



CITY OF BARTOW
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 AT 5:30 PM
OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
450 NORTH WILSON AVE., BARTOW, FL 33830

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. ROLL CALL
5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026
 - a. Nominations for and election of Chairperson
 - b. Nominations for and election of Vice-Chairperson
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. November 12, 2025
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Matters not appearing on this agenda
8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - a. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director Jason Hargrove
9. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Board Member shirts update
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Recreational Trails Program Grant Application
 - b. FY 2026-2027 CDBG Possible Projects
11. ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS

12. CITY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. February 11, 2026

14. ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF BARTOW
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 – 5:30 P.M. (EST)
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBER, CITY HALL
450 N. WILSON AVENUE, BARTOW, FL 33830**

MINUTES

The City of Bartow Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in the City Commission Chamber, 450 N. Wilson Avenue, Bartow. Notice of this meeting was posted at City Hall, Bartow Public Library, and on the City's website www.cityofbartow.net.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Keith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

Board Member Lung gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board Members gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag.

4. ROLL CALL

Assistant City Clerk Kaylee Fussell called the roll and attendance was as follows:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Board Member Bill Bohde, Board Member Leslie Green, Board Member Troy Lung, Board Member Carver Young, Vice-Chairperson and Board Member Sheila Keith, Chairperson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Tanya Tucker

STAFF PRESENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director Jason Hargrove, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Kyle Lasek, and Assistant City Clerk Kaylee Fussell.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. October 8, 2025 – Regular Meeting

MOTION was made by Board Member Bohde, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Young to approve the minutes from October 8, 2025, Regular Meeting as presented.

VOTE TO THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYE: Bohde, Green, Keith, Lung, Young

NAY: None

Motion carried.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – At this time, the Board will receive comments from the public regarding matters not appearing on this agenda.

Chairperson Keith opened and closed the floor to receive comments from the public regarding matters not appearing on this agenda. There were no comments.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director Hargrove

Director Hargrove reported on the following:

- Golf Course
 - Cart paths are complete.
- Parks and Recreation
 - Athletic Courts coming along great – Whitehead Construction
 - Inspection walk-throughs were completed.
 - Catalyst Design Group overseeing Inspection and Design
 - Report from walk-through received and a few minor corrections are being made.
 - Summerlin Basketball court completed.
 - Richland Manor 90% complete
 - Civic Center Tennis Courts complete; waiting on project closure papers to sign
 - Restrooms
 - Completion is expected by end of November; inspections are being done by Project Manager and Building Inspector
 - MLK and Mary Holland have been delayed until early to mid-December.
 - General Projects
 - Polk Street frame and door
 - Civic Center Floors – November 29 thru December 5; stripped and waxed.
 - Door chimes for centers – end of January
 - Nye Jordan Park water fountain – end of January
 - Window tinting
 - Polk Street; front and back of main room
 - Carver Recreation Center: Christine McCoy room. Front door, north gym main doors

- Christine McCoy Room: setting install date for plaque and vinyl.
- Carver Recreation Gym Switches – received two quotes, waiting on third quote.
- Code Enforcement Sign – Polk Street; submitted to Hollywood.
- Pool Fence
- Civic Center Assembly 1 & 2 room divider – being repaired this month: new hardware.
- New audio at Carver Recreation Center in south gym done this week
- Decorative wall being placed outside of Assembly Room 1
- General Items
 - CIP Update
 - Golf Course
 - Cart Barn – waiting on CMAR contracts.
 - New plumbing (Public Works)
 - Library
 - Story Trail 100% drawings; bid documents process has started.
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Bartow Sports Complex Parking Lights – intent to sole source being sent next week.
 - Perry Weather System – intent to sole source has been posted; should close this week.
 - Pittas Baseball Restrooms – scheduling meetings with contractors
 - Center chairs – have been ordered, will possibly take three to four months
 - Skate Park – two Sourcewell proposals, need to review.
 - Economic Impact
 - Bartow Sports Complex
 - Estimated impact.
 - Out of County Adult 2,200
 - Out of County Youth 6,600
 - Out of County Spectators 12,232
 - Economic Impact \$7,915,000
 - Room Nights 7,456
 - Actual Impact
 - Out of County Adult 3,300
 - Out of County Youth 8,100
 - Out of County Spectators 15,800
 - Economic Impact \$11,945,588
 - Room Nights 13,100
- Parking at Nye Jordan Park – millings (Public Works) will be placing as soon as they finish some other projects.

Director Hargrove reported that once the project completion documents for Richland Manor Park are signed, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled for the tennis courts. He is coordinating with the local tennis group that regularly uses the courts and with the high school to organize an intra-squad scrimmage event. Once dates are finalized, all board members will be notified.

Board Member Green inquired whether the City plans to offer programming for youth once the tennis courts are complete.

Director Hargrove stated that, at this time, there are no instructors available; however, he is open to working with instructors to develop programs for both youth and adults.

Director Hargrove also reported that Code Enforcement has relocated to the Polk Street Community Center. The department is requesting the installation of doorbells, chimes, and security cameras at the facility. The City's IT team is assisting with setting up video cameras around the building. A quote for the installation has been received and is under review. He added that he will explore funding opportunities through the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), as the property is within the CRA district.

Chairperson Keith asked whether other City facilities currently have security cameras in place.

Director Hargrove responded that no other facilities currently have cameras but that the city plans to install them in the future.

Chairperson Keith then asked why Polk Street Community Center is being prioritized for camera installation.

Director Hargrove explained that Code Enforcement's relocation makes is necessary. The department needs a way to safely identify visitors before granting entry, as enforcement duties occasionally lead to confrontational interactions.

Board Member Bohde asked why Code Enforcement is currently operating from the Polk Street Community Center.

Director Hargrove explained that the department is temporarily located there until another office space becomes available. The center was the only facility with adequate space to accommodate the entire team. Previously, the Purchasing Department occupied the area but has since relocated to City Hall. Code Enforcement was most recently based at the Police Department, but its office space there was too small for all staff. The department currently occupies the west side of the Polk Street Community Center building, and no timeline has been established for their relocation.

Board Member Green asked if there have been any issues since Code Enforcement moved into the building.

Director Hargrove reported that there have been no issues to date.

Vice-Chairperson Young inquired whether the entire Polk Street Community Center would be placed on lockdown.

Director Hargrove responded that a full lockdown is possible; however, there are insufficient funds to cover the total cost.

Vice-Chairperson Young stated that the associated expenses should not come from the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts budget but rather from the Code Enforcement budget, as Code Enforcement initiated the request.

Director Hargrove clarified that Code Enforcement would fund security measures on the west side of the building, which they occupy. Should a decision be made to secure the entire facility, funding would need to come from either the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts budget or potential collaboration with the CRA.

Mayor Tucker asked whether Code Enforcement was only requesting security enhancements for the hallway area.

Director Hargrove confirmed that Code Enforcement's request was limited to the hallway but noted that estimates were also obtained for securing the entire facility. He added that the project is optional at this time.

Vice-Chairperson Young expressed opposition to proceeding with the project.

Board Member Lung voiced support for improving security in the areas utilized by Code Enforcement. He suggested that cost efficiencies might be realized if similar upgrades were implemented across all facilities simultaneously rather than individually.

Chairperson Keith recalled prior discussions regarding security enhancements for all city facilities that had been postponed. She expressed concern that increased security discussions were resurfacing only after Code Enforcement's relocation to West Bartow, a community she values highly.

Director Hargrove acknowledged the concerns and emphasized that there have been no security issues at the facility. He recommended obtaining comprehensive pricing for all centers, including the installation of cameras at Nye Jordan Park, where restroom vandalism has been a recurring issue.

Vice-Chairperson Young stated that he supports the installation of cameras but does not agree with implementing a system requiring individuals to be buzzed in and out of the building.

Director Hargrove clarified that the proposed buzzer system would apply only to the west side entrance used by Code Enforcement.

Vice-Chairperson Young asked for confirmation that Code Enforcement would be using only the west door.

Director Hargrove said yes, Code Enforcement would only utilize the west door, everything else would remain open.

Vice-Chairperson Young expressed concern that individuals could enter through the east entrance and walk to the west end of the building, where Code Enforcement offices are located.

Director Hargrove clarified that the west entrance would be equipped with a buzzer-access system and emphasized that all other areas of the building would remain open to the public.

Mayor Tucker explained that community access to the gym, restrooms, and main hall would continue without restriction. Only the areas designated for Code Enforcement would be secured.

Chairperson Keith raised a concern regarding the proposal to seek funding from the CRA.

Director Hargrove stated that the CRA had previously discussed potential improvements to the Polk Street Community Center, including upgrades to security, parking, and landscaping. He confirmed his intention to follow up with CRA Director Howard Smith concerning these previous discussions.

Board Member Bohde inquired whether plans exist to create additional office space for the Public Works and Code Enforcement departments.

Mayor Tucker responded that there is currently no dedicated facility for Code Enforcement. However, plans are in place for Public Works to relocate to a new building in the future. Once that move is complete, Code Enforcement would have the opportunity to occupy the former Public Works facility.

Board Member Bohde questioned the use of a Parks and Recreation facility to house other city departments.

Mayor Tucker explained that the arrangement is temporary due to current space limitations and reiterated that the relocation plan will resolve this once the new Public Works building is complete.

Board Member asked whether Code Enforcement operates under the Bartow Police Department.

Director Hargrove stated that Code Enforcement is affiliated with the Bartow Police Department but now functions as its own department, with Tray Towles serving as the Director of Code Enforcement.

Board Member Bohde observed that the current situation reflects normal growing pains within the city. He noted that City Hall previously occupied the Property Appraisers building, which was once considered too large, leading to downsizing at that time.

Mayor Tucker reminded the board to consider future development potential at the Oaks School property, located across the street, as plans for that may eventually progress.

Director Hargrove reiterated that no final decisions have been made regarding additional security measures. He stated that if costs are substantial, existing funds within this fiscal year's budget would be insufficient to cover them. He added that Code Enforcement would be responsible for funding improvements to their designated area, ensuring that these costs do not impact the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts budget. Any future proposals involving additional security cameras will be presented to the board for review.

Chairperson Keith expressed concern that prior discussions regarding improvements such as security cameras, beautification, and door enhancements, had not been acted upon. She stated that she previously submitted photographs and recommendations, which were deferred. She commented that now, with Code Enforcement occupying the facility, those projects appear to be moving forward.

Director Hargrove clarified that there was no intent to prioritize the west side specifically for Code Enforcement. He explained that while obtaining pricing for that section, staff also requested quotes for securing the entire facility. He added that the CRA has expressed interest in investing in upgrades at the Polk Street Community Center, including potential security enhancements. CRA Director Smith previously mentioned similar initiatives, and this may serve as an opportunity to revisit those plans. He emphasized that any related proposals will be brought before the board prior to implementation.

Assistant Director Lasek reported that the new water fountain being installed at Nye Jordan Park will be an MDF model, featuring a standard height fountain, an ADA-compliant height, a bottle filling station, and a pet accessible fountain.

Assistant Director Lasek also noted that divider repairs at the Civic Center Assembly 1 & 2 are scheduled to be completed, with a preventive maintenance plan established to ensure routine servicing.

Director Hargrove informed the board that the indoor pickleball court located in the All-Purpose Room at the Polk Street Community Center has deteriorating floor lines. He has directed staff to retape the lines to restore proper marking.

Chairperson Keith stated that she attends many events at the Polk Street Community Center and noted that several of these events are formal in nature. She commented that the floor lines for the indoor pickleball court detract from the facility's appearance. She questioned whether there is a continued need for an indoor pickleball court, given that the city already offers multiple outdoor locations for the sport.

Director Hargrove responded that the board may determine whether the lines should be replaced and advised that a decision would be made at the board's discretion.

Board Member Green inquired about a level of participation in the indoor pickleball program at the Polk Street Community Center.

Director Hargrove stated that participation is currently low, as the program only began about a month ago. He added that some individuals do come during the lunch hour to play.

Vice-Chairperson Young noted that indoor pickleball is also available at the Carver Recreation Center.

Director Hargrove explained that the pickleball markings at Polk Street Community Center predate his tenure. He suggested that if the board wishes to explore the matter further, it could be added to the next meeting agenda for additional discussion.

Chairperson Keith recalled that when the indoor pickleball program was first introduced at Polk Street Community Center, it was well attended; however, participation has declined over time.

Director Hargrove mentioned that staff members at the Polk Street Community Center are available and capable of organizing and leading pickleball program if the board wishes to continue offering it.

Mayor Tucker asked whether any decision to discontinue indoor pickleball would need to be presented to the City Commission, noting that the Commission may not support removing a recreational program from the facility.

Chairperson Keith questioned the reasoning for such opposition.

Mayor Tucker explained that the purpose of the Polk Street Community Center is to serve as a Parks and Recreation facility, and pickleball falls under that mission. While events are held at the center, recreation remains its primary focus.

Chairperson Keith commented that when the facility was originally built, hosting community events was among its primary intended focus.

Board Member Green asked how frequently the center is rented for events.

Director Hargrove responded that the Polk Street Community Center is rented frequently and noted that most city facilities are reserved nearly every weekend. He stated that he will bring this matter to the attention of the City Manager, who will provide further direction on next steps.

Vice-Chairperson Young asked whether the City Commission may prefer that indoor pickleball remain at the Polk Street Community Center.

Mayor Tucker explained that the Commission previously provided Director Hargrove with guidance regarding program offerings, and he is following those directives.

Board Member Green noted that at the Winter Haven Field House, renters hosting formal events have the option to include a protective floor covering. He asked whether this could be considered for local rentals as well.

Chairperson Keith recalled that several years ago, floor coverings were used at the Carver Recreation Center, but frequent accidents and resulting damage to the flooring led to the discontinuation of that practice.

Director Hargrove agreed, noting that the floor coverings can create tripping hazards. He suggested exploring the possible use of removable tape, which could be applied for weekday programming and removed prior to weekend events.

Vice-Chairperson Young questioned why both gymnasiums at the Carver Recreation Center are configured for pickleball.

Director Hargrove said that was done before he was Director.

Vice-Chairperson Young mentioned using one of the buildings for open gym and the other gym can be used for pickleball. He does not understand having pickleball in both gyms.

Director Hargrove explained that the setup was established prior to his tenure as Director.

Vice-Chairperson Young proposed that one of the gyms be designated for open gym use while the other remains available for pickleball, as both being set up for pickleball seems unnecessary.

Director Hargrove responded that while both gyms may have pickleball lines, programming does not schedule pickleball games in both simultaneously.

Vice-Chairperson Young remarked that he has never observed pickleball being played in the old gym at Carver Recreation Center.

Director Hargrove reported that at the Civic Center, in Assembly Room 1, a decorative wall will be installed behind the facility where the empty pool is currently visible through the rear glass.

Assistant Director Lasek explained that a Notice of Intent to Sole Source allows other vendors to submit proposals offering goods or services of equal or greater value. He noted that this posting period lasts five days, compared to the standard thirty-day solicitation process.

Board Member Green requested a timeline for completion of the Pittas Baseball Restroom project.

Assistant Director Lasek stated that the goal is to complete the restroom project during the off-season to minimize disruption to the league. The city anticipates obtaining quotes and beginning work in mid-January.

Board Member Green noted that the fall season has just concluded.

Director Hargrove added that the project schedule will ultimately depend on the contractor's timeline and cost estimates.

Assistant Director Lasek shared that he met with the league representatives two weeks ago to discuss goals and address ongoing operational concerns.

Board Member Lung inquired about the location of the new skate park.

Director Hargrove stated that the new skate park will be located at Mary Holland Park, in the same area as the former skate park.

Vice-Chairperson Young asked if there would be sufficient space at the Carver Recreation Center to store the new chairs.

Director Hargrove confirmed that there will be adequate room for storage.

Mayor Tucker asked about the disposition of the old chairs.

Director Hargrove responded that the old chairs will be auctioned.

Assistant Director Lasek noted that some will be retained for use during summer camp programs.

Board Member Bohde remarked on the significant economic impact that the new Sports Complex has had on the community.

Board Member Green expressed appreciation and stated that the city should share the Sports Complex performance data with the community to highlight its success.

Board Member Bohde remarked that government spending often faces public criticism, particularly regarding taxes and budget priorities. He added that the financial report demonstrates the Sports Complex was a worthwhile investment for the city.

Mayor Tucker commented that there has been widespread public concern about the city allocating millions of dollars to the Sports Complex while other infrastructure issues, such as road maintenance, remained ongoing.

Board Member Lung inquired about the total cost of the Sports Complex upon completions.

Director Hargrove reported that the total cost was 5.9 million dollars, funded through a 50/50 partnership between the City and Sports Marketing.

Board Member Lung noted that the facility already generated approximately 11.9 million dollars in economic impact, calling it an impressive achievement.

Director Hargrove stated that during the first year, expectations were uncertain, but the complex has since received significant support. He added that Assistant Director Lasek has met with several tournament organizers who have expressed interest in returning for future events.

Board Member Lung observed that downtown businesses experience noticeable activity during tournament weekends, with many visiting youth athletes visible throughout the area.

Vice-Chairperson Young agreed, commenting that the Sports Complex has proven to be a valuable and successful investment for the city.

Purpose of the Board

Advice our local government on matters related to parks, programs, and facilities. Provide recommendations and being the voice for the community – letting us know what programs/activities that they would like to see, their interests. I always have an open-door policy.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- **Florida Wildlife Conservation Presentation**

Director Hargrove reported that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation provided a presentation at the previous meeting regarding fish and aquatic plant management. He stated that he will share this information with City Manager Herr and noted that the item is scheduled for inclusion on the December 15, 2025, City Commission agenda.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- **Board Member Shirts**

Director Hargrove announced that the city's new logo has been finalized. Once the artwork is completed, he will present the design to the board members. He proposed ordering shirts for board members to wear when attending city events. The shirts will be aqua blue and will feature each member's name along with the title "City of Bartow Recreation Advisory Board Member". He requested that all members provide their shirt sizes.

Board Member Bohde, Board Member Green, Board Member Lung, Vice-Chairperson Young and Chairperson Keith submitted their shirt sizes to Director Hargrove.

9. ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS

a. Bill Bohde

Board Member Bohde had no comments.

b. Leslie Green

Board Member Green had no comments.

c. Sheila Keith

Chairperson Keith reported that during her visit to the Carver Recreation Center earlier in the day, she noticed an unpleasant odor outside the north gym and asked if anyone was aware of the issue.

Director Hargrove inquired whether the odor was originating from outside the building.

Chairperson Keith clarified that the smell was coming from inside the north gym.

Director Hargrove stated that he had not received any prior reports regarding the issue but would follow up with staff. He asked if the odor resembled a sewer smell.

Chairperson Keith confirmed that it did and recalled that a similar problem had occurred a few years ago, which was traced to an issue in the locker room.

Vice-Chairperson Young asked if water is still being used in the locker rooms at the Carver Recreation Center.

Director Hargrove confirmed that water service remains active.

Vice-Chairperson Young recommended that staff run the water regularly to prevent stagnation.

Director Hargrove agreed and stated that he would instruct staff to ensure that water is periodically run, and toilets are flushed to maintain proper plumbing conditions.

Chairperson Keith concluded by thanking Director Hargrove, Assistant Director Lasek, and the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department for their continued hard work and dedication. She expressed appreciation for their efforts in maintaining the city's facilities and contributing to the community's overall quality of life.

d. Troy Lung

Board Member Lung expressed appreciation for the ongoing efforts and dedication of Director Hargrove and Assistant Director Lasek.

e. Carver Young

Vice-Chairperson Young expressed appreciation to Director Hargrove and Assistant Director Lasek for their ongoing dedication and contributions to the city's programs and facilities.

Vice-Chairperson Young further recognized Chairperson Keith for her continued service and positive impact within the community. He stated that she consistently demonstrates a commitment to making a difference without seeking recognition. He announced that his committee has nominated Chairperson Keith to serve as

the Grand Marshal for the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and thanked her for all that she does for the community.

Chairperson Keith thanked Vice-Chairperson Young and his committee for the nomination, expressing her gratitude and appreciation. She added that her efforts are motivated by her love for the city and its residents, rather than for recognition.

10. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

a. Mayor Tucker

Mayor Tucker inquired whether the service contract for downtown cleaning falls under the Parks and Recreation Department.

Director Hargrove confirmed that it does.

Mayor Tucker commended the department on the excellent condition of the downtown area, noting that the service being provided is outstanding.

Board Member Bohde asked when the board's next joint meeting with the City Commission is scheduled to take place.

Director Hargrove stated that the joint meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026.

Board Member Bohde emphasized the importance of having all City Commission present at the joint meeting, as the board serves at the direction and discretion of the Commission.

Chairperson Keith asked if she could reach out to the commissioners to encourage their attendance at the upcoming joint meeting.

Director Hargrove responded that Chairperson Keith is welcome to attend any City Commission meeting and speak during the public comment period to extend the invitation.

Mayor Tucker suggested that staff send a calendar invitation to all commissioners to ensure the meeting is properly noted on their schedules.

11. NEXT MEETING – December 10, 2025

Chairperson Keith inquired whether a meeting is scheduled for December.

Board Member Bohde asked if it is necessary for the board to convene in December.

Director Hargrove recommended that the board determine whether a December meeting will be held.

MOTION was made by Board Member Bohde, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Young to not a hold a meeting in December 2025.

VOTE TO THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYE: Bohde, Green, Keith, Lung, Young

NAY: None

Chairperson Keith announced the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Keith adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Chairperson Keith

ATTEST:

Asst. City Clerk Kaylee Fussell

(SEAL)

\$3.3 Million Parks Improvement Plan Completion

PRCA Director – Jason Hargrove

PRCA Assistant Director - Kyle Lasek



City of Bartow



Polk Street Community Center



- Outdoor Basketball Goals —
 - Budget **\$9,000** | Actual **\$6,389.12** | Difference **\$2,610.88**
- Concession/Press Box Painting —
 - Budget **\$4,500** | Actual **\$16,000** | **\$11,500**
- Baseball Dugouts —
 - Budget **\$9,000** | Actual **\$7,011.63** | Difference **\$1,988.37**





MLK Gazebo



- Restroom—
 - Budget \$200,000 | Actual \$127,240 | Difference **\$72,760**
- Grill
 - Budget \$12,877 | Actual \$5,000 | Difference **\$7,877**



Bartow Civic Center & Pittas Park



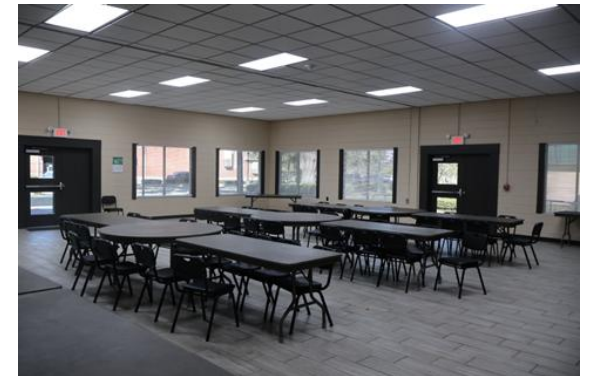


Civic Center & Pittas Budget Results

- Baseball Lighting (LEDs) —
 - Budget \$162,000 | Actual \$152,003 | Difference **\$9,997**
- Backstop Fencing —
 - Budget \$120,000 | Actual \$43,805 | Difference **\$76,195**
- Shed & Tennis Painting —
 - Budget \$10,000 | Actual \$24,500 | **-\$14,500**
- Kitchen Renovation —
 - Budget \$53,500 | Actual \$85,050.27 | **-\$31,550.27**



- Additional projects
- AC Unit
- Fire Alarm Panel
- Interior Painting
- Roof Replacement – South Building
- Playground Platforms





Carver Recreation Center

- Playground Steps & Platforms —
 - Budget \$49,500 | Actual \$48,779 | Difference \$721
- Fire Alarm Panel —
 - Budget \$23,950 | Actual \$5,127.17 | Difference \$18,822.83
- Inside Painting —
 - Budget \$12,000 | Actual \$3,500 | Difference \$8,500
- AC Unit —
 - Budget \$25,000 | Actual \$38,785 | -\$13,785
- Roof Replacement (South Building) —
 - Budget \$64,103 | Actual \$43,300 | Difference \$20,803



Bartow Sports Complex



- 555 Football Fencing —
 - Budget \$20,100 | Actual \$19,940 | Difference **\$160**
- Football Goal Posts —
 - Budget \$19,000 | Actual \$14,787 | Difference **\$4,213**
- Football Goal Posts —
 - Budget \$19,000 | Actual \$14,787 | Difference **\$4,213**
- RC Track Fencing—
 - Budget \$17,543 | Actual \$15,450 | Difference **\$2,093**



Mary Holland Park



- Main Entrance Fencing —
 - Budget \$26,000 | Actual \$18,260 | Difference **\$7,740**
- Picnic Tables —
 - Budget \$53,600 | Actual \$40,155.20 | Difference **\$13,444.80**
- Pavilions/Restroom Painting —
 - Budget \$55,000 | Actual \$13,000 | Difference **\$42,000**
- Playground Surface —
 - Budget \$20,000 | Actual \$20,000 | Difference **\$0**
- Rubber Mulch —
 - Budget \$87,000 | Actual \$37,505 | Difference **\$49,495**



Summerlin Park

- Restroom Painting —
 - Budget \$3,000 | Actual \$7,500 | **\$4,500**
- Basketball Court—
 - Budget \$85,600 | Actual \$171,121 | **\$85,521**



Restrooms



Richland Manor Park

- **Playground Equipment—**

- Budget \$102,000 | Actual \$74,176 | Difference **\$27,824**

- **Restroom—**

- Budget \$250,000 | Actual \$274,111 | Difference **\$24,111**

- **Athletic Court—**

- Budget \$206,000 | Actual \$300,788 | Difference **\$94,788**





Richland Manor Results



**Richland Manor Park is
RENEWED AND
READY FOR PLAY!**

**Come join the party as the
City of Bartow celebrates the
reopening of**

**FREE
CookOut!**

**All are
WELCOME!**

**RICHLAND MANOR PARK,
920 Bear Creek Drive
Saturday, Jan. 10
from 11AM - 1PM**

Presentation at 11:30am



City of Bartow

Polk County's Capital City



Financials to Date

Budgeted Amount

- \$3,287,958

Additional Funds Received

- CRA - \$603,189
 - (2 Restrooms)
- Kiwanis Club - \$25,000
 - (Civic Center Kitchen)

Total Funds:

- \$3,915,816.00

Final Expenses:

- \$3,659,304.47

Under Budget by

- \$256,511.53



SKATE PARK MHP



**NEW GOLF
CART BARN**



**ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND
MCLEOD PARK**



**LIGHTS AT CARVER REC
MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD**



PUMP TRACK MHP

In the Works for 2026



MARY HOLLAND PARK & TRAIL CONNECTOR GRAPHICS
BARTOW, FL



City of Bartow
Polk County's Capital City



LEGEND

- 1. TRAIL CONNECTION FROM BARTOW CIVIC CENTER
- 2. BARTOW LIBRARY READING TRAIL
- 3. FITNESS STATIONS
- 4. BENCHES
- 5. TRAIL SYSTEM ALIGNMENT FOR VIEWS OFF BLUFFS AND SHADE
- 6. OPEN RECREATION SPACE OR FUTURE AMENITY
- 7. PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
- 8. RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK
- 9. TRAIL CONNECTION TO MHP
- 10. FITNESS STATION W/ OPTIONAL SHADE

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LEGEND

- 1. TRAIL CONNECTION BARTOW CIVIC CENTER
- 2. REMOVABLE BOLLARDS FOR CITY ACCESS
- 3. BARTOW LIBRARY READING TRAIL
- 4. BUFFER PLANTINGS FOR UTILITIES
- 5. FITNESS EQUIPMENT
- 6. POURED IN PLACE RUBBER SURFACING
- 7. TRAIL CONNECTION TO MHP

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LEGEND

- 1. TRAIL CONNECTION FROM BARTOW LIBRARY
- 2. PREFABRICATED PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
- 3. NATURALIZED PLANTINGS AT WATER AND TRAIL
- 4. EXISTING TREES
- 5. TRAIL CONNECTION TO MHP

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LEGEND

- 1. PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
- 2. NATURALIZED PLANTINGS
- 3. RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING W/ COLORED PAVERS
- 4. EXISTING TREES
- 5. TRAIL CONNECTION TO MHP TRAIL

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LEGEND

1. TRAIL CONNECTION FROM BARTOW LIBRARY
2. FITNESS STATIONS
3. POURED IN PLACE RUBBER SURFACE W/CONCRETE CURB
4. OPTIONAL SHADE FEATURE OVER FITNESS STATIONS
5. EXISTING TREE W/ SUPPLEMENTAL PLANTINGS
6. EXISTING MHP TRAIL SYSTEM

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CDBG PROPOSAL

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS

FY 2026-27

Jason Hargrove- Director



City of Bartow

Description

Carver Recreation Center is located on the east side of Bartow. This facility boasts a large amount of outdoor space which includes, a large ball field, large Pavilion, and playground.

Nye Jordan Park is centrally located in Bartow. The park is heavily used by residents and visitors of all ages and capabilities.

We are applying for a **CDBG: Community Development Block Grant - \$102,630.19 available**

Purpose:

To provide and improve the amenities at either or both Nye Jordan Park and Carver Recreation Center.



PROJECT:

**CARVER RECREATION
CENTER**

DRIVEWAY PAVING

CURRENT CONDITIONS



PROPOSED PROJECT



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PROPOSED PROJECT

Installing a paved driveway to have safer and easier access to the back side of Carver Recreation Center.

Amenities at Carver Recreation Driveway Area:

- ADA Restroom Facility
- Pavilion
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Playground
- Multi-Purpose Field

A paved driveway is essential for:

PROPOSED PROJECT

ADA accessibility- ensuring that individuals with disabilities, as well as families using strollers or mobility devices, can safely and comfortably reach the new amenities.

Public safety- reducing risks associated with mud, uneven ground, erosion, and standing water—conditions that are common with unpaved surfaces and can create hazards for children and adults using the facilities.

Emergency Response- Emergency vehicles must be able to reach the restroom, playground, and courts without delay.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

Paving the driveway is a necessary infrastructure improvement that aligns directly with CDBG goals:

- **Expanding safe, accessible public facilities**
- **Improving infrastructure**
- **Supporting equitable access to community resources**

ESTIMATED COST

- ❖ **2.5 Inches Asphalt Paving** - \$34,524
- ❖ **Lime Rock Base** - \$14,168
- ❖ **Mobilization** - \$8,000

Estimated total: \$56,692*

*estimated cost at the time of this presentation





PROJECT:

NYE JORDAN PARK

WHEELCHAIR SWING

PROPOSED PROJECT

PROPOSED PROJECT

The addition of a wheelchair-accessible swing at Nye Jordan Park is a critical improvement that directly supports the CDBG program's goals of:

- **Expanding accessibility**
- **Promoting inclusivity**
- **Improving the quality of life for low- to moderate- income residents**

PROPOSED PROJECT

A wheelchair-accessible swing provides:

ADA-aligned access to recreation- allowing individuals with mobility impairments to engage in a fundamental play experience that is often unavailable without specialized equipment.

Social inclusion- enabling children of all abilities to play together, fostering friendships, reducing isolation, and strengthening community bonds.

Equitable access to public facilities- supporting the City's commitment to providing safe, inclusive spaces where every resident can participate, regardless of physical ability.

Support for caregivers and families- many of whom currently must leave the neighborhood or city to find accessible play equipment.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

This improvement ensures that Nye Jordan Park becomes a welcoming, inclusive space for all residents.

By installing a wheelchair swing, the City is:

- **Removing barriers**
- **Promoting equal opportunity for recreation**
- **Fulfilling CDBG priorities focused on accessibility, community development, and enhanced public amenities.**

ESTIMATED COST

- ❖ **Swing Structure** - \$60,442
- ❖ **Surfacing** - \$26,756
- ❖ **Installation/Permitting** - \$66,099

Estimated total: \$153,297*

*estimated cost at the time of this presentation



CDBG PROPOSAL QUESTIONS

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