



## UNIVERSITY PARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

**Meeting Date:**  
7/7/2026

**Item Type:**  
Staff Report

**Subject:** July is Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

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### **Background:**

In 1985, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) declared July as national Parks and Recreation Month. Each year, Parks and Recreation agencies around the country recognize this declaration and participant in a number of community activities and outreach programs.

This year's theme is "The Power Of..." to the highlight the power of parks and recreation, play, nature, community, belonging, well-being, and the people who make these experiences possible.

- **The Power of Connection:** Parks and recreation provides spaces where relationships grow, cultures meet and communities bond.
- **The Power of Play:** From playgrounds to programs to youth sports, play fuels creativity, joy and lifelong learning.
- **The Power of Community:** Public spaces offer room for everyone to gather, celebrate and heal.
- **The Power of Nature:** Access to nature restores, inspires, and improves quality of life.
- **The Power of Belonging:** Welcoming parks and programs provide spaces where everyone feels valued.
- **The Power of Well-Being:** Parks and recreation advances health, resilience and shared community benefits.

Parks staff will recognize the Power of Parks and Recreation throughout the month of July with various activities.

Today, we bring the proclamation before Mayor and City Council to declare July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of University Park for 2026.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Not Applicable

- Budget Amendment Required
  - Proposed Revenue
  - Proposed Expenditure
- Funding Source:

**Master Plan Goal:**

Please check the associated Theme and provide the corresponding action item number.



|                                     | <b>Theme</b>              | <b>Action Item(s)</b> |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Affirming Sense of Place  | 2.4                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Assuring Connectivity     |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Innovative Governance     |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Technological Integration |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Preparing for the Future  |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Not Applicable            |                       |

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of this reservation request.

**Committee Review (optional):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Proclamation