

**City of Independence Parks Board Meeting**  
**Heritage Room**  
**April 17, 2025 – 6:00 pm**  
**DRAFT Minutes**

Present: Erin McIntosh (Chair), Jasper Smith (Member), Kristen Larson (Member), Jonathan Jay (Member), Nicole Sikes (Member), Barbara Cronin (Member), Gerald Fisher (Public Works Director)

Excused Absence: None

Unexcused Absence: None

Public Present: Gail Oberst, Councilor Roden (Liaison)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes  
Minutes from February 20, 2025, approved.
4. Visitor/Public Comment:
  - 4.1 Gail Oberst – Updated wetland plaque presentation. Ribbon cutting scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Motion to approve passed 7-0.
5. Staff Reports/Presentations: None
  - 5.1 Parks System Master Plan Presentation – Consultant team presented draft chapters of the master plan and asked for input. Board made several comments and recommendations. Discussed option of creating video having Board members ask for community involvement in open house. Open house scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. New Business:
8. Other Discussion/Information Items:
  - 8.1 Board requested information on public outreach for master plan and information on formation of a Friends of Parks group. PW Director Fisher to ask Communications Director and City Manager to attend May meeting to discuss and answer questions.
9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned.