



Governance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 8:15 a.m.  
Fargo Park District Board Room  
6100 38<sup>th</sup> Street S, Fargo

## AGENDA

1. Review and Discuss Next Steps to Update Park Ordinances: Aaron Hill, presenter.
2. State Election Results and Discussion of Strategy in the Upcoming Legislative Session: Aaron Hill, presenter.
3. Governance Annual Work Plan: Aaron Hill, presenter.
4. Review Governance Committee Purpose: Aaron Hill, presenter.
5. Other

*Next Park Board Meeting: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 5:30 p.m.*  
*Next Planning Committee Meeting: December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8:30 a.m.*  
*Next Governance Committee Meeting: January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 8:15 a.m.*

Susan Faus, Executive Director  
Park Commissioners – Zoe Absey \* Vicki Dawson \* Joe Deutsch \* Aaron Hill \* Jerry Rostad  
Clerk -Jeff Gunkelman

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REVISED  
ORDINANCES OF THE PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FARGO

WHEREAS, The Park District of the City of Fargo is a municipal subdivision organized pursuant to 40-49 of the North Dakota Century Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 40-49-13 of the North Dakota Century Code provides for the exercise of the powers of the Board of Park Commissioners by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The Park District of the City of Fargo has heretofore from time to time, enacted ordinances pursuant to law and desires to amend and restate such ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it enacted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo:

SECTION 1  
AUTHORITY

These ordinances are enacted pursuant to Section 40-49-12, N.D.C.C., and shall be known and cited as the ordinances of the Park District of the City of Fargo (hereinafter "Ordinances").

SECTION 2  
DEFINITIONS

"Park District" means the Park District of the City of Fargo.

"Commissioners" means the members of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Fargo.

"Director" means the Director of Parks and Recreation appointed by the Commissioners.

"Park Property" means any real property owned, controlled or managed by the Park District and any building or other improvement located on such real property.

"Park District Employee" means the Commissioners, any adult employee of the Park District, and any police officer of the City of Fargo whether on or off duty while acting in the scope of his employment.

"His, and any other masculine pronoun" means the female as well as the male.

"Rules" means rules promulgated by the Commissioners under these ordinances or by the Director under the direction of the Commissioners.

"Beer, Wine, Alcoholic Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors" have the meanings defined in the North Dakota Century Code.

"Special Function" includes, but is not limited to, athletic events, whether indoor or outdoor, political rallies, religious rallies, and other similar gatherings at which large numbers of persons may be present.

"Motor Vehicle" means every vehicle which is self propelled including motorcycles, motorscooters, and the like.

SECTION 3  
EXISTENCE OF PARK DISTRICT

The Park District of the City of Fargo has been heretofore created in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota. The Park District embraces all of the territory within the City of Fargo city limits and such other areas as may be incorporated in the city limits in the future, and such other areas as may be in the future acquired by the Park District.

SECTION 4  
REPEAL

All Ordinances heretofore adopted by the Park District are hereby repealed as of the date of enactment of these revised Ordinances provided that such prior Ordinances shall apply to any acts or offenses committed prior to their repeal.

SECTION 5  
ADOPTION BY REFERENCE

All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Fargo which are by their terms applicable to parks, playgrounds, streets, alleys, public highways, parking lots or to the entire City of Fargo, shall be applicable to similar property of the Park District and are hereby adopted and enacted by reference, including all definitions and penalties for violation of such Ordinances.

SECTION 6  
ENFORCEMENT

1. The Commissioners may appoint one or more persons as park policemen to enforce the Ordinances and Rules of the Park District.

2. Every policeman of the City of Fargo, whether on or off duty, is hereby designated a park policeman with full authority to enforce Ordinances and Rules of the Park District and Ordinances of the City of Fargo on Park Property.

3. Any person designated by the Director as responsible for the maintenance of law and order at a Special Function is designated a park policeman for the duration of that function.

4. All Ordinances and Rules of the Park District and ordinances of the City of Fargo shall be enforced by park policemen and other employees of the Park District under the supervision of the Director. All policemen of the City of Fargo acting as park policemen shall enforce the Park District Rules and Ordinances and the Ordinances of the City of Fargo under the supervision of the Chief of Police of the City of Fargo.

5. Any person who violates any of the Ordinances or Rules of the Park District or any provision of the Fargo Municipal Code may be prohibited from using that Park Property upon which the violation occurred, consistent with the provisions of Section 14.

#### SECTION 7 PENALTIES

Full and exclusive jurisdiction to try and determine all violations of these Ordinances shall be vested in the municipal judge of the City of Fargo. The procedure, including the right of appeal, and the penalties provided shall be the same as in actions involving offenses against Ordinances of the City of Fargo. Where no other penalty is provided by the ordinances of the City of Fargo, or the Ordinances of the Park District, the penalty for violation of a Park District Ordinance shall be a fine not exceeding \$100.

#### SECTION 8 VIOLATIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate the provisions of these Ordinances or to do any of the following acts upon Park Property:

1. Place litter or rubbish of any kind on Park Property except in designated rubbish containers.

2. Destroy, deface or damage any Park Property or any tree, shrubbery or personal property located on Park Property.

3. Refuse to obey a lawful command or instruction of a Park District Employee or park policeman.

4. For any person under the age of 21 years to have in his possession or consume any alcoholic beverages on Park Property.

5. To appear on Park Property in a state of nudity or indecent or lewd dress or make any indecent exposure of his person or be guilty of any indecent, obscene or lewd act or behavior.

6. To engage in conduct that would constitute disorderly conduct as defined in the ordinances of the City of Fargo.

7. To obstruct a Park District Employee or park policeman in the discharge of his duties.

8. To throw stones or other missiles against Park Property or vehicles or at any person on Park District property.

9. To molest any person on Park Property by hindering or impeding his passage, or by rude, obscene vulgar, indecent or threatening language or behavior.

10. To participate in any part or other gathering of people on Park Property giving rise to noise and disturbing the peace of other persons using Park Property.

11. To refuse to leave Park Property upon being ordered to do so by any Park District Employee or park policeman after such employee or policeman has determined that a gathering is disturbing the peace or that an individual is violating the Ordinances or regulations of the Park District.

12. To operate a snowmobile or all terrain vehicle on Park Property.

13. To use roller skates, roller blades, skate boards and similar devices on Park District property except upon paved walks, trails, roads and parking lots. The use of such devices within 100 feet of any building or structure is prohibited.

14. To use golf clubs on Park District property except upon golf courses and golf driving ranges.

15. To violate posted or printed Rules.

16. To launch a water craft from or dock such water craft upon any Park District property except at locations determined by the Director and posted with signs permitting such use. Docking and launching shall not take place at anytime while the parks are closed. The Director may make appropriate rules for the launching and docking of water craft on Park District property for the safety of persons and property.

## SECTION 9 HOURS OF OPERATION

1. The Director shall, from time to time, determine the hours of operation of parks, swimming pools, golf courses, ball diamonds, skating rinks and other Park District facilities, and shall post and promulgate these hours as they deem appropriate.

2. No person shall enter upon or remain on Park Property during the hours of darkness, except where permitted by posted or printed Rules, except persons authorized to camp overnight on Park Property. The Director may promulgate Rules with respect to overnight camping on Park Property.

SECTION 10  
CROWD CONTROL

Any person renting or using Park Property shall be responsible for the maintenance of law and order upon the premises. The Director shall promulgate appropriate Rules for the maintenance of law and order on all Park Properties. The Rules need not be uniform and may vary from place to place having due regard for the nature of the activity and the anticipated size of the gathering. The Director or Park District Employee in charge of the premises on which any activity is conducted shall have authority to suspend or terminate any activity, and/or order the removal of any person from the activity or the area of the activity, if, in his opinion, public safety is endangered or the Ordinances of the Park District are being violated.

SECTION 11  
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

In addition to any applicable Ordinances of the City of Fargo, the following provisions shall govern the use of motor vehicles on Park Property:

- (a) No vehicle shall exceed a speed of 15 miles per hour.
- (b) No vehicle other than a Park District vehicle shall be driven off the paved or graveled surface of the road except that vehicles may be parked no more than 20 feet from the edge of the traveling surface or in areas maintained as parking lots.
- (c) No vehicle other than a bicycle shall be driven upon any recreational trail or in any area where vehicular traffic is prohibited by signing. A recreational trail is any path, paved or unpaved, which is not more than 12 feet wide.

SECTION 12  
PERMITS AND FEES

1. No person shall conduct a business for profit on Park Property nor use Park Property or facilities in connection therewith without a permit from the Director. In granting or refusing a permit, the Director shall consider the safety of persons and property, including property of the Park District, the propriety of conducting such business in a public park and such other factors as the Director deems appropriate. The Park District may charge a fee for such use, which shall take into account additional expense to the Park District caused by the conduct of such business and may require the person conducting such business to procure public liability and

property damage insurance with limits specified by the Director naming the Park District as an additional insured.

2. The Commissioners shall, from time to time, determine fees to be charged for the use of Park Property and shall determine which Special Functions and which use of Park District facilities shall be by permit only.

3. The Director shall issue a permit for the conduct of any Special Function or the use of any facility requiring a permit after the applicant has:

- (a) paid the required fee;
- (b) entered into any contract required by the Director;
- (c) provided proof of any required insurance;
- (d) agreed to hire sufficient personnel to maintain order;
- (e) agreed to repair or pay for any damage caused to Park Property;
- (f) agreed to clean up the premises subsequent to use if required by the Director.

4. In addition to any other Special Function or facility used for which a permit may be required, it shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the following acts on Park Property without first receiving a permit from the Director:

- (a) Hold any public meeting or deliver any public address or participate in any parade or other public demonstration;
- (b) Use any equipment to amplify or project talking, singing or music;
- (c) Perform any musical program;

### SECTION 13 BEVERAGES

1. No intoxicating liquor shall be consumed on Park Property.

2. No beer shall be consumed upon Park Property, except as provided by this section. Beer may be consumed on Park Property pursuant to a permit issued by the Director, but only in those areas which have been posted as areas where beer consumption by permit is permitted. The issuance of beer permits shall be in the discretion of the Director and pursuant to policies and rules approved by the Commissioners for the issuance of such permits.

3. No person shall bring glass bottled beverages upon Park Property.

SECTION 14  
USE OF FACILITIES

The following provisions shall apply to all Park Property, including golf courses, swimming pools, ball diamonds, skating rinks and indoor facilities:

1. The Director shall promulgate Rules for the conduct of activities conducted on Park Property.

2. Any person violating the Park District Ordinances, Park District Rules, or the Fargo Municipal Code may be ordered to leave Park Property and may further be banned or otherwise barred from entering upon or using the Park Property upon which the violation occurred for a period of ninety (90) days. The Fargo Police Department is expressly authorized to enforce this provision. At any time before the expiration of the ninety (90) days, the Director may inform the Fargo Police Department that the ban or bar has been lifted and that person is otherwise allowed on Park Property. Any person who has been banned or otherwise barred from entering upon or using the Park Property, upon which a violation has occurred, may appeal the prohibition to the Director within fourteen (14) days of being banned or barred from Park Property. No person shall receive a refund of fees paid in connection with Park District sponsored activities by reason of such ban or bar.

3. Rules promulgated by the Director may be brought to the attention of Park District patrons by signs, tags, season ticket applications, or any other matter reasonably calculated to bring the Rules to the attention of the patron.

SECTION 15  
SMOKING

1. For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall govern:

- (a) “Playground” means any recreational area located within Park District property that has play equipment specifically designed to be used by children and includes all surfacing, fencing, and internal pathways, and other structures that are part of the recreational area.

- (b) “Smoke or smoking” means the possession of a lighted pipe, lighted cigar, lighted cigarette or any other tobacco-related product of any kind, or the lighting of a pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other tobacco-related product of any kind.

2. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings owned or controlled by the Park District.



3. No person shall smoke or dispose of pipe ash, cigarette butts, cigar butts, or any other tobacco-related waste on or within 25 feet of any Playground.
4. No person shall intimidate, threaten, or effect any reprisal, for the purpose of retaliating against another person who seeks to attain compliance with this Section 15.

First Reading	October 14, 2008
Second Reading	November 11, 2008
Final Reading	December 9, 2008
Publication:	January 5, 2009

SECTION 16  
DOGS AND CATS

Every person having custody or control of any dog, cat or other animal on Park Property shall maintain control of such animal by use of a chain or leash or by confinement within a vehicle or otherwise, and such person shall be equipped to and shall collect the animal's solid waste when eliminated. Any such waste shall be deposited in a refuse container or removed from Park District property.

SECTION 17  
DEPOSITS ON PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY

1. No person shall deposit snow, earth, construction material or other substance on Park Property without a written permit from the Park District. The permit shall specify the place of deposit and shall identify the substance. The Park District may charge an administrative fee for issuance of the permit, charge a fee for allowing the deposit and may require a security deposit as an indemnity against damage to Park Property. Notwithstanding any permit issued by the Park District, no person shall deposit any material containing salt, sand or other substance which may be harmful to vegetation on Park Property.

2. No owner, occupant or user of property abutting Park Property shall cause or allow water from any downspout, sump or similar device to be directly or indirectly deposited on Park Property. Any violation of this provision is declared to be a public nuisance and may be abated by means of any remedy provided by law. Each day such nuisance remains unabated after five (5) days written notice from the Park District to the person causing or allowing the nuisance shall be considered a separate violation.

SECTION 18  
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect three (3) days after the publication thereof.

THE PARK DISTRICT OF THE  
CITY OF FARGO

By: \_\_\_\_\_signature\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Barnhart, President  
of the Board of Park  
Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_signature\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Kennelly, Clerk

First Reading: September 13, 2005

Second Reading: January 10, 2006

Final Reading: March 14, 2006

Publication: March 20, 2006

## FPD Governance Annual Work Plan

Month	Governance Policies	Commissioners/ ED Relationships	Operational Expectations	Board/Planning Committee Meetings	Other Meetings
January	GP 6		OE 1-5	1/14/25 Board 1/22/25 Planning 1/29/25 Governance	
February	GP 8			2/11/25 Board 2/19/25 Planning 2/26/25 Governance	
March				3/11/25 Board 3/19/25 Planning 3/26/25 Governance	Board Workshop 3/19/2025
April		C/ED 3		4/8/25 Board 4/16/25 Planning 4/23/25 Governance	
May				5/13/25 Board 5/21/25 Planning 5/28/25 Governance	
June			OE 7	6/10/25 Board 6/18/25 Planning 6/25/25 Governance	
July	GP 1-2-7	C/ED 1-2		7/8/25 Board 7/16/25 Planning 7/23/25 Governance	New Board Member Orientation
August	GP 3-5	C/ED 4-5		8/12/25 Board 8/20/25 Planning 8/27/25 Governance	
September	GP 4		OE 2	9/9/25 Board 9/24/25 Planning	NRPA 16-18 NDRPA 30-2
October			OE 3	10/7/25 Board 10/15/25 Planning 10/22/25 Governance	Board Workshop 10/15/2025
November			OE 4	11/4/25 Board 11/19/25 Planning 11/26/25 Governance	
December		C/ED 6-7	OE 6	12/9/25 Board 12/17/25 Planning 12/31/25 Governance	





## MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 27, 2024

TO: Fargo Park Board Committee Members

FROM: Susan Faus, Executive Director

RE: Agenda Item #4 - Review Governance Committee

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**Purpose:** Purpose

1. Assist the Board President and Executive Director in planning upcoming agendas.
2. Review the Board's Annual Work Calendar.
3. Coordinate and conduct new member orientation.
4. Review when directed by the Board's President and recommend updates to existing Board Governance policies for consideration and action by the Board.
5. Review and recommend updates to existing Board Ordinances for consideration and action by the Board.
6. Monitor federal, state, and city legislation and executive actions about Park District interests, keeping the Board informed regarding such issues.
7. Compile the annual review of the Executive Directors' performance and prepare a recommendation for Board consideration.
8. If there is an opening in the Executive Directors position, the Governance Committee will organize a search process and the subsequent steps necessary to hire a new Executive Director.
9. Work on other projects or issues as assigned by the action of the Board.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me prior to the meeting.

Thank you.