

**BARTLETT PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026**

Call to Order

President Eckelberry called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Roll Call

Commissioners present were: Stephen M. Eckelberry, Diana Gunsteen, Dale Ann Kasuba, Jody Fagan and Nathan Botkin.

Commissioners absent were: Lori A. Palmer and Susan M. Stocks

Staff present included Executive Director, Kevin Romejko

Guests: Monica Goshorn-Maroney and Amelia Gonzales with RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture (formerly Hitchcock Design Group).

Public Comments

None

Comprehensive Master Plan Leadership Workshop

Director Romejko began the workshop by reminding the Board we are here to review a draft of the comprehensive master plan (CMP) provided by RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture (RVi). Director Romejko further reminded the Board next steps are to have RVi present a final draft of the CMP at the April 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and staff will bring the CMP for formal Board approval at the April 28, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. Director Romejko then introduced this evening's guests, Monica Goshorn-Maroney and Amelia Gonzales with RVi.

Ms. Goshorn-Maroney began by reviewing the Table of Contents which appears on page 3, along with the Introduction and District Profile on pages 4-8. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney then reviewed Chapter One, *Analyze: Inventory & Analysis*, which appears on pages 9-76. Ms. Fagan inquired about the Park & Open Space Matrix on pages 18-23 including red text where the amenity is deemed beyond its useful life. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney responded that beyond its useful life does not mean the amenity is unsafe, it simply means it is deemed beyond its useful life by NRPA standards. Mr. Botkin inquired as to using the term beyond its useful life. Director Romejko advised this is a well-known industry term utilized by NRPA and can assist in potential grant funding. Next Ms. Goshorn-Maroney reviewed Chapter Two, *Connect: Community Engagement* which appears on pages 77-104. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney then reviewed Chapter Three, *Envision & Prioritize: Alternative and Preferred Strategies* which appears on pages 105-122. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney noted that Chapter Three outlines each of the seven objectives within the CMP, with strategies color coded between facilities, parks, operations, and programs. With there being no questions, Ms. Goshorn-Maroney reviewed Chapter Four, *Implement: Action Plan* on pages 123-138. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney advised Chapter Four provides an at-a-glance action plan timeline with fiscal year divided into quarters as well as a detailed summary of the action items, provided in a year-by-year checklist format in chronological order from FY2026-27 to 2031. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney also highlighted Fiscal Years 6-10 was updated to read as Fiscal Years 6+. Last Ms. Goshorn-Maroney reviewed page 141 which lists items included in the appendix of the CMP. She did not go into detail regarding these items. Mr. Eckelberry inquired about some pages in the appendix being rotated 90 degrees, making them very difficult to read. Ms. Gunsteen suggested Mr. Eckelberry simply turn his head 90 degrees when reading those pages. There was laughter and then Ms. Goshorn-Maroney advised any printed copies would look like this; however, the electronic copy for the Park District website will have all pages rotated properly. Director Romejko

inquired regarding the absence of a parks inventory which had been included in the 2015 CMP. Director Romejko advised this was often used during the training on new Parks Department team members. Ms. Gunsteen advised she received this section on the 2015 CMP when she was first elected to the Park Board. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney explained that over the years CMP's have gone away from things like a complete parks inventory and focused more on objectives, strategies and action plans. Mr. Eckelberry said this made sense to him and he has seen the shift away from CMP's including parks inventories. Ms. Goshorn-Maroney advised RVI has the data from when they toured the District's parks and was confident, they could either put something together or provide the raw data to the District.

With there being no further questions Director Romejko asked the Board to provide him with any additional comments or feedback regarding the CMP no later than Tuesday, March 31. Director Romejko again noted the goal is to present a final draft of the CMP at the April 14, 2026, Board meeting with adoption of the CMP at the April 28, 2026, Board meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Gunsteen moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting, seconded by Ms. Fagan. **Motion carried at 6:24 pm.**

Minutes Approved by the Board on April 14, 2026.

By: 
Kevin Romejko, Board Secretary