



**City of Pass Christian Park Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026**

Committee Members Present: Chairman Thomas J. Phares, Vice Chair Patty DeMetz, Meg Retersdorf, Sandra Lobrano

Committee Members Absent: Chantel Normand

Staff Members Present:

Melodie Hayes, City Planner, Brad Manus, Beautification Director/City Arborist and Bret Bentz, Recreation Director, Officer Jim Hicks, Officer Kristy Boyd

Audience Present: Maria deLaBarre, Lolita Welch, Sherry Hough

1. Call To Order

Board Chairman Thomas Phares called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined with the above-mentioned board members present

4. Approval of Agenda

Committee Member Retersdorf made a motion to approve the agenda for April 14, 2026. Committee Member Lobrano seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Phares made a motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2026. Committee Member Retersdorf seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion

a. Garden Club participation for refreshing flower beds in War Memorial Park

Committee Member Retersdorf stated the Pass Christian Garden Club will plant shrubs in the fall to replace any dead shrubs located in War Memorial Park and they will present a letter of request to the city to do the work.

Committee Member Retersdorf made a motion to allow the letter to be submitted by the Garden Club regarding planting time frames. Committee Member Phares seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Dog park lease

Committee Chair Phares mentioned the dog park lease has been obtained so the committee can view. He asked if installation can be done by the city if the materials are obtained by the Park Committee. Brad Manu, City Beautification Director and Arborist stated yes.

This item will have future monitoring by staff and Park Committee members.

c. Toddler playground update

Brad Manus, City Beautification Director and Arborist stated the equipment has been ordered and staff will work on installation schedules once the delivery time frame is closer and determine any additional material that is needed. Currently, that delivery date is three months away.

d. Easter egg hunt recap

Committee Member Lobrano reported the community Easter egg hunt was deemed a success with high attendance, staff and volunteer involvement as well as donations for future Easter egg hunts

7. Adjournment

Committee Chair Phares made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Retersdorf seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

Passed and approved on the 12th^h Day of May 2026.

Melodie Hayes

City Planner

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