

Parks, Recreation, and Community Forestry Commission

Quarter 3, 2025 Update

Commissioners

- Malea Sampsel – Chair
- Helen Paris – Vice Chair
- Lisa Troxel
- Adam Reed
- Kholt Moore
- Aundrea Leckie

Current Focus

The Commission has been actively collaborating with staff to better understand the parameters of our charter. We have discussed holding a workshop with all Chairs and Vice Chairs to help align the charters and goals of all City commissions.

We recognize that both municipal and state laws guide our work and are committed to finding clear direction within those parameters.

Subcommittee Updates

1. Ordinance Clarification and Modifications

This subcommittee will become more active following the upcoming workshop of all commissions.

2. Pickleball

Two parks have been identified for potential pickleball court development: Stoddard Park and Hayden Canyon Park. Stoddard development of courts remains a major concern, as no dedicated funds have been allocated for this projects.

The Commission believes ongoing reliance on donations is not a sustainable model for expanding City park amenities. We have had an initial conversation with Selkirk with the willing to give us price breaks on equipment and nets. This is a beginning discussion.

3. Signage

The subcommittee has completed visits to all parks and noted a variety of signage types and locations. The goal is to establish standardized signage guidelines and regulations for all City parks. Ideally, new signs will include a scannable QR code linking visitors to park maps, hours, permitted uses, and reservation options via the City website. As parks are updated, these new signage standards will be implemented.

The historical commission is interested in working with our commission to incorporate similar goals. A joint meeting with happen in the new year.

4. Trails

The goal is to create simple trail maps for all existing trails. It is recognized that the City's trail network is fragmented and does not yet provide continuous connectivity. Signage is needed for residents to be able to use these trail.

Recent City Events Supported

- Trunk or Treat: The Commission will host a trunk at this community outreach event Friday October 24th at Hayden Meadows.
- Hayden Days: Four Recreation Commissioners participated as parade judges and parade route and traffic control.

Upcoming City Events

Hayden Lights Parade December 6: commission helps with administration of the parade.