Meeting Notes-Regular Meeting of the

City of Columbia City Park Board

Park Office, 400 N. Whitley St.

Monday, August 24, 2026

I. Call to Order
   a. Mark Ellis called the meeting to order
II. Roll Call
   a. Members: Kim Varga, Jeremy Platt, Mark Ellis
   b. Park Superintendent: Matt Heiden
   c. Absent: Karen Koday, Roger Ferrell
III. Approval of Minutes
   a. Jeremy motioned to approve minutes, Kim seconded with all approving aye
IV. Communication/Acceptance of Agenda
V. Old Business
   a. Confirmed prices of dog park
      i. $40 for city residents, $50 outside city limits resident
         1. $10 additional dog, limit of 3 dogs per handler
      ii. Memberships will include the rest of 2026 as well as all of 2027
      iii. Memberships will be suspended when vaccinations expire but will be renewed after updated records are provided.
   b. Dog Park Locks
      i. After a member has paid and provided their dog's vaccination records, then they will receive instructions on how to set their lock code up on their phone.
      ii. Key fobs will be available for those who request to not have their code on their phone.
      iii. All information will be provided in a packet handed out after registration.
   c. Shade structures, water fountains and benches are being completed.
      i. Play structures will eventually be added for the dogs soon.
   d. Dog Park will be open all year round.
      i. No winter maintenance will be provided. It will be at the owner's discretion.

e. No max limit of dogs per park has been set. It will be owner's discretion whether their dog enters the park with a bunch of other dogs.
f. A new Recreation Coordinator has been hired and will start August 31st.

VI. New Business
a. Old Skate Park
    i. Some parts will be used for entertainment structures for the Dog Park
    ii. The rest is being moved out of the park and given away
b. The new scoreboard on the football field is still being worked on. A new controller is needed.
c. Arts Commission is Using Baker Field
    i. They are hosting an event on September 12th with a food truck and other entertainments for people to enjoy.
    ii. The Park has tried to clear some tree branches out of the area to make the place easier for people to move around and park vehicles.
d. Matt would like to do some more promotional videos for the Park and more fun fact videos to help provide more awareness to different things that the Park offers.

VII. Consolation/Discussion

VIII. Adjournment
a. Jeremy motioned for motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Kim seconded, with all approving aye.
b. Next meeting will be on Monday, September 28th.

Minutes submitted by: Emilee Button, Administrative Assistant