

**HERONS GLEN RECREATION DISTRICT
FACILITIES & AMENITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, February 9, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.
MINUTES
CR-C/Zoom**

MEMBERS	Present	OTHERS	Present
JoAnn Kelsay	X	Karen Mars, Board Liaison	X
Mary Koenig, Chair	X	J.B. Belknap, General Manager	X
Sherri Long	X	Wendy Shea, Activities & Events Coordinator	X
Dennis Rathburn, Vice Chair	X		
Kim Roerk	Zoom	Supervisor Schwarz	X
Greg Smentkowski	X	Supervisor Overs	X
Jeffrey Visner	-	Residents:	0

I. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Mary Koenig called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. **WELCOME**–Chair Mary Koenig welcomed those in attendance in person and by Zoom.

III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (January 19, 2026)** –Chair Koenig asked for approval of the Facilities & Amenities Advisory Committee minutes for January 19, 2026. Dennis Rathburn moved to accept the minutes for January 19, 2026, as presented. Greg Smentkowski seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS –**

A. Report on prior concerns referred to Management –

1. GM Report-

Stahlman England – two-wire irrigation project – GM Belknap informed the committee that Stahlman England is proceeding with the two-wire irrigation project and have finalized controllers #1, #2, #3 and #4 (#5 is almost completed) so the controllers in the back of Herons Glen are almost completed. Stahlman has had some delays, but work is ongoing. The goal is to improve the irrigation system, so it is more reliable. As Stahlman proceeds Mainscape will be refining the irrigation schedule. Bluestream are working well with Stahlman locating fiber lines and doing a good job of keeping ahead of the project. GM Belknap estimates Stahlman completion’s date of April/May 2026.

Driving Range Restrooms – Denmark confirmed that the structural, fire mechanical, electric and plumbing have passed county reviews. Environmental is the only remaining review left in the permitting process. Construction completion should be 2-3 months after permit is issued.

#17 Bulkhead – We are still waiting on the amendment approval from the county.

2. **Hole in One Program – Winnings to include Food** – After last month’s inquiry about including food with the winnings from the Hole in One Program from the committee, GM Belknap spoke with both Bruce Harris and Janine Stepanich about the current program and the idea of giving the Hole in One winner a \$400 gift card that would allow them to use it at the Nest, or in the Pro Shop to use it to purchase merchandise. GM Belknap will take the inquiry to the Golf Committee to discuss

whether they would want to revamp the program and make a recommendation for change to the Board.

3. **Golf Cart Rules & Common Courtesy** – GM Belknap sent out a reminder to residents and golfers, and it read – “We have recently experienced several near-miss incidents involving both vehicles and golf carts in District parking lot areas and throughout the community. We kindly remind everyone to remain attentive to their surroundings, drive at safe speeds, and obey all posted traffic signs to help ensure the safety of residents, guests, and staff.” The committee asked if it would be possible to send the notice out every couple of months.

Chair Koenig asked why the starter is not at the 4-way stop on Herons Glen Boulevard and Palo Duro on Wednesdays anymore? GM Belknap will check on it with the Golf Pro.

B. Report on prior issues referred to the Board –

Supervisor Mars stated there were no issues referred to the Board at the last meeting, but there was a request from the Board to the Facilities & Amenities Committee. The Board has asked for F&A’s help to provide guidance to the Board on developing a policy for activities such as exercising classes, pottery classes, etc. that charge the residents for their service. The HGRD needs to make sure that these groups provide- the HGRD with Certificate of Insurance and indemnifies the HGRD in case of injury from said activities that they are being paid for. The Board has requested that they contact other communities and see how they handle the situation. The Board is not requesting that F&A develop a policy but instead give them feedback from the residents and other clubs that have similar activities and how they handle it. After discussion, it was decided that the committee would put the subject on the March 23rd Facilities & Amenities meeting agenda.

A resident has reported to the Board that he has noticed an increased number of people making phone calls in the Fitness Center which is annoying to those who are exercising. The Board would like the F&A Committee members to assess how residents would feel about a possible rule to prohibit any phone calls in the Fitness Center and whether or not this this would affect other District spaces. After discussion on the issue, the committee will put the discussion on the agenda for the March meeting.

C. Report on prior issues that required further study –

There were no prior issues that required further study by the committee.

VI NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Resident concerns/requests regarding maintenance, improvement, logistics and safety of buildings and grounds** – JoAnn Kelsey asked for clarification on why she cannot get a definitive reason why there cannot be a dog park in Herons Glen. GM Belknap explained that there was a group in 2017 that requested approval of a dog park in Herons Glen from the Facilities & Amenities Committee and the reasons why the project did not go forward. A variety of factors contributed to the project not going forward including a lack of location- on District property, the Covenants restrictions, the need for parking at the proposed site, cost of building and maintaining the dog park, and whether bathroom facilities at the proposed site would be needed. After discussion, JoAnn Kelsey will get from GM Belknap the Dog Park proposal submitted in 2017 along with the Long-Range Master plans that were given to the Board on any possible locations available in Herons Glen for future development.

B. Resident concerns/requests regarding recreational activities –

No concerns were raised at the meeting.

C. Resident concerns regarding recurring problems in the general operation of F&B and CLIS

Chair Koenig informed GM Belknap that on Saturday after the matinee show ended at 4:30 p.m. Paul Koenig was informed that the kitchen would be closed from 4-5 p.m. and therefore he could not get dinner before the next show at 7:00 p.m. unless he had the buffet. There was no notification that the restaurant had changed the published times that the restaurant is closed on Saturday. All published hours of operation were 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Chair Koenig stated that there needs to be better communication when a change is made. GM Belknap said he will check with Janine on why they closed from 4-5 p.m. on Saturday.

Chair Koenig was asked by residents to bring up the question as to whether the 18% gratuity for food & beverage should be increased to 20% as most restaurants and clubs are at this percentage. Discussion on the issue included the difficulty of attracting and retaining high-quality service staff, and whether increasing the gratuity to 20% would possibly hurt the employees. While club operations are completely different than restaurant operations, 20% is now the prevailing standard at clubs. Recently Magnolia has increased their gratuity to 20%. GM Belknap stated that the HGRD gratuity is only a recommended amount and read the following from the bottom of every chit: "For your convenience, a recommended gratuity of 18% is added to this check. The payment of this gratuity is subject to your complete discretion and may be increased, decreased, or eliminated entirely at the time services are provided". After discussion, JoAnn Kelsay made a motion to ask the Board of Supervisors to investigate the possibility of increasing the gratuity to 20%. Dennis Rathburn seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

VII NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in Card Room C and Zoom.

VIII ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

APPROVED:

 Approved
Mary Koenig, Chair

 March 30, 2026
Date