

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
SAND SPRINGS PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, March 2, 2026  
Case Community Center  
1050 West Wekiwa Road - Sand Springs, OK  
Meeting Rooms AB - 5:30pm  
[www.sandspringsok.gov](http://www.sandspringsok.gov)**

1. **Call to Order**                      Time \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Roll Call**

PJ Baker\_\_\_\_      Matt Barnett\_\_\_\_      Cathy Burdge\_\_\_\_      Greg Cordell\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Hopkins\_\_\_\_      Ari Montross\_\_\_\_      Emile Tucker\_\_\_\_

3. **Invocation**

Chair Cathy Burdge will ask a board member to provide the invocation; the public is welcome, but not required, to participate.

4. **Minutes (February 2, 2026) – Pages 3-6**

The Board will consider approval, denial, amendment, or revision of the minutes of the February 2, 2026 Park Advisory Board regular meeting.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_                      Second \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Hometown Hero Nominees – Pages 7-14**

The Board will consider approval, denial, amendment, or revision of the selection of a Hometown Hero applicant to be honored at the Seating of Council meeting on May 4, 2026.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_                      Second \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Hometown Hero Award**

The Board will consider approval, denial, amendment, or revision of the type of award presented to the 2026 and future Hometown Hero honorees.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_                      Second \_\_\_\_\_

7. **GO Bond Updates**

The Parks Director will update the board on the GO Bond projects.

This item is for informational purposes only.

8. **Special Events Updates**

Updates provided for upcoming special events for the city.

This item is for informational purposes only.

**9. Golf Course Updates**

The Golf Director will provide updates on the course.

This item is for informational purposes only.

**10. Recreation Updates**

The Recreation Manager will give updates on recreational activities.

This item is for informational purposes only.

**11. Park Project Updates**

The Parks Project Manager will provide updates on current and upcoming projects.

This item is for informational purposes only.

**12. Director’s Report**

The Parks Director will update the Board about park activities and future planning efforts.

This item is for informational purposes only.

**13. Advisory Board Members Report**

Members of the Park Advisory Board may report on events of interest, projects of interest, and recent or upcoming events and projects.

This item is for informational purposes only.

**14. City Manager’s Report**

The City Manager will provide updates regarding recent and upcoming events and projects, including events of interest and the general operations of the city.

This item is for informational purposes only.

**15. Adjournment**                      Time \_\_\_\_\_

This agenda was filed in the office of the City Clerk located at 100 East Broadway Street and posted on the display board located at the front entrance of the Sand Springs Municipal Building (City Hall) at 1:30 p.m. on February 27, 2026, by Melissa Cartwright, Parks Administrative Assistant.

  
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Melissa Cartwright, Parks Administrative Assistant

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
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**January 2026 to December 2026**

**MEMBERS:**

PJ Baker	1-0
Matt Barnett	1-0
Greg Cordell	1-0
Aaron Hopkins	1-0
Ari Montross	1-0
Emile Tucker	1-0

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mike Carter, City Manager  
Josh Quigley, Parks Director  
Brian Talley, Golf Director  
Joy McAfee, Parks Recreation Manager  
Tyrel Rogers, Parks Project Manager  
Richard Coe, Parks Foreman  
Melissa Cartwright, Parks Admin Assistant

**ABSENT:**

Cathy Burdge 0-1

The Sand Springs Park Advisory Board met in regular session on February 2, 2026, in conference rooms A/B of the Case Community Center pursuant to the regular meeting notice and agenda filed with the City Clerk's office and posted at 1:30 p.m. on January 29, 2026, on the display board located at the front entrance of the Sand Springs Municipal Building (City Hall), 100 East Broadway Street, Sand Springs, Oklahoma, 74063.

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Ari Montross called the meeting to order at the noted time of 5:33 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Parks Admin Assistant Melissa Cartwright called for an individual roll call with members replying in the following manner:

Baker, here	Barnett, here	Burdge, no reply	Cordell, here
Hopkins, here	Montross, here	Tucker, here	

**3. Invocation**

Matt Barnett delivered the invocation.

**4. Minutes of October 6, 2025 Park Advisory Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Matt Barnett and seconded by Emile Tucker that the minutes of October 6, 2025, Park Advisory Board meeting, as presented, be approved.

Parks Admin Assistant Melissa Cartwright called for the vote, recorded as follows:

Baker, aye; Barnett, aye; Cordell, aye; Hopkins, aye; Montross, aye; Tucker, aye

The motion carried 6-0-0.

**5. Minutes of November 5, 2025 Park Advisory Board Special Meeting**

A motion was made by Matt Barnett and seconded by Emile Tucker that the minutes of November 5, 2025, Park Advisory Board special meeting, as presented, be approved.

Parks Admin Assistant Melissa Cartwright called for the vote, recorded as follows:

Baker, aye; Barnett, aye; Cordell, aye; Hopkins, aye; Montross, aye; Tucker, aye

The motion carried 6-0-0.

**6. GO Bond Updates**

Parks Director Josh Quigley provided a PowerPoint presentation of the General Obligation Bond projects, comparing their progression from when he joined the city in February 2024 to February 2025 to current day. Bid opening for the Sand Springs Dog Park – Phase 1 is at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

This item was for informational purposes only.

**7. Special Events Updates**

Case Community Center hosted Falloween on October 17<sup>th</sup> and Winter Blitz on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Runners will return to the Keystone Ancient Forest for Ancient Trail Trek on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The Thunder Court in Case Community Park has been repainted and will be rededicated on March 21<sup>st</sup>. On April 18<sup>th</sup> Activate Oklahoma will hold a bike ride with Herbal Affair as its destination. The Veterans Chilln & Grilln Car Show will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the baseball parking lot in Case Community Park.

This item was for informational purposes only.

**8. Golf Course Updates**

Brian Talley announced that rounds were up for November and December, adding a 10% increase in revenue. A water line break occurred overnight Saturday into Sunday causing erosion issues to cart paths and fairways (no greens) that are being corrected before reopening the course on Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup>. Brian noted sixty events are booked between May and September 2026 alone. There has been no backlash to the new golf fee structure introduced on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This item was for informational purposes only.

## 9. Recreation Updates

Recreation Manager Joy McAfee shared the Case Community Center will be 18 years old in September. She shared Park staff celebrating their work anniversaries are Linda Pinkerton with 11 years, Gene Hartman with eight years and Melissa Cartwright with five years. We are four months into RecDesk and are closer to offering classes with fees. Both full-time Case Center Coordinators Linda Pinkerton and Kaia Forbes received a title change and are now Enrichment Program Coordinators. The seniors have requested a pool table through the CENA Grant three separate times, being declined each time. As a result, parks staff renewed the Senior Association agreement and are co-purchasing a pool table from One Billiard. Full time KAF Coordinator Rocky Kelley has shared humorous Facebook posts about the upcoming Ancient Trail Trek which have garnered over 25k views.

This item was for informational purposes only.

## 10. Park Project Updates

Park Project Manager Tyrel Rogers highlighted project updates. The Geotech Report confirmed Page Park is sitting on sand, nothing more. Interior work has begun at the museum, aiming for completion by Herbal Affair. The contractor will start in the West Gallery, move to the East Gallery then the center section. When preparing for the interior work, the upstairs curtains fell apart when taken down. Fortunately, the new UV film on the museum windows make curtains optional. Park Maintenance will perform demolition at the dog park to save money.

A prescribed burn is planned at the Keystone Ancient Forest, weather permitting. The Veteran's Center has received kitchen and exterior lock updates and is scheduled for pest control services beginning next week. Sand Springs Lake had vegetation cleared near the gazebo for better fishing access. Park Maintenance acquired a "new" used gator with a cab for trail work.

Parks Foreman Richard Coe reported the new maintenance building is complete and the crew now has direct access to Case Community Park on the south side of the yard. Baseball has a landing area for dirt / conditioner.

This item was for informational purposes only.

## 11. Director's Report

Josh Quigley shared that artist Thomas Dambo will be visiting the Tulsa metro area to consider KAF as a site for his Troll artwork. If chosen, Oklahoma will be the fifth state to have these unique pieces of art. Legal is currently working on addenda to the BMX, soccer, baseball, and softball group agreements that will address costs for the portable restrooms and dirt work. Josh disclosed Kason Hughes, former part time Case Center Coordinator, is now the full-time Sports Coordinator. He will be the primary point of contact with the sports user groups even though Park staff are still available. Kason will maintain the master calendar for the user groups as well as work on new public sports opportunities like an adult basketball league, an outdoor volleyball or pickleball league, for example.

This item was for informational purposes only.

**12. Advisory Board Members Reports**

No reports given.

**13. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Mike Carter stated Torchy Wolfe wants to sell the land between her residence, including a building ideal for storage, and the north side of the dog park for \$45k. Speed bumps will be added through Case Community Park after Hwy 97 opens. Work will begin on south 113<sup>th</sup> west avenue since all necessary property has been acquired. The new Animal Welfare shelter continues under construction.

This item was for informational purposes only.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at the noted time of 6:41 p.m.

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Cathy Burdge, Chairperson

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Date

MLC  
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# Hometown Hero Sand Springs Application Form 2026

Your name: Gina Myers

Your Phone: 918-378-1740

Your Email: [gina.myers@sandites.org](mailto:gina.myers@sandites.org)

Your occupation: Teacher at CBMS

Nominee Name: Faron Kelly

Nominee Address: 4522 Redbud Dr. Sand Springs, OK 74063

Nominee Phone: 918-289-4643

Nominee Occupation and/or Title: Retired

Please provide detailed examples of the nominee's contributions to the Sand Springs community using the criteria listed above:

It is with great pride and gratitude that I nominate Faron Kelly as our Hometown Hero.

Although retired, Faron continues to pour his time, energy, and heart into the students of our community. At Clyde Boyd Middle School, he willingly steps in as a substitute teacher whenever needed. He does far more than simply fill a role for the day — he brings encouragement, warmth, and consistency to our campus. Students and staff alike light up when they see him walking through the doors.

Middle school is not an easy place to serve. It is a challenging, transitional season of life filled with growing pains, big emotions, and constant change. It takes a special kind of person to not only step into that environment, but to keep coming back with joy and patience. Faron does exactly that. He shows up day after day with a genuine smile and a hug or fist bump ready to share. He sees our students. He

listens to them. He invests in them. It is not uncommon to see him at a sporting event for a student that he subbed for that week.

He even makes sure to pack extra snacks in his lunch each day, just in case a student needs one. It's a simple act, but it speaks volumes. In a stage of life where students often feel uncertain or overlooked, Faron makes them feel seen, valued, and cared for.

His dedication extends well beyond the school day. Faron volunteers countless hours with the youth in our community. He runs youth groups, faithfully helps lead FCA each Friday morning, and never hesitates to volunteer to ride the bus for activities and volunteer at incentive parties. If there is a need, he fills it — even when that means being “voluntold” to emcee a middle school pep assembly. And somehow, he does it all with humor, enthusiasm, and grace.

Faron Kelly embodies what it means to invest in the next generation. He is dependable, selfless, and deeply committed to the well-being of our students. Our school and our community are better because of him.

For his unwavering support, joyful spirit, and countless hours of service, I can think of no one more deserving to be recognized as a Hometown Hero than Faron Kelly.

## Melissa L. Cartwright

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**From:** Denice Fothergill <dfothergill47@att.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 21, 2026 2:13 PM  
**To:** SSParks  
**Subject:** Hometown Hero Nomination

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Nominee Name: Kristie Behar-Dahl  
Address: 14111 W 41<sup>st</sup> Street South, Sand Springs, OK 74063  
Phone: 918-694-8911  
Occupation/Title: Criminal Investigation Division Sargeant – Sand Springs Police Department

I believe my nominee is a combination of both Community Involvement and Community Impact.

Volunteer Service- welfare of citizens-Has served almost 3-decades of protecting the citizens of Sand Springs in her job as well as serving as a School Resource officer for almost 11 combined years where she was involved directly with students, administration as well as parents. She has over 22-years vested in the Shop with Cops program that serves underprivileged children in Sand Springs.

Volunteer Service-built environment- Kristie was a speaker for Sand Springs Alert Neighbors and she is a member of the City of Sand Springs Safety Committee and assisted in safety planning and policy guidance for city facilities and schools.

Volunteer Hours-Within her almost 30-year career she has been involved in several civic organizations, youth programs, etc. – Shop with Cops, Pilot Club of Sand Springs, serving as Director for two years, SSFOP, Kiwanis Club, Oklahoma D.A.R.E. Boar, just to name a few, where she has contributed a large number of unpaid hours.

Community Impact- Her direct involvement for over 22-years with Shop with Cops and her almost 11-years as being a School Resource officer has had a tremendous impact on the underserved and troubled youth in our community.

Heroism/Humanitarian Acts- Kristie has received several Life Saving Awards during her tenure.

Parks related Service-Many of the programs she assisted with were held in city parks, our schools and public facilities.

Significant Monetary Donations-During Kristie's time with the police department, she has helped raise funds for civic organizations, as well as her fundraising efforts for Shop with Cops, which is a huge fundraising event that serves many underserved children in the Sand Springs area.

I appreciate your consideration of Kristie Behar-Dahl as our Hometown Hero for 2026; I believe she is the perfect definition of same.

Sincerely,

C. Denice Fothergill  
[dfothergill47@att.net](mailto:dfothergill47@att.net)  
918-519-4867

To Whom It May Concern,

I am attaching my nomination for Hometown Hero 2026.

Not only am I her sister, however, I have witnessed her lifelong police career and how she has directly impacted the city of Sand Springs's community. Just to give an example, I was a life group leader for young teenagers and another young male, leader, approached me and asked me if I had a sister and I said, yes.....we look a lot alike, lol.....and he wanted to tell me that if it wasn't for her, he would not have turned his life around. He had her as a School Resource Officer in Sand Springs. He said she had such an impact on his life and is very thankful she was in his life. I think he was in he mid 20's at the time, now in his 30's. I have worked in Sand Springs for about 15 years and so many know and love her and I get stories all the time about an instance they had with her and how they really appreciates all she had done in her almost 30 years with Sand Springs. Wow, 30 years....27 to be exact. She will be retiring soon, not determined yet, but I think this would be so deserving of an award to receive from the community she has protected and served for her tenure.

Fun fact: she is the longest serving female police officer to date.....20 years was the longest, previously.

Please confirm receipt of this nomination and thank you for considering her for this very prestigious award.

Thank you,

  
Cindy L Kerr

**City of Sand Springs - Hometown Hero Nomination**

**Nominee Information**

**Nominee Full Name:**  
**Kristie Kay Behar-Dahl**

**Nominee Address:**  
**14111 W. 41st St. S**  
**Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063**

**Nominee Phone Number:**  
**(918) 694-8911**

**Occupation / Title:**  
**Criminal Investigation Division Sergeant**  
**Sand Springs Police Department**

**Nominator Name(s):** Cindy Kerr

**Relationship to Nominee:** Sister

**Volunteer Service - Welfare of Citizens (15 points)**

**Kristie Kay Behar-Dahl has dedicated nearly three decades to the direct welfare of the citizens of Sand Springs. Throughout her career, she has served in numerous roles focused on protecting vulnerable populations, particularly children and families in crisis.**

**Her extensive service as a School Resource Officer placed her daily in Sand Springs schools, where she intervened in cases involving abuse, neglect, substance exposure, and juvenile crime while also providing mentorship and guidance to students and parents. Kristie worked closely with educators, administrators, and families to ensure safe learning environments and early intervention for at-risk youth.**

**In addition to her professional responsibilities, Kristie volunteered thousands of hours coordinating Shop With Cops / Cops and Kids for more than 22 years, ensuring underprivileged children experienced dignity, encouragement, and community support during the holidays. Her commitment has had a lasting effect on countless families within the Sand Springs community.**

**Volunteer Service - Built Environment (15 points)**

**Kristie has made significant contributions to the safety and resilience of Sand Springs' public spaces and infrastructure. As a long-standing member of the City of**

**Sand Springs Safety Committee, she has assisted with safety planning, risk assessment, and policy guidance impacting city facilities, schools, and community environments.**

**Her role as a safety speaker for Sand Springs Alert Neighbors further strengthened neighborhood crime prevention efforts by educating families and children on personal safety, situational awareness, and community responsibility. These efforts have contributed to safer neighborhoods and a stronger sense of security throughout Sand Springs.**

#### **Volunteer Hours (15 points)**

**Over the course of her career, Kristie has contributed thousands of unpaid volunteer hours through sustained involvement in civic organizations, youth programs, and community initiatives. Her leadership roles with the Sand Springs Fraternal Order of Police, Pilot International Club, Kiwanis Club, Oklahoma D.A.R.E. Board, and numerous advisory committees demonstrate a lifelong commitment to service that extends far beyond normal expectations of citizenship or employment.**

**Her volunteerism has been consistent, long-term, and impactful, benefiting multiple generations of Sand Springs residents.**

#### **Community Impact (15 points)**

**Kristie's leadership has produced a lasting and measurable impact on the Sand Springs community. As a Criminal Investigation Division Sergeant and former Patrol Sergeant, she has mentored officers, strengthened investigative practices, and improved accountability and case outcomes within the Sand Springs Police Department.**

**Her involvement in juvenile justice prevention, domestic violence intervention, and sexual assault response teams has improved coordination among agencies and enhanced victim advocacy. These efforts have directly contributed to increased public trust, improved safety outcomes, and a higher quality of life for Sand Springs residents.**

#### **Heroism / Humanitarian Acts (20 points)**

**Kristie Kay Behar-Dahl's career is marked by repeated acts of courage, compassion, and selflessness. She is a multiple recipient of Life Saving Awards, Meritorious Commendations, and Community Service Awards recognizing situations in which her actions directly preserved life or prevented serious harm.**

**Her continued dedication to protecting abused children, domestic violence victims, and survivors of sexual assault exemplifies humanitarian service that goes well**

**beyond the normal responsibilities of a citizen or public servant. These actions reflect true heroism and an unwavering commitment to the well-being of others.**

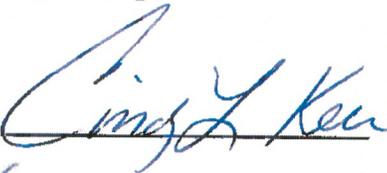
**Parks & Recreation Related Service (10 points)**

**Kristie has consistently supported city-sponsored events, youth outreach programs, and family-centered initiatives that align with the mission of the Parks & Recreation Department. Many of the programs she coordinated or supported were held in city parks, schools, and public facilities, contributing to safe, inclusive, and welcoming recreational spaces for Sand Springs families.**

**Significant Monetary Donations / Fundraising (10 points)**

**Through leadership roles in civic and law enforcement organizations, Kristie has helped raise and direct significant funds toward youth-focused programs, school initiatives, holiday assistance, and community safety projects. These fundraising efforts have provided tangible benefits to Sand Springs families and supported long-term community development goals.**

Nominator Signature:



Date:

2-23-26