

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

12/10/2025

Meeting Date

02/12/2026

Date Minutes Were Approved

Lilly Lazo

Lilly Lazo (Feb 12, 2026 15:19:34 MST)

Chair

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the accompanying document is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the aforementioned meeting. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

mariana manzanarez

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Staff Liaison





City of Avondale

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Advisory Board

Lilly Lazo, Chair

Janet Beason, Board Member | LaChrisha Dourisseau, Board Member

Cecilia Lopez, Board Member | Patti Nielson, Board Member

Amy Soucinek, Board Member | Timothy Kroll, Alternate Member

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Department

Corey Larriva, Director

Stacy Swainston, Assistant Director

Mariana Manzanarez, Administrative Assistant

City Hall – Mesquite Conference Room

11465 West Civic Center Drive

Avondale, AZ 85323



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Notice & Agenda
Wednesday, December 10, 2025

MESQUITE CONFERENCE ROOM | 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE | AVONDALE, AZ 85323

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

Physical Access to the Conference Room will be available 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

1. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE STAFF LIAISON

Present: Cecilia Lopez, Lilly Lazo, Timothy Kroll, Janet Beason, Patti Nielson,

Absent: Amy Soucinek, LaChrisha Dourisseau

Staff: Corey Larriva, Stacy Swainston, Mariana Manzanarez, Cameron Townson, Ashlie Yingling, Adam Pryde

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

(Time is limited per person. Please state your name.)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board will consider the approval of the October 8, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion: Patti Nielson

2nd: Janet Beason

5-0 Approved at 6:19 pm

4. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

The board is introduced to Events Programmer Cameron Townson, Events Programmer Ashlie Yingling, and Parks Maintenance Worker Adam Pryde.

5. JANET APPRECIATION AND POTLUCK

The board members and staff gathered for a Parks, Recreation and Libraries a holiday themed potluck and shared comments regarding Janets service to the board and community.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff provided updates on recent citywide events and attendance outcomes. Light Up the Sky welcomed approximately 10,500 attendees and received an overall rating of 4 out of 5 stars. The event featured a new layout that included expanded air-conditioned barn space and additional cooling zones to improve guest comfort.

The Blank Canvas Summer Showcase had an attendance of 213 and received a 5 out of 5 star rating. A total of 135 canvases were returned, and awards were presented across multiple age groups. Barks and

Treats drew approximately 1,300 attendees and earned a 4.85 out of 5 star rating. Forty-three dogs participated in the costume contests, and the event included partnerships with Brookfield.

Billy Moore Days recorded an attendance of approximately 27,200 and received a 4.85 out of 5 star rating. Enhancements included increased parking options and additional carnival trailers. The Billy Moore Days Parade welcomed approximately 2,300 attendees, received a 4.85 out of 5 star rating, and featured 41 parade entries.

Creepin' Candy Crawl had an attendance of approximately 4,900 and received a 4.8 out of 5 star rating. The event included 45 costume participants and was moved from Halloween to the Thursday prior. A note was made to send Janet a photo of her parade picture. Mercados & Melodies Youth Entrepreneur Market drew approximately 600 attendees, with 43 youth entrepreneurs participating as exhibitors.

Updates were also provided on the Run Series events. Dunk 'n' Dash had 68 participants. The West Valley Vet Run welcomed 250 participants and raised \$40,000. Avondazzle Dash is scheduled for December 20, and Hoot 'n' Hustle is scheduled for March 21.

Winterfest attendance was approximately 4,000. Parking enhancements were implemented to improve traffic flow and address previous parking concerns.

Staff also shared information on upcoming events. The Tres Rios Nature Festival is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, February 28 through March 1. Avondale KidFest will take place on April 11, followed by Avondale Fiesta on May 2.

Upcoming community events include Mercados & Melodies Health and Wellness on January 23 and Country Night on March 20. A Movie in the Park is scheduled for February 6 at DeConcini Park. Eggstravaganza will be held on April 2 at Donnie Hale Park and April 3 at Mountain View Park. Memorial Day events are planned for May 25, and the Juneteenth celebration will take place on June 19.

Additional discussion included the possibility of an NSF representative attending a future meeting to provide information on senior events. Photos from Tres Rios were reviewed, showing flood damage. Corey and Stacy discussed the various types of events that could be hosted at Tres Rios and highlighted the strong opportunities available at that location.

7. AVONDALE DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS DASHBOARD TOOL

As a group activity, members were guided step by step through accessing the Avondale Development Progress Dashboard using their mobile phones. The board requested that written step-by-step instructions for accessing the dashboard homepage be sent to them following the meeting.

8. LIBRARY POLICES REVIEW

This agenda item has been deferred to the next board meeting in February. Board members will receive library policies to review prior to the next meeting in materials.

9. BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS

The Board and Staff may provide brief comments on current events and issues. This item is for information only. Items requiring discussion, deliberation or legal action must be placed on a future Advisory Board meeting agenda.

Voting regarding bonds came up on the two bonds. It was stated by Corey that the Parks and Recreation bond was passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Patti Nielson

2nd: Janet Beason

5-0 Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 pm

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