

Parks, Recreation and Community Forestry Commission

Quarter 1 2026 Update

Commissioners

Malea Sampsel- Chair

Helen Paris- Vice Chair

Adam Reed

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Current Focus:

Our focus continues to be forming effective subcommittees to allow productive focus on our goals. Currently we are working to instigate a pickle ball court, reviewing our parks signage and refreshing our commission ordinance and goals. We have two commissioner vacancies as our beloved Lisa Troxel has finally retired after decades of service to our community. She will continue to be involved as an event volunteer and resource to us when she is not off with the grandkids!

Current subcommittees:

- Ordinance clarification/ modifications
 - goal is to simplify and clarify our current ordinance. We will be working closely with city staff and city council
- Pickleball
 - there is huge demand in our area for public pickleball courts. This committee will work to develop and fund courts in existing and new parks as needed.
- Signage
 - this is to evaluate, update and add any signage needs inside our parks. From rules at honeysuckle beach to better location signs for neighborhood parks, to location/ presence of amenities at various parks.

Recent City events we have supported:

- Friday Night Frights (Trunk or Treat)
 - We had a subcommittee organize costumes and decorate a vehicle for our commission to hand out candy. We also provided volunteers to assist city staff in traffic and event management. It was a fantastic turnout!
- Hayden Lights Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
 - another very successful community parade that went smoothly. Our commissioners assisted with parade line-up and judging. We got very very lucky with the weather this year!