



**City of Pass Christian Park Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026**

Committee Members Present: Chairman Thomas J. Phares, Vice Chair Patty DeMetz, Meg Retersdorf, Chantel Normand, Sandra Lobrano (via phone)

Staff Members Present:

Melodie Hayes, City Planner, Brad Manus, Beautification Director/City Arborist

Staff Members Absent: Bret Bentz, Recreation director

Audience Present: Maria deLaBarre, Rebecca O'Dwyer

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 Chairman Phares made a motion to approve the agenda. Committee Member DeMetz seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes

Committee Phares made a motion to accept the meeting minutes February 10, 2026. Committee member DeMetz seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion

a. Updates for Garden Club, War Memorial Park, Dog Park, and any miscellaneous discussion

The Parks and Beautification Department with the City is continuing to conduct maintenance as per the schedule.

The splash pad has parts that are discontinued but the city is looking into bids to repair or replace some parts. One issue is the operating sensor is very sensitive, and the City is looking into replacing it to save water and money in the long run.

Henderson Park- Committee member Retersdorf mentioned that two portable toilets may be unnecessary re the Park Committee and the City will investigate into the number of portable toilets actually needed.

Committee Retersdorf asked if more littering signs can be put up and more waste stations and signage Brad Manus, City Beautification director and Arborist, said he would investigate into installing more signage and larger waste stations signage. Enforcement is always going to be challenging but larger signage for waste stations could help the overall issues.

Committee member Retersdorf asked about the Ricky Levy park flagpole and Brad Manus, City Beautification Director and City Arborist stated that is under the Harbor department and he would mention it to the city staff that is overseeing that department to address it for repairs.

Committee Chairperson stated the toddler playground equipment is due to be placed soon and everything will be moved to the northeast side and the work should be ready to start in early fall and appreciative of the dog park constant maintenance.

City Planner Melodie Hayes stated the next meeting will be on August 11 at 4:30 p.m., as July is a summer month and many people are gone or vacationing.

Committee member Retersdorf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee Chairman Phares seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 P.M.

Passed and approved on the 11th Day of August 2026.

Melodie Hayes

City Planner

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