



Parks & Recreation

Recreation Projects Fund Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes June 16, 2026

<p><u>Committee Members</u></p> <p>Position #1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helen Nevin</p> <p>Position #2 <input type="checkbox"/> Val Hoxie</p> <p>Position #3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunter Tibbals</p> <p>Position #4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Whalley</p> <p>Position #5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David McCarthy</p>	<p><u>City Representatives:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon Artz, <i>P&R Director</i></p>
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Members of the Public:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Committee members assembled and called to order by Hunter Tibbals at 3:00pm with presentations beginning at 3:10pm.

MINUTES

The Recreation Project Fund Advisory Committee met on June 16 to review 12 proposals submitted for the 2026-27 allocation. Amount budgeted in FY 26/27 for distribution is \$125,000 and the combined amount requested for all applicants is \$231,160.

Application packets were sent to prior applicants and known parties of interest and made available on the City’s website April 1 – May 31.

The distribution criteria for applicants is as follows.

TRT Funding Criteria and Eligibility

- *Total budgeted project fund allocation for 2026/2027 is \$125,000.*
- *Projects must be within the City of Hermiston.*
- *Applicants must have a non-profit tax status.*
- *Projects that benefit Hermiston through enhanced tourism, promotion, marketing, and lodging will be given highest consideration.*
- *Projects that benefit the greatest number of participants will be given greater consideration.*
- *Projects that represent a broad base of other support shall be given greater consideration.*
- *Funded projects are required to submit a breakdown of expenditures on how the funds were spent including receipts prior to reimbursement.*

Applicants were allowed 10 minutes to describe their project proposals and answer questions from the Committee. After review of the applications, the Committee discussed each proposal in detail and through consensus, settled on the award amounts in the following table.

A motion was made by David McCarthy to recommend the amounts listed below, seconded by Jim Whalley. Motion passed unanimously.



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Applicant	Description	Committee Award
Hermiston Downtown District	Melon Fest	\$10,000
Cinco de Mayo	2026 Cinco de Mayo Event	\$10,000
Inland Northwest Musicians	Orchestra Events	\$1,440
Hermiston Parks & Recreation	Annual Free Community Events	\$15,000
Hermiston Parks & Recreation	Mobile Video Trailer	\$30,000
Hermiston Sports Commission	Hermiston Sports Commission	\$7,000
Hermiston Basketball Club	Tournament Awards	\$8,000
541 Pickleball Club	Pickleball Enhancements	\$560
Hermiston Rotary Club	2026 Pickleball Tournament	\$5,000
Eastern OR Women’s Business Lab	EO Women’s Business Summit	\$20,000
Made to Thrive	Program Funding	\$3,000
Hermiston Jr Bulldogs	Youth Football Program	\$15,000
	Total Requested \$231,160	Total Award Recommendation \$125,000

ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm. No future meetings scheduled.