



Minutes of The Bay Park Conservancy Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2026

8:00-9:16am | Virtual

Executive Committee members in attendance: Jennifer Compton (Chair), Rob Lane (Treasurer), Emily Walsh (Secretary).

BPC Board Members in Attendance: Mark Pritchett

Management participants: A.G. Lafley (CEO)

Public Present: None

Ms. Compton called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Minutes Approval: Rob Lane made the motion to approve, Jennifer Compton seconded, approved unanimously.

Chair Report: Ms. Compton reported that a 100-Year Challenge Grant funded by an anonymous donor has been executed. The grant is designed to support up to 50% of annual operating expenses for 100 years, contingent upon continued performance and fundraising success. The first disbursement is expected in February.

The committee discussed forming a small working group to develop a strategy to leverage the grant to encourage increased City participation in operating support.

Upcoming board term transitions were reviewed, with nominations to be presented at the April Board meeting. The Committee discussed prioritizing candidates with key professional skillsets. Mark Pritchett was nominated to serve as Secretary.

The Committee also discussed launching a pilot “Legacy Group” to maintain engagement with former board members and long-standing supporters in a manner consistent with governance and Sunshine requirements.

CEO Report: Mr. Lafley reported that 2025 financials are substantially closed and organizational controls are strong. All 2025 park goals were achieved.

2025 Highlights:

- Approximately 330,000 guests welcomed in 2025
- One-millionth visitor recognized on January 1
- Programming increased 35-40%, with nearly 800 events hosted

Recruitment remains challenging; management is implementing enhanced candidate evaluation processes.

Major capital projects continue to advance:

- Chidsey Library completed (pending a few remaining punch list items)
- Garden Club substantially complete; additional improvements planned
- Bayfront Community Center and Canal District Floating Day Docks opening anticipated in February
- Municipal Auditorium interior renovation (TIF-funded) and roof replacement (City-funded) to begin in April

Phase 2 improvements continue, including Town Square construction and Resilient Shoreline projects. Phase 3A (Centennial Park) funding will return to the County Commission in April.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.