with construction anticipated to start soon after. Ms. Lutton concluded the update by promoting the upcoming community event, Christmas Cinema with Santa, scheduled for this Saturday at Oakley Park.

JC White, Turf Management Specialist, gave an update on the soccer field.

Mr. McWhorter, Lake Wales Soccer, reported phenomenal feedback following a recent soccer event that drew participants from Auburndale, North and South Lakeland, and Winter Haven. He extended gratitude to the city for the significant investment in the club, specifically highlighting the high quality of the turf and the hard work of staff, particularly JC, which ensured a successful event. The report concluded by noting that the club achieved several runner-up titles, reinforcing its tradition as one of the stronger recreation soccer programs in the county.

Kara Wiseman gave an update on Library activities.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is January 26.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary