

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION
MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF HAYDEN, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO**

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Special Meeting: 4:00 PM

Hayden City Hall Council Chambers, 8930 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ronald Duell	Absent
Aundrea Leckie	Present
Kholt Moore	Present
Helen Paris	Present
Adam Reed	Present
Malea Sampsel	Present

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

1. WORKSHOP

A. Special Needs Recreation **(ACTION ITEM)**

Chair Sampsel gave a brief background on why the special meeting was being held, explaining that the commission wanted to make a recommendation to City Council. She briefly reviewed the City's current contribution to Specialized Needs Recreation (SNR) and reminded the commission that, at its regular meeting, it had discussed recommending the City's contribution be more equivalent to the number of Hayden participants involved with SNR. Sampsel said she would like City Council to receive the participant and funding information from SNR, as well as a brochure. Recreation and Community Events Director Suzanne Cano said Executive Director Lindsay Patterson would present the same presentation given to the commission to City Council. Cano said the City's Fiscal Year 2027 budget was nearly complete, so the recommendation would be for Fiscal Year 2028. Sampsel said the commission would recommend the increase for as soon as possible. The commission also discussed its current budget and the possibility of donating a portion of its funds to SNR with Cano.

Vice-Chair Paris made a motion to send to City Council that the Parks, Recreation, and Community Forestry Commission wholeheartedly supports the Specialized Needs Recreation program and recommends that the City of Hayden increase its equitable share to \$6,000 per year. The motion was discussed, with Commissioner Reed recommending the amount be increased to \$6,500 to better reflect the anticipated growth in participants by Fiscal Year 2028. The motion was amended to increase the recommended amount from \$6,000 to \$6,500 and to add language recognizing the City's contribution should better match its citizens' use and needs. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote of the members. Chair Sampsel said she would highlight the recommendation in the commission's written report to City Council.

Cano asked the commission if she could provide their contact information to Ms. Patterson,

as SNR had a fundraising event they would like the commission members to volunteer for. The commission members said that was okay.

Motion to recommend to City Council that they move the equitable share to Specialized Needs Recreation to \$6,500. This motion, made by Paris and seconded by Moore, Carried.

Ronald Duell Absent

Aundrea Leckie Yes

Kholt Moore Yes

Helen Paris Yes

Adam Reed Yes

Malea Sampsel Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1

2. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Isabelle White, Clerk