

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

04/08/2026

Meeting Date

06/10/2026

Date Minutes Were Approved


Lilly Lazo (Jun 11, 2026 17:41:17 PDT)

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 (Jun 11, 2026 08:38:35 PDT)

Staff Liaison





City of Avondale

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Advisory Board Meeting

Board Members

Lilly Lazo, Chair

Amy Soucinek, Vice Chair

Ivan Carreno, Board Member

LaChrisha Dourisseau, Board Member

Timothy Kroll, Board Member

Cecilia Lopez, Board Member

Patti Nielson, Board Member

Kenneth Shoaff, Alternate Member

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Department

Corey Larriva, Director

Stacy Swainston, Assistant Director

Mariana Manzanarez, Administrative Assistant



Parks, Recreation & Libraries Advisory Board Meeting Notice & Agenda

Wednesday, April 08, 2026

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

Request to Speak: Anyone wishing to speak regarding items listed on the agenda or under unscheduled public appearance should submit a Request to Speak online at <http://www.avondaleaz.gov/requesttospeak> prior to consideration of that agenda item.

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

Physical access to the conference room will be available 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR – called to order at 6:02 pm

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

Present: Chair Lily Lazo, Vice Chair Amy Soucinek, Boardmember Patti Nielson, Boardmember Ivan Carreno,

Absent: Boardmember Cecilia Lopez, Boardmember LaChrisha Dourisseau, Boardmember Kenneth Shoaf, Boardmember Timothy Kroll

Staff: Stacy Swainston, Dominic DeCono, Mark Foote, Christina Amarillas, Mariana Manzanarez, Ron Corbin

Public: Councilmember Max White

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Time is limited per person. Please state your name.)

Statement from Councilmember Max White: Councilmember Max White wanted to say thank you and express support for staff and the parks advisory board and encouraged them to bring out people in the coming months to events. Councilmember White specifically made mention of how great Tres Rios and Wavefest were but also noted that several of the programs the department hosts will be cut because of budget cuts. Councilmember White also asked if everyone could celebrate all of the events and programs that are offered by the Parks, Recreation & Libraries Department for as long as we can while they are running.

4. MINUTES

The Board will consider the approval of the February 11th, 2026, meeting minutes. The Board will take appropriate action.

Motion: Chair Lazo

2nd: Vice Chair Soucinek

Approved 4-0

5. 2026 BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS

Staff will announce the winners of the 2026 Avondale Public Library Bookmark Design Contest.

Chris Amarillas from Sam Garcia Library provided a presentation to the board regarding the Public Library Bookmark Design Contest. She discussed how the contest was put together, its ties to the 80 years in Avondale, the theme, and the intention to have the City continue the program.

Chris informed the committee that the winners had been announced to the City Council. Chair Lazo asked who from the board voted on the concept, which Vice Chair Soucinek

6. STATEMENT OF CONCERN REVIEW COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

The Board will consider and take appropriate action to select a review committee representative.

Chris provided an update to the board about asking a member of the Parks Advisory Board to participate in the Statement of Concern Review Committee.

Motion to vote Patti Nielson as a member of the representative of the Statement of Concern Review Committee

Motion: Vice Chair Soucinek

2nd: Board Member Carreno

4-0 Approved to add Patti Nielson to the Statement of Concern Review Committee

7. TRES RIOS NATURE FESTIVAL RECAP

Staff will provide an overview of the Tres Rios Nature Festival that took place Saturday, February 28th, and Sunday, March 1st, 2026.

Mark Foote provided a presentation regarding the Tres Rios Nature Festival. He made mention that the event had a resurgence in attendance after returning back to the Base & Meridian space after 2 years. The event included popular nature elements from years past and the event received many positive comments from the public.

Councilmember White asked a question about a nighttime element at Tres Rios, which staff will look at.

Chair Lazo thanked staff and greatly appreciated bringing the event back to the Base & Meridian event. She specifically stated that she was thankful for how much water was available.

Stacy also made mention that the City received 165 surveys from the event, which is the most the City has ever received.

8. 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.

Board member Soucinek made a comment about approve residency online for registering at the American Sports Center. Additionally, Board member Soucinek also asked about ramada availability for youth soccer which Stacy responded staff will follow up to assist with.

Chair Lily Lazo asked about possibly giving away umbrellas at Tres Rios next year because of how hot it is. Stacy mentioned there will be more shaded eating at Tres Rios, but staff will explore additional giveaway options for the event.

Chair Lazo also asked to follow up on Light Up the Sky about anything special for 4th of July in regards to have any sort of unification activity considering all of the world events. This could include celebrating 80 years in Avondale or something similar to that.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Board Member Nielson

2nd: Board Member Soucinek
4-0 Approved

Adjourned at 6:34pm

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