POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

February 9, 2026 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order: Chair Robert Williams called the Meeting to Order

Attendance:

Members: Robert Williams, Larry Lopardo, Sheryl Cherry, Liz Howie, Keith McCloskey, Brian Mickelson, Alan Atkins, Kelli Cholieu (on video)

Staff: Tom Judson, Jessica McCrary, Rick Echols, Roland Neville, Trey Anson

Board Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch

Visitors/Guests: A number of Members

Current Business:

January Minutes were approved.

New Business

There were a number of visitors. Tim Sullivan spoke. He had heard that the POA was considering adding pickleball lines to the tennis courts at Kingsdale. He had met with Roland Neville, who said that this was not under consideration.

Mr. Judson confirmed that this rumor had not come from the POA.

Mr. Sullivan had questions about revenue generation, and Mr Judson agreed to meet separately with Mr Sullivan to discuss.

Ron Gass spoke. He had a question about the 2026 budget. Mr Judson confirmed that the 2026 budget was fixed, aside from any emergencies that may arise. He said that if Members want to influence next year's budget, they need to get involved in the process which begins in the summer.

2026 Non-Member events

We will not vote on the Berksdale South events since we just received notice of them. That vote will occur in March.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to approve all of the other proposed events.

Board Liaisons

No comments from the Liaison.

Staff Reports

Tom Judson

No comments.

Rick Echols

On March 2 we will restart filling Lomond by closing the gates. We have refurbished the docks.

Due to the weather, ranger contacts were down. There were 966 in January 2026, 2100, on December 2025, 1300, in January 2025.

Members are reminded to not go on the ice, including allowing children on the ice.

We will inspect the dams this spring.

Kayak racks will be added at Avalon and Tiree. There are over 60 folks on the rack waiting lists.

The Coffee and Cookies event was a success. Over 50 Members attended.

John Urquhart

Rifle and pistol had low attendance due to the weather. The high school trap and skeet season starts soon. Concealed Carry classes start on Feb 22.

Trey Anson

Trails use is up 39% from 2025. Huntley Park will get a facelift on the downhill section. There is no ETA on the bridge repair.

Roland Neville

A pipe burst between the Kingsdale pools and tennis courts and is being repaired. .

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Amenity Reports

Amenity: Blowing Springs/Gear Garden

Larry Lopardo–Feb 5, 2026- a Thursday; one week after the snow

Overall Condition:

Good.

Areas for Review:

The trail lot had one car. This was the week after snow. The side of the lot towards the trail was not swept and had snow and ice, possibly dangerous to walkers and bikers. This was also on that part of the trail next to the lot. Q: who is responsible for snow clearance in this lot? ANSWER AT MEETING: The POA, but priority is given to the Rec Center lots

The trail along the camping area had unplowed spots

In the campground, the water faucet at space 56 is still leaning but operates.

Staff reported that there are no issues.

The two campgrounds were about 20% full. Painting is STILL needed on the GG water station.

The Gear Garden lot needs restriping and should go in a budget queue for resurfacing next year.

There is no sign in the GG shower indicating how to turn it on. This is important in the spring when the water is activated. I understood that this would be done months ago.

The grills on the GG platform have some rust. They should be sanded and repainted before the spring.

Member/Guest Interactions:

I did not speak with any guests.

Additional observations:

None

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Bella Vista POA – Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Area and Branchwood Complex & Trail

Committee Member: Kelli Cholieu

Review Period: January 2026

Overall Condition

Branchwood Complex

• Pickleball courts, gym, pool, disc golf course, and trail were highly active and in excellent condition.

• The children's play area was well maintained and visually appealing.

• Overall, the facility appeared clean, functional, and well cared for.

Loch Lomond Recreation Area

• Most amenities are in good condition.

• The gazebo and dog park fencing are in strong condition.

Areas for Review

Branchwood Complex

• One basketball net requires replacement.

• Basketball court surface shows significant cracking and should be repaired or resurfaced to maintain safe play.

Loch Lomond Recreation Area

• Picnic tables near the baseball field and dugout benches require resurfacing, repainting, and sealing.

• A picnic table in the large dog park area requires maintenance.

• Chain-link fencing behind the dugout needs clips reattached to the top rail.

• A large hole partially covered with old plywood should be permanently repaired.

Member Interactions

• Branchwood: Two users reported the disc golf course is in excellent condition and remains their favorite course in

Northwest Arkansas.

• Loch Lomond: Two long-term dog park users expressed appreciation for the amenities and overall maintenance.

They suggested additional grass and reseeding in dirt-heavy areas of the large dog park.

Additional Observations & Photo Documentation

The following photos document maintenance needs identified during this review.

Amenity: Granton Park
Committee Member: Sheryl Cherry
Review Month/Year: January 2026

Overall Condition:
The road was cleared but the grassy areas were still covered in snow. Porta-potty and doggy bags well stocked.

Areas for Review:
None.

Member Interactions:
None.

Additional Observations:
None.

Amenity: Highlands Shooting Complex
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: January 2026

Overall Condition:

The pistol, rifle, and archery ranges are in good overall condition. Trap and skeet ranges are not covered in this report as the ranges were not open at the time of evaluation. All grounds and structures are in good condition, except as noted in previous reports or as listed below:

Areas for Review:
A shade structure is still needed at the pistol, rifle, and archery ranges.
The launch houses at the trap & skeet area are in need of repairs and repainting.

Member Interactions:
There was a hand full of members/guests at the pistol, archery, and rifle ranges. There were no interactions with the amenity users due to live fire at the time of this evaluation.

Additional Observations:
No additional observations for this report.

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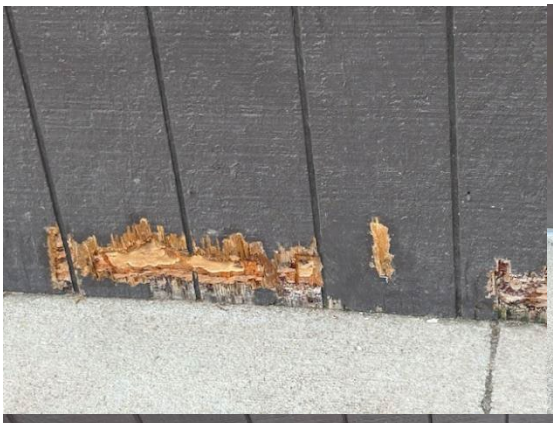
menity: London Park
Committee Member: Robert Williams
Review Month/Year: January 2026

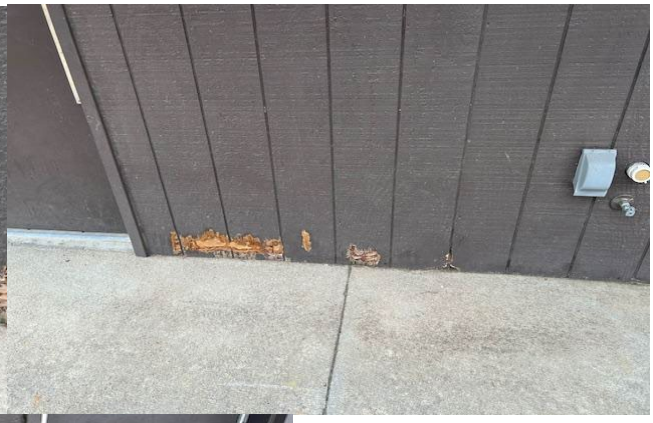
Overall Condition: Restrooms were clean and well stocked
Pavilion area looked great
Fish cleaning station was clean
Most of the area was still covered in snow

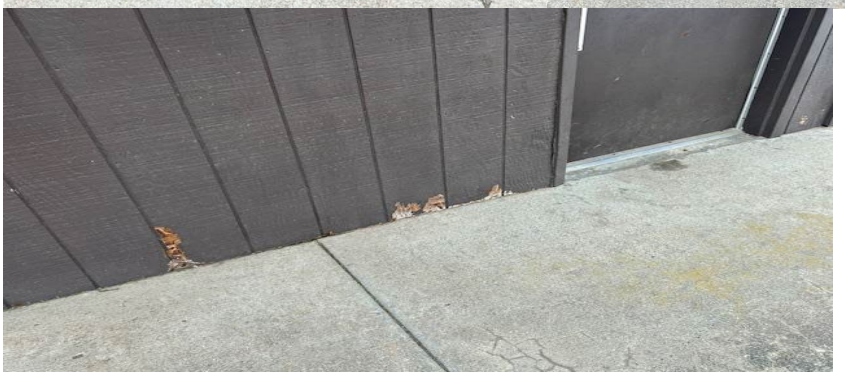
Areas for Review: The siding at the rest rooms looks as though something is chewing its way through. I have included pictures.

Member Interactions: Some contractors making several trips with lumber to build a dock were using the ramp at the time. They were friendly and mentioned the road into the area was kind of rough.

Additional Observations: None







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AREAS FOR REVIEW
Tanyard Creek Park map available on the POA website does not include additional parking that is available at the Tanyard Creek Practice Facility.

MEMBER INTERACTION
I interviewed a lady from Ft. Worth walking her dog while visiting her parents that live in Bella Vista. Very complimentary of the Park.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS
Tanyard Creek Nature Trail Volunteers continue to monitor and maintain the Park on a weekly schedule, removing debris and litter.

BLOWING SPRINGS GREENWAY TRAIL (BSGT).
BELLA VISTA TRAILS

OVERALL CONDITION OF BSGT
Front parking lot to Euston road is clean of litter and debris.
Safety road signage is present and highly visible.

AREAS FOR REVIEW
One area behind the Camper Cabins has a gravel wash area.

MEMBER INTERACTION
Sunny days have lots of pet walkers and bikers connecting to Back 40 trails.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS
Water bottle fill station located at front parking lot needed.

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Member Interactions:
None

Additional Observations:
None