

**Parks and Parkways Commission**

**March 2, 2026**

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Chairman Shawn Potter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The secretary called the roll.

Commissioners Present: Will Afton, Christy Kervin, Ladson Poole, Shawn Potter and Patricia Zebrick

Absent: Barrie Hidalgo

Staff Present: Rad Dickson, Planner; Tina Myers, Secretary; Jeanne Willie, Receptionist

**Minutes**

Mr. Afton made a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 5 meetings, Mr. Poole seconded, and all were in favor.

Public Comment

None

Staff Update

Most of the trees for the re-leaf program have been planted.

Alex Landry, Pelican Park Naturalist & Environmental Education Coordinator attended as a guest speaker shared observations and suggestions for improvements to Neighborwoods.

New Business

**Parks and Parkways meeting schedule for the remainder of 2026**

There was discussion on rotating between in-person and zoom meetings. It was decided to test zoom meetings for the April meeting then decide whether to continue with zoom meetings or not. It was decided to have the zoom meetings at 11:00 a.m. on Mondays.

Bonnie Abbey compared Parks and Parkways meeting structure to other commissions meeting structures.

**Parks and Parkways meeting minutes posted online for public access**

Once the minutes are typed, they posted on the city's website.

**Parks and Parkways commissioner attendance at City Council meetings**

Having a Parks and Parkways member attend each council meeting and getting a schedule together was discussed.

**Discussion about the creation of Bylaws for the Parks and Parkways Commission**

Mr. Abbey provided handouts that were worked on as potential bylaws. Everyone making edits they believe are needed and discussing at a later meeting was discussed.

**Neighborwoods - possible name modification, planting, native species protections**

Modifying Neighborwoods name to include wildlife area, planting native plants and removing invasive species.

**Re-leaf Mandeville Business Streetscape Program (Florida Streetscape Program)**

There was discussion of doing a re-leaf program for businesses not just personal property or to encourage businesses to participate in the current re-leaf program.

**Distribution of Louisiana Native Plant Resource Guide (public education)**

Providing brochures and putting the link on the Parks and Parkways page of the city's website were discussed.

**Mother's Day Weekend Event**

Discussion included the annual caladium bulb giveaway and potentially doing a tree planting demo. When would be a better time to do a tree planting demo. What to order and getting Rad that information was discussed.

**Fall Educational Program**

Mr. Potter encouraged everyone to think about an educational thing that could be planned for the fall. Another planting demo or something with Neighborwoods was discussed.

**Public Comment**

Alex Landry offered to do a birding class on how to set up your backyard for birds.

Mr. Afton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Ms. Kervin and was unanimously approved.

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Tina Myers, Secretary

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Shawn Potter, Chairman  
Parks and Parkways Commission