



Five Flags Civic Center Advisory Commission Meeting

September 8, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Bryce Parks, McKenzie Blau, Colleen Myers, Alan Schumacher
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	Sara Tandy
STAFF PRESENT:	Tom Robbins, Greg Olson, Jayme Mescher, Alyson Tasker, Nick Farfan, Kalib Walling, Don Lorenz
OTHERS PRESENT:	Acting Project and Facilities Manager Marie Ware
CALL TO ORDER:	Parks called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.
OATH OF OFFICE:	Chair Parks administered the Oath of Office to Blau and Myers.
MINUTES APPROVED:	Commissioner Blau motioned to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Myers. Motion passed unanimously.
INTRODUCTION OF OVG:	Assistant General Manager/Director of Bookings Tom Robbins introduced himself as well as the remainder of the OVG team that staff Five Flags. Ryan Bonifas serves as the General Manager of both Five Flags and Grand River Center. The other shared positions between the two facilities are Sr. Director of Operations Jayme Mescher and Chief Engineer Don Lorenz. Five Flags has Greg Olson as Director of Finance, Alyson Tasker as Sr. Box Office and Marketing Manager, Sr. Event Manager Nick Farfan, Maintenance Supervisor Adam Davis, and Production Manager Kalib Walling. They are still working to fill the positions of Food and Beverage Manager, Operations Manager, and Manager of Partnerships. Each of the staff members present shared a little about themselves and their position. The Commissioners then introduced themselves.
TRANSITION TO DATE:	Since July 1 the staff has been busy inventorying, cleaning, organizing, working on ways to conserve energy in the facility, securing the facility, hiring, training, and onboarding staff and more. Much work was done to ensure the first major concert, Treaty Oak Revival, was a great experience for the almost 4000 concert goers. Staff shared that a strength of OVG is the training and mentoring received from regional and corporate staff. This is helping the staff set up for success.
UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER TOM ROBBINS ON BOOKINGS AND EVENTS:	Robbins reported that he is busy working on booking events for the Center. He noted several theater shows upcoming. Iowa Power arena football had its first exhibition games in the arena. Tasker reported on the shows just announced and shared more will be coming.

**UPDATE FROM
DIRECTOR OF
OPERATIONS
JAYME MESCHER**

Mescher shared that staff are learning the systems and becoming familiar with the facility. It was noted that staff have been able to cool the building areas so that guest comfort has been greatly improved with it being cool enough during the events in each area of the building.

**UPDATE FROM
DIRECTOR OF
FINANCE GREG
OLSON:**

Olson shared the quarterly financials report with commission members. ASM closed the fiscal year \$262,595 over the benchmark set. Ware reported this additional loss is proposed to be covered with other savings in the parks and recreation department budget during the FY 26 Budget Amendment #1. Olson reported that a streamlined payment system is being set up for accounts payable vendors which will benefit staff and the vendors as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Blau, seconded by Parks, to adjourn the meeting 3:50 p.m. Unanimous.

NEXT MEETING:

December 1, 2025, 3:30 p.m.