

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

Thursday, February 19, 2026; 4:30 PM

City Hall | 226 West 4th Street | Council Chambers

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - January 2026 Meeting Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - A. Green Acres Playground Concepts Presentation
 - B. Advisory Time
 - C. Trail Committee Update
- VI. Reports
 - February 2026 Staff Report
 - A. Riverfront Improvement Commission Report
 - B. Director's Report
- VII. Advisory Time
- VIII. Next Meeting Date and Location
 - A. March 19, 2026, at 4:30pm in City Hall council Chambers
- IX. Adjournment



**Parks and Recreation Advisory
January 2026
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Coiner, Dasso, Kefauver, Meyer, Peterson, Powell, Powers, Schertz, Shareef, and Witenmeyer

Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Becca Niles, William Fisher, Theresa Hauman, Amy Soliz, Jessica Rhoads and Troy Evans

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall 226 W 4th Street

Meeting Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqqXwnOoQng>

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Kefauver to approve the December 2025 meeting minutes, 2nd by Schertz.
Motion Passes 9-0

Public with Comment:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Accreditation

Reports:

- Director Report-Verbal
- Staff Report-Written
- RIC Report- Verbal

Park Advisory Board Time: See Video

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn presented by Kefauver, 2nd by Witenmeyer at 5:25pm

City of Davenport

Department: Parks and Recreation
Contact Info: Chad Dyson | 563-328-7275

Action / Date
2/19/2026

Subject:
Green Acres Playground Concepts Presentation

Recommendation:

Background:

Attachments:

1. 02.19.26 PAB - Green Acres Playground Concepts Presentation



THE CITY OF
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Green Acres Playground Replacement

Park Advisory Board | 02.19.26

By: Billy Fisher

CONCEPT #1



Green Acres Park Option 1 Davenport, IA

Design • Build • PLAY!



Color Palette:
Accent/Arch: Butterscotch
Basic: Brown
Deck: Brown
HDPE: Green
Roto Plastic: Green

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CONCEPT #2



Green Acres Park Option 2 Davenport, IA

Design • Build • PLAY!



Color Palette:
Misty Meadows

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CONCEPT #3



Green Acres Park Option 3 Davenport, IA

Design • Build • PLAY!



View 2



View 1

Color Palette:
Lagoon

CONCEPT #4



Green Acres Park Option 4 Davenport, IA

Design • Build • PLAY!



Color Palette:
Verano

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NEXT STEPS

PAB input

- You will receive a survey for feedback
- Feedback due by 2/26

Public Input

- Based on staff and PAB scores, top two concepts will be made public for scoring
- Attend 8th Ward Alderman's Ward meeting
- Working with DCSD to outreach to families and students at Truman Elementary for preferencing exercise
- Social media survey link via NextDoor (targeted neighborhood outreach)



Questions?



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Trail Committee Update

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None

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February 2026 Staff Report

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1. 02.2026 Staff Report

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
February 2026
Staff Report

Notable updates from Staff

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

AmeriCorps

- All spring positions have been filled except for one slot. New members will begin their service in March.
- Program staff will be submitting the recompetete application at the end of the month now that the official Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) has been released by AmeriCorps.

Customer Service & Outreach

- Becca Niles and Jordan Litton attended the QC Expo on Wednesday, February 18. The event is held each year to connect organizations with college and university students.

Business Functions

- The ADA Transition Plan project has kicked off. First steps are the audit and assessment. Team members from WT Group will be visiting parks and facilities beginning February 24 to conduct the initial review.
- The City of Davenport is again selling veteran's banners for installation along the river front from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. There is an application for those wanting to participate. There are 30 banners available and it is first-come-first serve. Applications are open 2/9-3/9. Proceeds from the sales will go to Friends of Veterans Park (a department friends group). You can find more information https://bit.ly/veterans_tribute_program.

PARK OPERATIONS

Park Projects

- Winter projects have included painting the locker rooms at The River's Edge. All six locker rooms and the hallway behind the second sheet of ice have a fresh coating.
- Staff compiled a list of park signs and prioritized their replacement based on various characteristics and condition of the signs.

- Credit Island Lodge received an upgrade to the restrooms and side entry. Both restrooms and the side hall were painted, and the floors were sanded down to repair imperfections and epoxy coated.

Horticulture

- The horticulture staff is finalizing the spring theme in the Conservatory. They were able to complete the switch a bit earlier than expected and the conservatory is once again open to the public.
- The horticulture staff has started production of the plants for summer planting and the annual plant sale.
- The Christmas lights and decorations have been taken down from the various locations around the Vander Veer Botanical Park.

General Operations & Maintenance

- Park Operations crews removed two condemned bridges from the golf course (previous amenity) side of Credit Island.
- The maintenance team monitors the boiler at Roosevelt Community Center daily as it has struggled during the winter to maintain temperature. Staff are looking at options to replace the boiler with a more efficient heat source and what that cost may entail.
- There has been an uptick in copper theft again. The riverfront remains the “hot-spot” for theft. Staff are evaluating costs to replace access panels for the remaining 200+ lights that have not been vandalized/stripped. These would be replaced proactively with steel panels welded closed to prevent theft.
- Hiring has begun and staff are interviewing applicants for our summer positions. Preparations have been made to train the incoming group of summer part-time staff.

RECREATION

Events & Aquatics

- Sweetheart Dance was nearly sold out for the second year in a row. A collaboration with Bettendorf Parks and Recreation held at the Mississippi Valley Fair – Starlite Ballroom allow families to dance, make crafts, get photos taken by a professional photographer, and have a buffet dinner. The dessert menu was expanded to include either cupcakes, brownies or cheesecake at no additional cost.
- Aquatic applications and interviews have started and are off to a very promising start. A majority of the applicants are returning staff from season to season.

Adaptive & Inclusive

- Staff led a presentation for the Rotary Club of Davenport at their weekly noon meeting on February 9 to introduce the group to the Adaptive/Inclusive program offerings and the Special Olympics athletic program. The presentation went very well.
- Staff assisted with volunteers for Night to Shine. It was another great night for all the participants and volunteers.

Youth & Adult Sports

- Youth basketball is going very well. Team and player pictures will be taken at Wood Intermediate over the next two weeks.
- Spring soccer registration closes at the end of February. There are over 550 registrations so far.

Davenport Junior Theatre Performing Arts

- Summer camp and class registrations are open.
 - Most of the summer camps are already half full.
- Spring Break Camp is over half full.
- Winter session classes are in week six and things are going smoothly.
- Staff hosted 850+ kindergarteners in workshops at the Nighswander Theatre at Annie Wittenmyer. Kindergarteners were taught about acting, props, costumes, and technical theatre.
- Staff are working on making a new collaborative workshop series with the Davenport Libraries.
- The workshops at The Family Museum are full every session which is great.

The River's Edge

- Learn to Skate has had more participants in Winter session of 2026 than in the Winter sessions of 2024, 2022, 2021, and any year prior to 2019.
- Registrations for the Spring Show session just opened and will continue until the beginning of March. This looks very similar to the seasons of 2023 and 2025.
 - Being that it is a Winter Olympic year, it is helping tremendously along with the addition of new class times on Saturday.
- Huge thanks to Parks Operations staff for painting the locker rooms and back hallway.

GOLF OPERATIONS

General Golf Course Updates

- Maintenance staff is finishing winter maintenance on turf equipment, signs, and markers.
- Mild winter temperatures and little to no 'snow cover' will likely allow for an early start to the 2026 golf season.
- Chili Open Golf Classic 2026 - will be held at Duck Creek Golf Course on Saturday, March 7. Call 563-326-7824 to sign up! \$20 per player

Duck Creek Golf Course

- The Forestry Division completed a major tree maintenance pruning and removal of several dead and injured trees.

Emeis Golf Course

- The Forestry Division is currently conducting annual tree maintenance.

Red Hawk Golf and Learning Center

- Planning and organizing staff and turf maintenance for a possible early start in March.

COMMUNICATION UPDATES

Community Events

- Mascot Skate | Saturday, 2/21 | The River's Edge
- Glow Skate | Friday, 2/27 | The River's Edge
- Junior Theatre, Inc Mainstage Production: *Mind Your Peas & Clues* | Saturdays, 2/21 & 2/28 and Sundays, 2/22 & 3/1 | Mary Fluhrer-Nighswander Theatre
- Chili Open Golf Classic | Saturday, 3/7 | Duck Creek Golf Course

Community Outreach Events

Outreach opportunities for staff to be on hand to give out program and hiring information, play games with booth visitors, and hand out prizes for attendees.

- Youth Hiring Fair | Tuesday, 3/24
- SAU Health & Human Services Career Fair | Tuesday, 3/31

Notable Dates

- Holiday Closure 2/16
 - All departments and offices except The River's Edge

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Riverfront Improvement Commission Report

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