

Riverbanks Park Commission
Meeting Minutes
17 April 2025

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Attendance Report

Commissioners Present: Cliff Bourke, Bob Davidson, Chip Huggins, Jeff Reeves, Deneen Shockley, Mike Velasco, Alana Williams.

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Tommy Stringfellow, Lochlan Wooten, Christie Vondrak, Ashley Harris, Jessica Austin.

Call to Order

Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

Reading of the Minutes

The March 20, 2025, Commission Meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Huggins motioned to approve the minutes, Bourke seconded, m/c unanimous.

Chairwoman's Remarks:

- Shockley and Williams attended April's Town Hall meeting and had a wonderful time learning from each department's presentations.

Finance Report:

VP of Finance Ashley Harris provided the following report:

- March Dashboard Report:
 - Through March we are running 13.3% under anticipated attendance and 8.5% below the prior year, but attendance for the month of March exceeded prior year
 - Through March we are exceeding budgeted revenues by 5.7%. This is the first month we've seen our total earned revenues exceed prior year.
 - Governmental support is in line with budget. Received our first reimbursement request through Richland county's H-tax in April. Will see that in next month's financials.
 - Expenditures are running in line with budget.
- March Balance Sheet:
 - Cash balance is invested in the local government investment pool (LGIP) with the State Treasurer's Office. The average interest rate for March was earning 4.54%.
 - Due from Bond Fund has increased due to significant progress on the Saluda Skyride and service road. Made a draw against the bond in April, so cash should increase in April statements.

Reeves motioned to approve the financials, Huggins seconded, m/c unanimous.

President & CEO Report:

President & CEO Tommy Stringfellow provided the following report:

- Attendance is slightly down but revenues are strong and anticipate attendance to pick up in April, May, and June
- Thank you to Williams and Shockley for attending Town Hall. We will send out reminders for future Town Halls.
- Wine Tasting is next Friday the 25th
- Hosting the Mayor's Conference on April 23rd
- Legislative Family Night is May 7th

- Annual Plant Sale is Saturday May 26th
- Skyride is officially running but will be another 2-3 months before guests can ride as we continue to build infrastructure and train personnel.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved and adopted on the 19 day of June 2025.

Amy Ray, Secretary