



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD-CITY OF GAINESVILLE
MEETING MINUTES

The Parks & Recreation board met for a monthly meeting on June 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
at the Gainesville Civic Center.

Members Present: Dick Haayen, Joanie Jones, Paula Moore, Martin Phillips

Members Absent: Matthew Compton, Latecia Hendricks, Joseph Christian

Staff Present: Kevin Gann, Zenia Cruz

Guests Present: Barbara Morgan, Kay Gomes, Haley Vesperman, Kristin Pilcher, John Wurtz,
Darin Allred, and Haley Hughes

ACTION

A quorum was present.

The First item was to approve April 22, 2025 Minutes. Dick Haayan made the motion to accept and Paula Moore second the motion. Passed with unanimous consent.

Recognition of Citizens with Non-Agenda Items- None

DISCUSSION

Kiwanis requested Time to present their ideas as well as information as who they are.
Kids have always needed adults who care.

On the informational hand out lists foundations that they have helped as well as projects they are working on right now.

As they were discussing what they will be doing for their major project this year they thought about renovating the JC Park, and renaming it as Kiwanis Park. One of their members did some research some time ago and there was no legal or historical impediments to changing the name. They also went to the City Manager if there was any City plans on renovating that Park.

Kiwanis Park

Gainesville Kiwanis was established in 1938. The reason people have always joined Kiwanis is because kids have always needed adults who care. Kiwanis brings together like minded volunteers to make a difference. On average the Club puts \$32,000 in to the community annually. You can see the organizations that we impact on the hand out. In addition, over the years, there have been numerous projects to which we have donated, scholarships which we have fully endowed as well as ongoing community service.

Abigail's Arm Shelter \$25,000

Boys and Girls Club Building \$25,000

Boys and Girls Club Playground \$25,000

BP Douglas Park \$15,000

NCTC Gainesville Kiwanis Scholarship endowed \$27,846

NCTC Johnny Leftwich Scholarship endowed \$15,707

NCTC Reds River Promise Scholarship endowed \$15,000

Meals On Wheels

Texas Ramp Project

We feel that renaming the Jaycee Park the Gainesville Kiwanis Park would support all that we as a Club have done and continue to do for our community. We would also like to improve/enhance the park with several items. We would like to provide:

two water fountains up to a cost of \$5000

five 8 ft picnic tables up to a cost of \$3000

five 8 ft benches up to a cost of \$3000.

Our logo will be displayed wherever is possible on these items.

These prices are estimated.



**Gainesville
Kiwanis Club**

*Proudly Serving
The Community*





Gainesville
Totally Texas. All American.

Guiding Gainesville Parks Tour

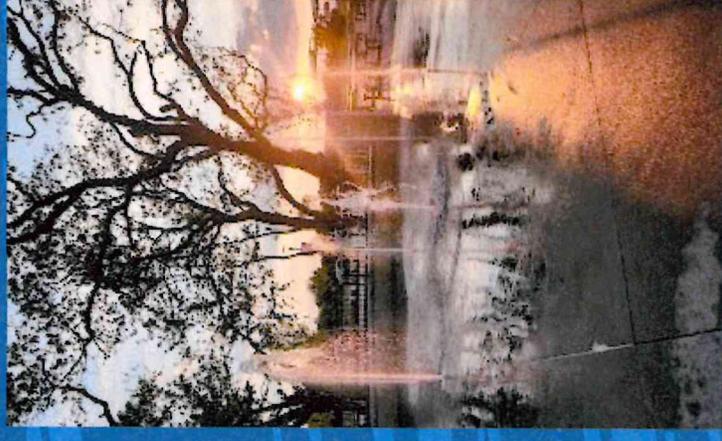
Locations

- Commons at Agora
- Doubletree Ranch Park
- Wayne Ferguson Plaza
- Hound Mound Dog Park
- Heritage Park
- Downtown Grapevine
- Oak Grove Park

Commons at Agora

Key Features

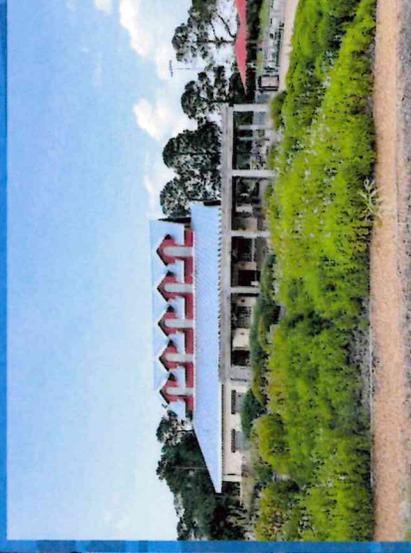
- Covered Stage
- Green Space
- Pour in Play Playground
- Boardwalk
- Splash Pad
- Food truck Area



Doubletree Ranch Park

Key Features

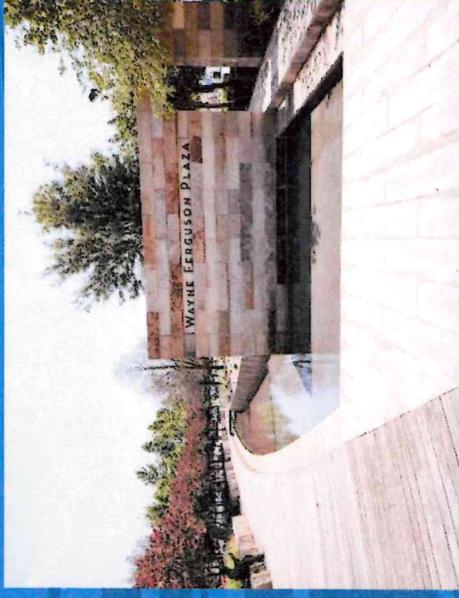
- Covered Pavillion
- Green Space
- Turfed Playground
- Fishing Pond
- Splash Pad
- Soccer Fields
- 6 Ft Trail



Wayne Ferguson Plaza

Key Features

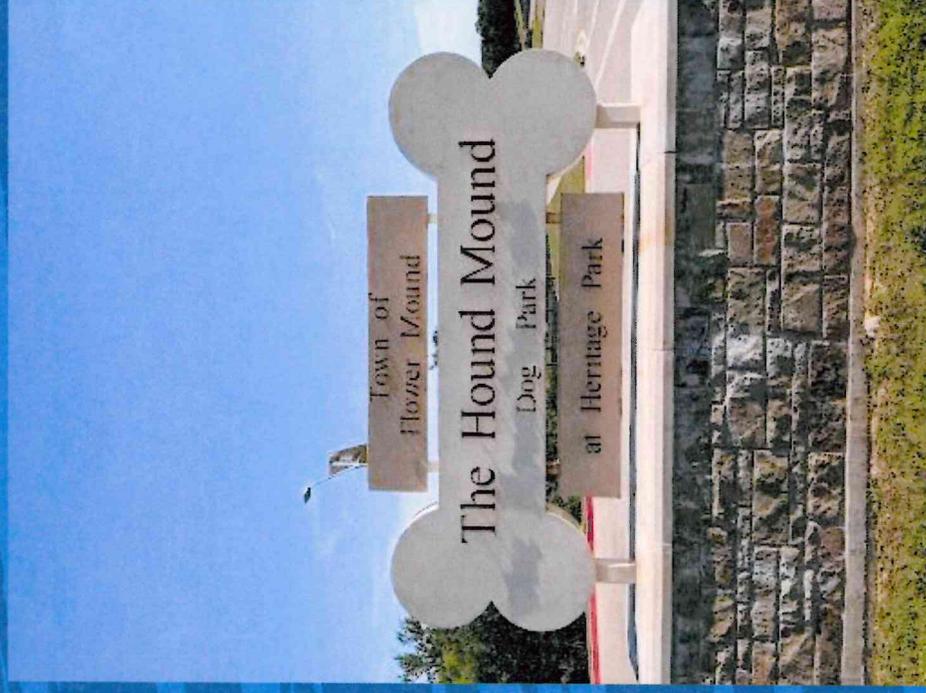
- Covered Stage
- Grass Seating Area
- Water Feature
- Beautiful Landscaping
- Small Play Area for Kids
- Multi Purpose Facility



Hound Mound Dog Park

Key Features

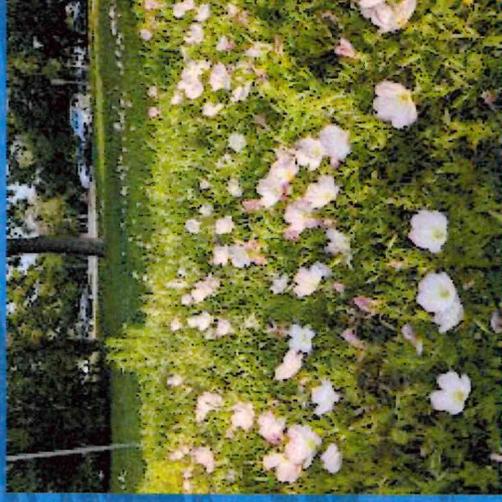
- Nice Separation for Big and Small Dogs
- Pre Molded Concrete Bathrooms
- Agility Obstacle
- Great Drainage



Heritage Park

Key Features

- Great All-in-One Park
- Nature Trails
- Playgrounds
- Splash Pad
- Exercise Equipment
- Pavilions
- Sports Complex
- Aquatic Center



Oak Grove Park

Key Features

- Baseball/ Softball Complex
- Batting Cages
- Concession Stand
- Great Lighting
- Scoring Tables
- Covered Seating Areas

