

Parks, Recreation and Community Forestry Commission

Quarter 2 2026 Update

Commissioners

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Current Focus:

We continue to work towards establishing long term goals and relevant subcommittees to efficiently address identified needs.

Recent Community Reaction/Response to McIntyre Park Plans

- Many of our commissioners and city employees have received overwhelming objections from the community in response to the planned relocation and elimination of the baseball field at McIntyre Park
 - This response is because this baseball field is currently the only high school sized field in our community
 - We have a responsibility to relocate that field in a space more conducive to it's use (parking, facilities, concessions, etc)
- We are working to facilitate this message to the community: McIntire Park is not the best location for this field. We must relocate it. This will all take time. Our community's concerns are justified and well-accounted for in all parks planning.

Current subcommittees:

- Ordinance clarification/ modifications
 - Goal is to simplify and clarify our current ordinance and creat commonality in city codes and commission goals. We will be providing recommendations for updated codes and objectives related to our commission, assist in establishing standards across all community advisory comissions.
- Pickleball
 - We have potential projects in new parks construction (Hayden Canyon) and current parks locations. We plan to assess community response and work closely with local Pickleball Associations to push this project forward.
- Signage
 - We are working with city IT to streamline parks information and access to rules/ regulations/ amenities with future plans of posting QR codes or links to all relevant information at each park
- Bike Trail Map
 - We are working towards a publicly accessible local map for accessible bicycle routes, indicating designated bike lane, sidewalk, bike path, etc... this is to improve resources for bicycle safe routes in our community as well as access to those resources

Upcoming events we will support:

- Kite Festival 5/9/26
 - Event is at Broadmoore Park, we give away free kites, snacks, drinks while providing a family friendly competition
 - Our commission will assist in judging for category awards
- Arbor Day 5/13/26
 - We provide a full day of Arbor Day related learning stations for hundreds of community elementary school groups.
 - Our commission assist by volunteering for various roles during this event
- Bike Rodeo 6/24/26
 - We work with the library, Kootenai Health, the Sheriff's department and long-standing volunteers to put on this bike safety event providing free helmets and fit checks, bicycle maintenance and safety training through an obstacle course.
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We Need Volunteers!:

- We have two current opening for commissioners on our board
- Volunteers are needed throughout our community advisory commissions