



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

BUCKHAM WEST

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22,
2026**

5:00 PM

1. Call to Order/ Approve Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes: March 18, 2026
3. Presentation: None
4. Director's Report
 - A. Estimate to Paint Slide at Aquatic Center
 - B. Pickleball Courts at South Alexander Park
5. Requests to be Heard
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - A. Straight River Arts Pieces
8. Other
9. Next Meeting Date: May 27, 2026
10. Adjournment

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Kameron Gustafson, Whitney Huberty, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Troy Temple and Chuck Thiele. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. STAFF PRESENT: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director; Keith Walker, Parks Superintendent; Kevin O'Brien, Recreation Superintendent; and Denise Hansen, Administrative Coordinator. GUESTS: Nancy Blankfard, Megan Gahlman and Glenn Waguespack with HGA Architectural Design.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Lola at 5:00p.m. Agenda was approved with one change of switching the order of items 7A and 7B.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Troy, seconded by Mike to approve minutes of February 25, 2026. Motion passed.
- 3) Presentation: None.
- 4) Director's Report: None.
- 5) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 6) Old Business: None.
- 7) New Business:
 - a) Community Campus Work Group: Rochelle explained the Faribault Community Campus Work Group and their role working with HGA regarding an updated or new community center. The group is looking for a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The options presented by HGA along with the information gained from the work group meetings and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be presented to City Council in May.
 - b) HGA Presentation – Community Center Study: HGA presented a slideshow and handout of options for a new community center. The five options included various levels of remodeling of the current building and construction of a new building. Board and staff reviewed the options and agreed that an indoor play area and second gym were high priorities. Discussion was held including acquisition of property to the south, a local sales tax option, state bonds and parking requirements. It was noted that the community center attracts people regionally for the racquetball court and sauna so Board agreed those should be incorporated in a new design and a walking track would be desirable. Due to many items such as location, downtown area, local history and costs, Board recommended option 3A which is a remodel of the current community center including a second gym. Option 3A does not have a walking track so the Board asked if that could be incorporated into the design. Board thanked HGA for attending and for all their work on this project.
 - c) Hill Block Condominiums Plat – Fee in Lieu: Board reviewed a development of 19 new residential units in three Central Avenue buildings. The Development Review Committee (DRC) would like a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation

Advisory Board regarding parkland dedication or fee in lieu for this development. Due to the location of the properties, the Board agreed that there is not a viable opportunity for on-site parkland dedication. Therefore, they agreed to accept fee in lieu of \$500 per unit which totals \$9,500. Motion was made by Sally, seconded by Kameron to support accepting fee in lieu of parkland dedication for the proposed Hill Block Condominiums Development. Rochelle will submit a formal recommendation to the DRC on behalf of the Board.

- d) Letter of Support Request – T-Mobile Hometown Grant: Rochelle presented a request for a letter of support from the Board for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant application. The grant would be used for Viaduct Park Phase 2 enhancements and improvements. Motion was made by Chuck, seconded by Troy to authorize a letter of support for the City of Faribault’s T-Mobile Hometown Grant application for Viaduct Park Phase 2 enhancements. Motion passed. Board authorized Lola as Board Chair to sign the letter on behalf of the Board.

8) Other: None.

9) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 5 p.m.

10) Motion was made by Troy, seconded by Chad to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Hansen, Administrative Coordinator



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Memorandum

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
THROUGH:
FROM: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director
MEETING DATE: April 22, 2026
SUBJECT: Straight River Arts Pieces

Background:

Straight River Arts received funding through the Economic Development Authority to create public art intended to be placed throughout the community to enhance placemaking and support tourism.

This effort has been ongoing in coordination with David Wanberg and the former Economic Development Coordinator. While there has been a transition in that role, the project has continued to move forward.

At tonight's meeting, Straight River Arts will present the artwork that has been created, share potential installation locations, and seek input and support from the Parks Board on the tentatively identified sites. These locations have been reviewed with the Parks & Recreation Director and Library Director.

Installation details are still being finalized. Input from the Parks Board is an important next step as Straight River Arts continues to refine locations and move toward implementation.

Recommendation:

Attachments: