



**Town of Garner  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2025**

- I. Date and Time: Pursuant to the Bylaws governing the Garner Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, a meeting of the Committee was held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at the Garner Recreation Center. The Committee members in attendance were: Tim Montgomery, Mark Wood, and Senior Citizens Committee Liaison Ernestine Durham. Town Staff present were PRCR Director Maria Munoz-Blanco and PRCR Superintendent - Athletics and Recreation.
- II. Call to Order  
There was no quorum present, so the members in attendance selected Tim Montgomery to chair the meeting. Meeting called to order at 6:13 pm.
- III. Approval of Agenda - No vote taken due to lack of quorum
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes (September 15, 2025) - No vote taken due to lack of quorum
- V. Petitions and Comments from the Public  
  
None reported.
- VI. Committee Members Concerns/Comments  
  
Ernestine Durham asked about the schedule to complete the replacement of the bridges at Lake Benson Park. Staff will check with Public Works and let Committee members know.
- VII. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Update  
  
Ms Durham reported on the last meeting of the SCAC. Town Attorney Terri Jones made a presentation about the Town Code and committee bylaws changes. PRCR Superintendent Zach Pritchard presented an update on Yeargan Park. Council member Kathy Behringer updated the committee on the Affordable Housing Task Force. GSC Program Manager Torrey Blackmar discussed the GSC changing registration and fees following the other PRCR divisions process for residents having an early date registration. SCAC voted in support of this change. GSC staff monthly report noted that the center is averaging about 40 new participants each month. The GSC Health Fair was held in October. Mr. Pritchard noted that it was very well attended.

VIII. Reports/Discussion Items

a. Director's Report

Committee members present agreed to hold the Orientation and facility tour until next meeting.

Maria Munoz-Blanco presented highlights of the Director's Report/Department Updates distributed to the Committee, providing updates on the GRC and White Deer Park playground projects, Yeargan Park's historic preservation challenges with the ORLP federal grant, and the Meadowbrook dam removal. She also highlighted the impact of the new law requiring SBI background checks on all new employees who work with children.

Mr. Montgomery asked about the status of the federal earmark awarded to the GSC. Mr. Pritchard provided a summary of the process. Engineering Department is currently completing the design and the required paperwork for the grant application.

Mr. Montgomery noted his wife had enjoyed the WDNC Moonlight Paddle at LBP.

Mr. Pritchard shared information about the new Yeargan Park staff, Erik Anderson, who will start on October 27.

b. Zoning Cases

There were no zoning cases to present this month.

c. Council Updates

None reported.

IX. Other Business

The proposed 2026 meeting calendar was discussed; no action taken due to lack of quorum.

Mr. Pritchard reminded the Committee of Jack Baldwin's retirement and presentation at the October 21 Town Council meeting.

There was a question about attendance policies for Committee members. This is addressed in the Committee's bylaws.

X. Adjourn - With no further discussion, the Committee agreed to adjourn at 6:42 pm.