



PARKS 2024 and Beyond...

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation is to enhance the public's overall physical and recreational needs by promoting the quality of life, reinforcing positive recreational programming through coaching, teaching, mentoring, and preserving park lands.

Encouraging and providing an overall quality, shared park experiences for all patrons, by maintaining safe, clean, and esthetically pleasing environments at all City of Jackson parks and designated green spaces.

While maintaining a **S.A.F.E**
(Secure, Attractive, Fun, and Exploring)



AGING FACILITIES:

Seasonal pools and aging facilities are not operating properly due to aging systems, as well as infrastructure. We were unable to open several pools due to cost, aging facilities, infrastructure issues, and insufficient availability of staffing for qualified lifeguards and pool managers.



STAFFING:

Department of Parks and Recreation provided raises during fiscal budget year 2022/2023 to over 96% of the staff members in the department, who decreased the turnover rate.

The scope of work is the largest issue for the Department of Parks and Recreation, while holding a staff of 38 maintenance workers, equipment operators, crew leaders, truck drivers and superintendents.

THEFT & VANDALISM:

Several of The Department of Parks and Recreation facilities through-out the City of Jackson were severely damaged, when thieves stole copper from the buildings, while also vandalizing multiple facilities.

The Parks and Recreations Department has and installed monitored security systems with cameras and blue light systems in most Parks and Recreation facilities.

Battlefield Park, Grove Park Community Center and Golf Course, Forrest Hill Complex, Pete Brown Golf Facility, Jayne Avenue, Medgar Ever Gym, and Vergy P. Middleton Community Center

WEATHER:

The Central MS area was hit with several tornadoes weekly from May and June 2023. Several of the parks through-out the City of Jackson. These storms laid of 43 trees down in various city parks and facilities, causing damage. The damages were non-budgeted repairs that are still ongoing.

Athletics Programs

Adult Basketball

- ▶ **Winter League**
- ▶ Total Teams: 7
- ▶ Total Participants: 98

- ▶ **Summer League**
- ▶ Total Teams: 7
- ▶ Total Participants: 98

Youth Basketball

- ▶ **Winter League**
- ▶ Total Teams: 29
- ▶ Total Participants: 350

- ▶ **Cartoon League**
- ▶ Total Teams: 25
- ▶ Total Participants: 270

Adult Softball

- ▶ **Women's Teams**
- ▶ Total Teams: 4
- ▶ Total Participants: 88

- ▶ **Men's Teams**
- ▶ Total Teams: 5
- ▶ Total Participants: 110

Programming Activities

- ▶ Harvest Carnival
- ▶ Boys Basketball Camp
- ▶ Pictures with Soul Santa
- ▶ Toys 4 Tots
- ▶ Dance Production: Five Heartbeats
- ▶ Flipping Out Tumbling
- ▶ Easter Egg Hunt
- ▶ Summer Enrichment Program
- ▶ Juneteenth Kids Festival
- ▶ FitLot Fitness Program
- ▶ Fireworks Extravaganza



Zoo Events

- Spring Break Zoo Camp
- Zippty Zoo Day
- Ice Cream Safari
- Back-To-School Drive
(partnered w/ Constituent Services)



Park Maintenance Division

57 Parks

72 Athletic Ballfields

1 Botanical Garden (Mynelle Gardens)

Innovative and exciting new programs were offered to schools & community. Also, wedding fees were reduced, which increased our the number of rentals.

6 Cemeteries

Parks & Recreation is still limited to totally dedicating staff to maintain our cutting and trimming schedules; however, we are successful at maintaining a cutting schedule, as well as spraying.

- * 266 mile of Right-of-Ways
- * Downtown Landscaping
- * approx. 350 Vacant Lots
- * Curves and Gutters



Park Maintenance Division maintains maintenance services with a crew of **16 maintenance workers** who are responsible for keeping all parks clean including cutting the grounds and cleaning the bathrooms, weekly.

15 maintenance workers maintain 266 miles of right-of-way, including 6 tractor drivers and 9 hand crew workers for the Downtown Landscaping, Mediums, Cemeteries, City Facilities, and approximately 350 vacant lots.

7 maintenance workers maintain the 72 athletics ball fields and the botanical garden.

There is no dedicated litter crews and tree removal crews in the Parks Maintenance Division.

Where do we go from here?

WARD 1

Parham Bridges: LED Lights, Pickle Bal Court, Smart Bathrooms, Updated Playground equipment, and Sprinkle pad

Manhattan Park Smart Bathrooms, New Bridge on walking trail, and New Sign

Vine Street Cameras, Indoor pool, Basketball court-resurface/paint

Broadmoor Playground equipment

North Jackson New turf fields (8-all be the same), LED Lights, Shaded viewing stands, and Updated concession stand



WARD 2



Lake Hico Park

Gates
 Updated Sprinkle pad
 Resurface basketball courts
 New goals and rims
 Multi-use turf field
 Cameras

Northgate Park

Drainage
 Lighting
 Cameras

Tougaloo Park (Brown St)

New Equipment
 New Pavilion
 Smart bathrooms
 Cameras/LED lights
 Street pavement



Presidential Hills Park 1

Replace tennis courts with Pickle Ball Courts
 Resurface basketball courts (3)
 with new goals and rims
 Multi-use turf fields

Presidential Hills Park 2

Cameras
 Paved parking lot
 Smart bathrooms
 Resurface walking trail
 Add parking for splash pad

WARD 3

Aaron Henry New basketball goals, New fence,
Resurface courts/updated walking trail

Medgar Evers Remodel facility, Cameras & Security

Little Lonnie Park Resurface basketball court,
Replace rims and goals, New playground, New
Pavilion, New fence, New gate

Pete Brown New golf cart barn

Emmitt Till Park Resurface Basketball courts
New goals and rims, New playground equipment

*** Judge LaRita Cooper Stokes Complex (Proposed)**

Multipurpose Field

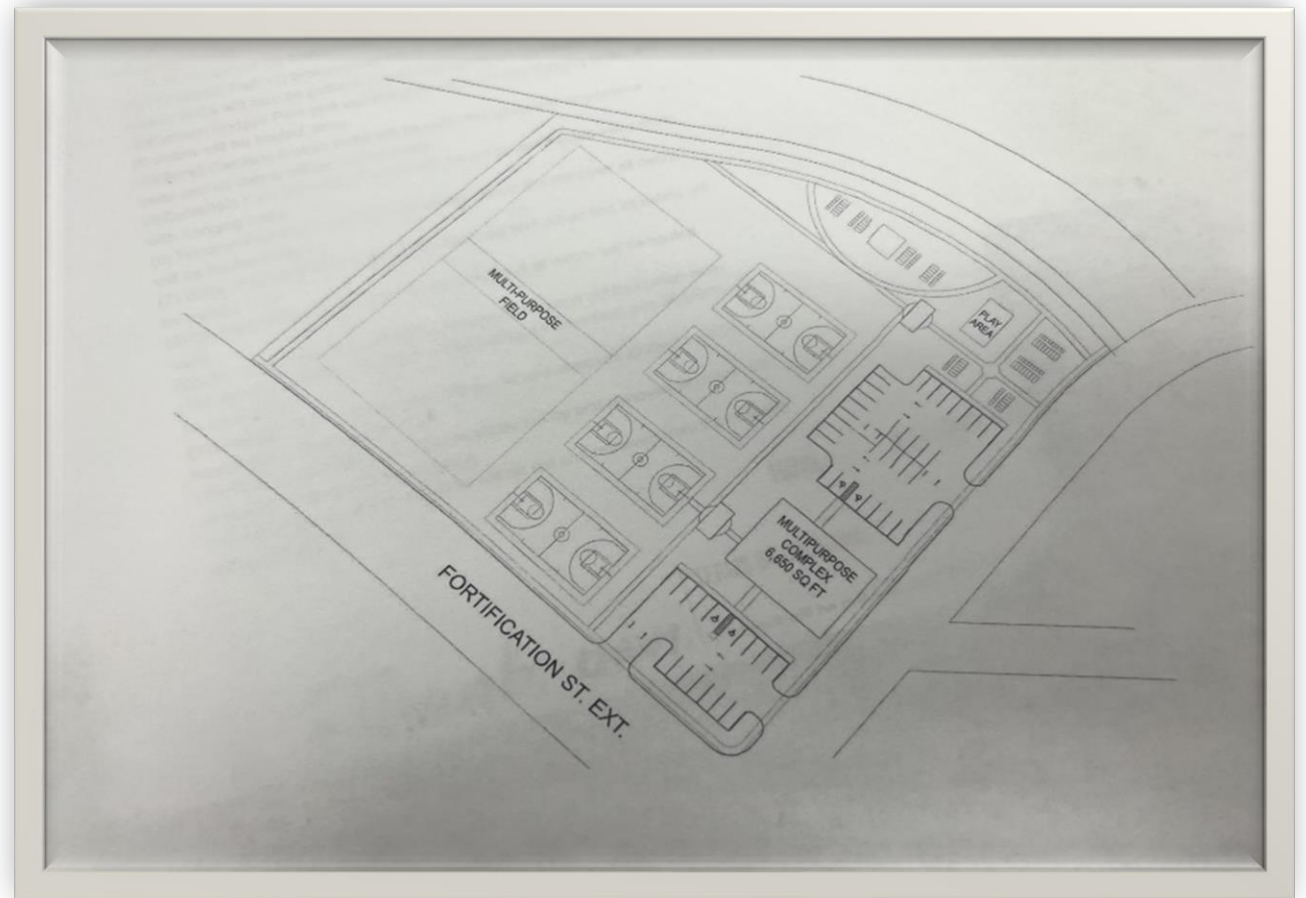
Smart bathrooms

Indoor pool in community center

Three basketball courts

Walking trail

(see blueprint to the right)



WARD 4

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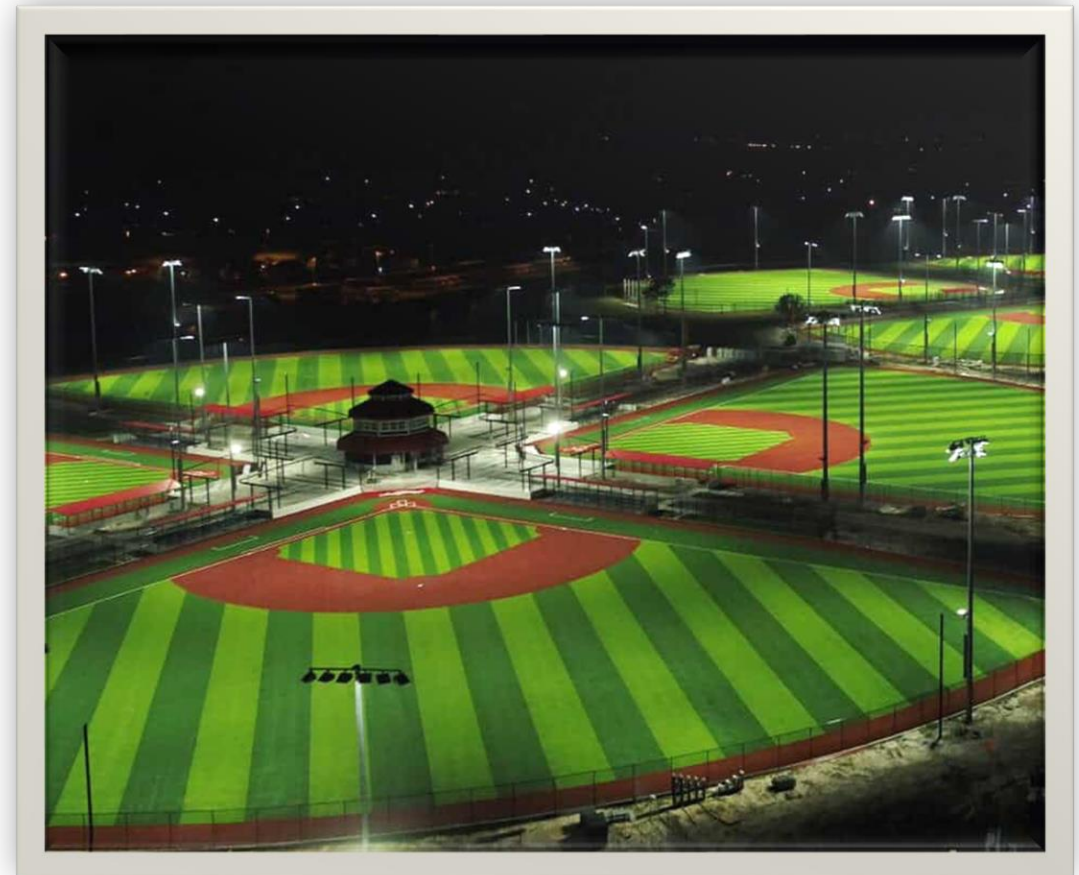


Grove Park

- Updated pavilion
- Smart Bathrooms at both pavilion and baseball field
- Splash pad
- Electronic gates
- Resurface tennis courts
- Pickle ball courts
- Baseball fields (6 turf with same size and Layout)
- LED lights
- Dugout and shaded viewing area
- Updated or new concession stands
- Resurface basketball courts
- New goals and rims
- LED light at community center
- Resurface walking trail
- Update bathroom inside

Grove Park Golf Course New clubhouse from Walter Dutch To Parkway (Create large venue space)

Grove Park Golf Course Reconfigure golf course, New Golf Cart Barn, Cameras and Security



Kurts Gym	New roof and ceiling, Update bathrooms, and New Basketball Court
Buddy Butts Park	Large pavilion, Electronic gates, Three (3) smart bathrooms, Four (4) multi-purpose fields, Bump track, Skateboard Park, Large playground, New bridge, S.T.E.A.M. Center in the model, Zip line over the model, ATV off road track, and Cameras and LED lights
Raines Park	Update walking trail, New Pavilion, and New Swing set
Road of Remembrance	New playground and benches
VA Complex	Multi-purpose fields, (Two lane road with speed bumps) New Led lighting, Updated concessions, Basketball courts, Indoor year round pool, and Smart bathroom
Westside	Smart bathrooms, Two (2) basketball courts, A multipurpose field, updated walking trail and playground equipment and Cameras
Westside gym	Update bathrooms, Roof replacement, New electronic goals, Scoreboard, New locker rooms, bleachers and LED Lights

WARD 4



WARD 5



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Livingston Park Disc golf, Walking trail, Small Amphitheater and Playground equipment

Police Training Updated dugout, Fences, Kick ball fields and a press box

Fairmont Park New fence, Resurfacing, New basketball courts and update playground

Ineva Mae Pittman Park lighting, Update pavilion & Cameras

Jess Brown Park New Basketball goals, Multipurpose field with track, Update pavilion and Resurface court

Sheppard Park Update walking trail, Repair Drainage issue, Four (4) new basketball courts update playground Update pavilion/Cameras

Champion gym New floor, update bathroom, New roof and lighting in facility, and update dance room

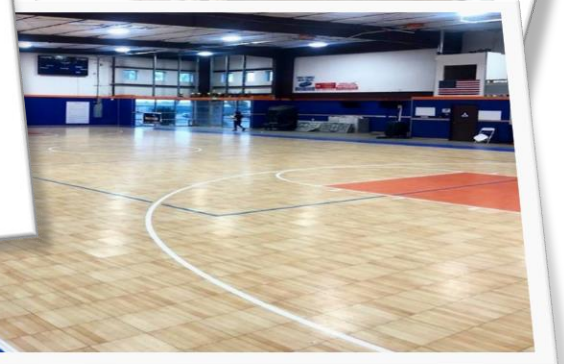
Alta Woods New playground, New Fence and Repair Drainage Issues

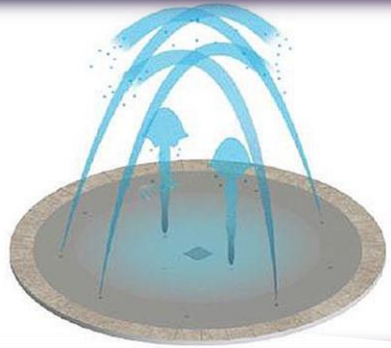
Jackson Zoo

Lion Exhibit, Duck Pond Enclosure

Water Features, Café Building Updates

Discovery Zone building, and Signage





WARD 6

Flowers Park Make green spaces(Demo)

(Remove baseball fields)

Two basketball courts

Forest Hill Complex

Two (2) Multi-purpose fields

Six (6) Turf baseball fields

Three (3) basketball goals

Three (3) smart bathrooms

Create a large playground area

Two (2) Concession stands

Sprinkle pad

Electronic gates

Cameras

LED lighting

Pickle ball court

Leavell Woods Park

Updated walking trails

Electronic fence

LED lighting for fields

Smart bathrooms

Update concession stands

Demolish army barrack shed

Rainbow Park

Update playground

Add pavilion

Sykes Park

Two (2) Multi-Purpose fields

Smart Bathrooms

Concession Stand

Terry Road Park

Upgrade Pool

McDowell Pool

Demolish pool

Tennis Center South

Pickle ball courts

New lighting

Ward 7



- Battlefield Park** Splash pad, Cameras & Smart Bathrooms, Add new courts
Replace baseball fields with 2 multipurpose fields
- Battlefield CC** New ceiling, Update bathrooms, & LED lighting inside and outside
- Battlefield Tennis** Two (2) Pickle Ball courts, LED lighting
Update inside bathrooms
- Laurel Park** Update playgrounds
Walking trail in the back
Update pavilion
Small smart bathrooms
- Benjamin Brown Park** Update playground
Resurface and paint basketball courts
- Fondren Park** Sprinkle pad
Update walking trail
New lighting
Park furniture
- Farish Street** Add benches
- High Street Park** New basketball court (goals and backboards)
New Paint
- Wrightman Park** New basketball court (goals and backboards)
- Woodrow Wilson Park** Add playground
Sprinkle Pad
Keith Herring Fitness Park

Estimated Funding needed for the City Recreational Facilities and Parks:

\$51,570,040.00



REVENUE

CEMETERIES
increased by 5%.

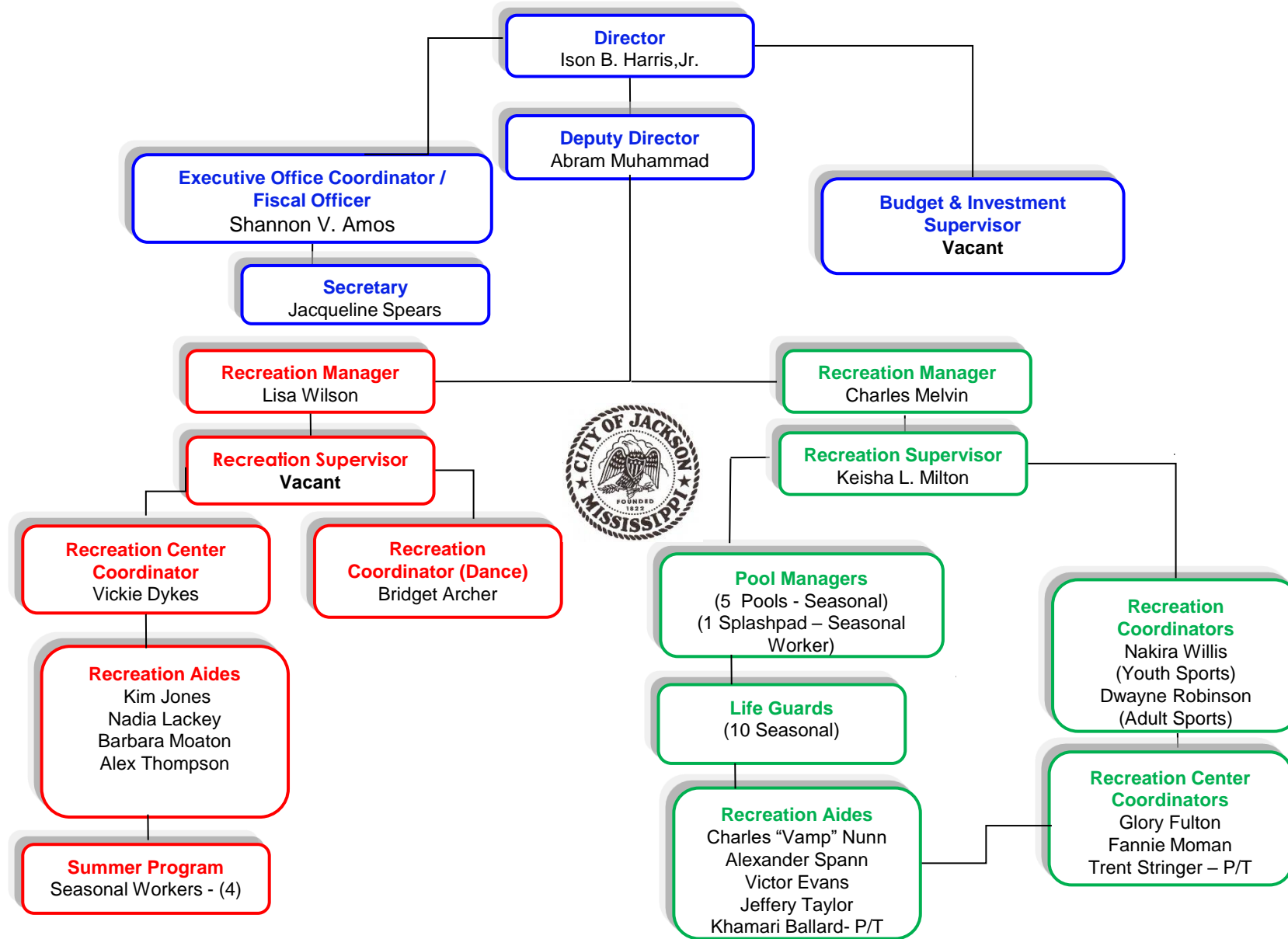
ATHLETIC FEES
decreased by 5%.

GOLF COURSE
decreased by 5%.

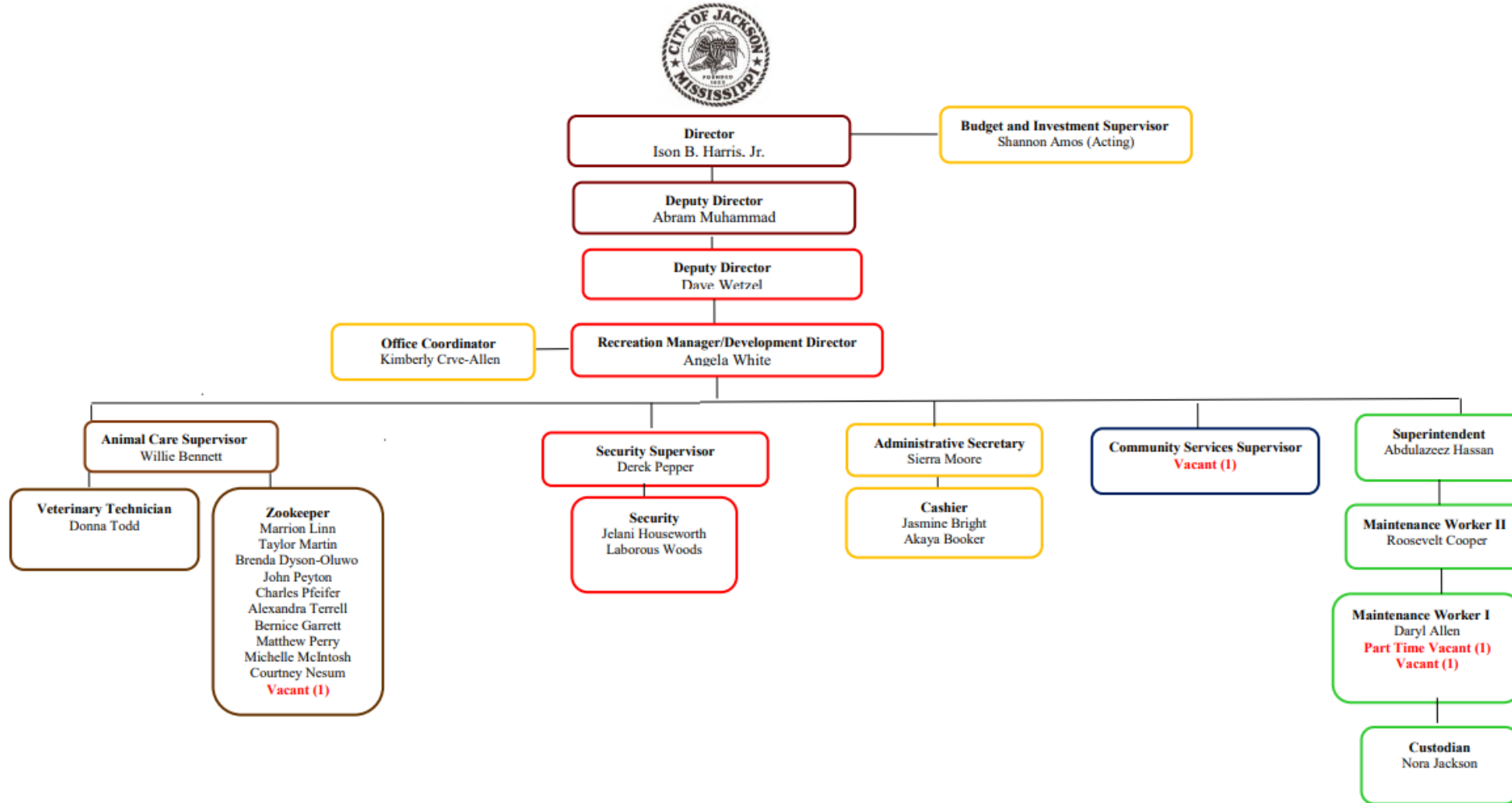
ZOO
decreased by 50%.

FACILITY RENTALS
increased by 10%.

The Department of Parks & Recreation – Administrative Division



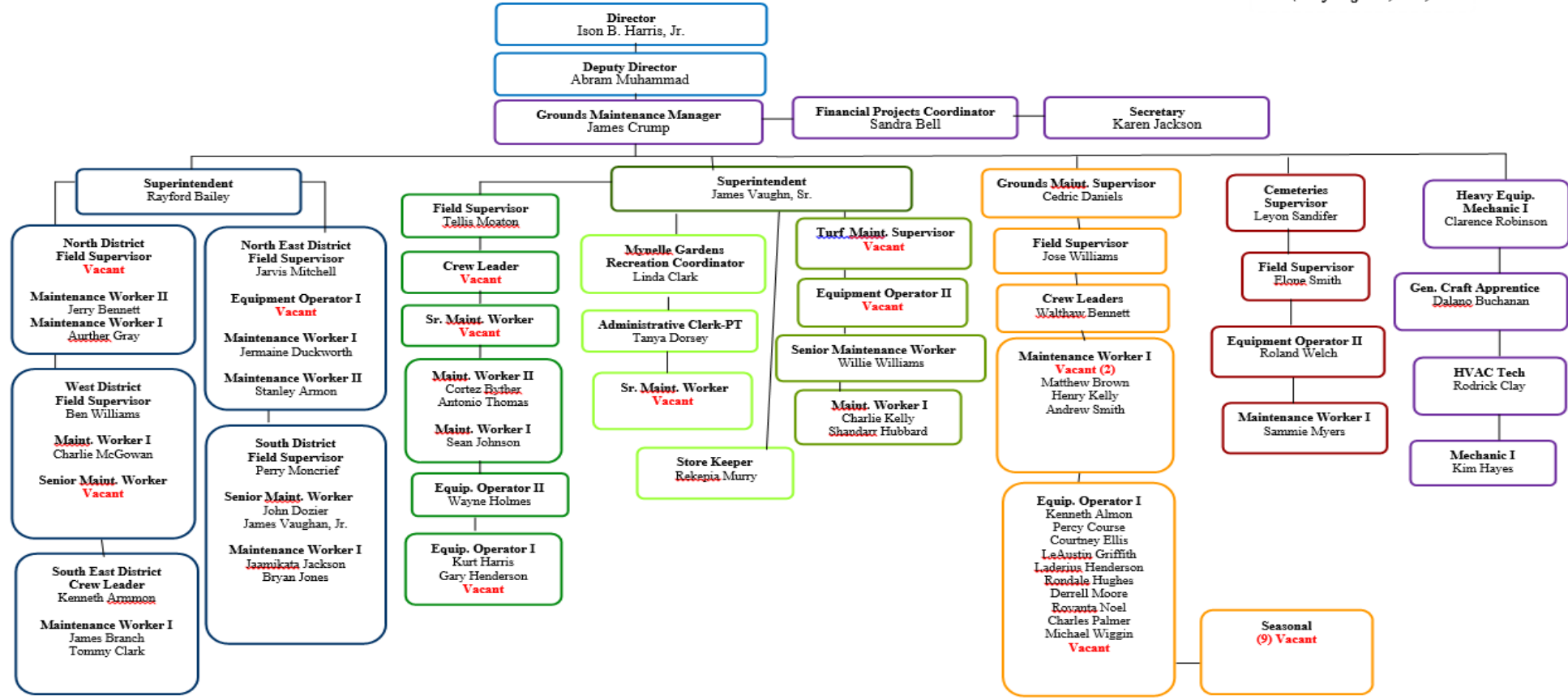
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CITY OF JACKSON – DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION – GROUNDS MAINTENANCE DIVISION



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THANK YOU