

**August 26, 2024**

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Park Board Member Kim Varga

Park Board Member Roger Ferrell

Park Director Matt Heiden

Not in attendance:

Park Board Secretary Karen Koday

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