

Collin County
Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board

Minutes

July 22, 2025

The Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board convened in a regular session at the Landing, located at 7117 County Road 166, McKinney, TX 75071, on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Board members present: Rutledge Haggard, Phil Maternowski, Srinu Raghavan, Marianne Wells, and Steve Wright.

Myers Park & Event Center staff present: Vanesa Rhodes and Jennifer Rogers.

Item No. 1 Call to order

After establishing a quorum, Board Chair Rutledge Haggard called the Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board Meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

Item No. 2 Review and Action to Approve April 29, 2025, meeting minutes

Board Member Marianne Wells motioned to approve the April 29, 2025, Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Phil Maternowski. The motion carried.

Item No. 3 Update on Farm Museum

Farm Museum Coordinator Jennifer Rogers presented her monthly report to the board. She shared that she is continuing to scale back public education programs in order to dedicate more time and focus to the Museum's collections. Ms. Rogers informed the board that, beginning in October 2025, she has received approval to utilize guest instructors. Funding for these instructors will be supported through the Farm Museum Memorial Fund (\$5,000) and a contribution of \$3,000 from the Myers Park & Event Center budget. She also announced that the Farm Museum is installing its first vision-accessible exhibit, titled Vanishing Spaces. This exhibit will explore the ongoing loss of agricultural land in Collin County and is scheduled to open on October 4th at 10 a.m. Additionally, an article highlighting the exhibit will be featured in the American Alliance of Museums' national exhibit journal.

Item No. 4 Update on recent and future events at Myers Park

Event Coordinator, Mark Page was unable to attend the meeting, however he submitted his monthly and year-to-date report for board members to review.

Item No. 5 Update on FY 2026 Budget and Projects at Myers Park

In the absence of Park Manager, Judy Moody, staff member Vanesa Rhodes presented the prepared talking points to the board. Board members received copies of the recommended FY 2026 budgets for both Myers Park & Event Center and The Farm Museum.

Ms. Rhodes reviewed three key budget recommendations that will use FY 2025 funding:

- A new P/A system for the Show Barn
- A portable P/A sound system
- Replacement chairs

She also updated the board on facility improvements, noting that new doors for The Landing are scheduled for installation next month. Additionally, pricing has been collected for upcoming projects funded through bond money.

Progress on other projects is as follows:

- Security Camera's – items have been purchased and arrived, staff is waiting on Facilities department to schedule installation
- Show Barn P/A System – items are on order.

Item No. 6 Possible Future Agenda Items

No topics brought forth for future agenda items.

Item No. 7 Adjourn

Board Chair Haggard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Board member Maternowski seconded the motion. The next Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board Meeting will be held on October 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in The Landing