PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2025 at 2:30 PM

Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

The meeting of the Sandpoint Parks and Rec Commission was called to order at 2:32pm on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, by Charman Long in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Vice Chair Jessica Janssen
Commissioner Josh Delucchi
Chair Taylor Long
Commissioner Tyler Wagner
Commissioner Lori Siemers
Commissioner Dan Tadic

ABSENT
Commissioner Eric Donenfeld
Commissioner Gwen Victorson
Commissioner Heidi Bohall

Public Comment

Chairman Long reviewed decorum rules and opened the floor for public comment. Speakers were allotted 3 minutes each. Three City of Sandpoint residents spoke regarding noise concerns for the JER HVAC System and Travers Park batting cages.

Meeting Minutes Approval

1. November 12th, 2025, Draft Minutes for Approval - **Action Item**

   Commissioner Wagner arrived at 2:45pm to complete the meeting quorum.

   The November 12, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote of commissioners present.

   Motion made by Commissioner Wagner, Seconded by Commissioner Tadic.
   Voting Yea: Vice Chair Janssen, Chair Long, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Siemers, Commissioner Tadic

Old/Unfinished Business

2. City Beach RV Park Charrette Planning & Preparations

   a. Workshop Overview

   Community Planning and Development Director Jason Welker reviewed the Council's November 5 directive to host a community workshop with the Averills to envision alternative uses for the City Beach RV Park site. The workshop is intended to serve as the culmination of

the community engagement process, integrating property background information, survey findings, and conceptual design activities.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. and is expected to last approximately 90 minutes.

Mr. Welker outlined the planned structure: Welcome & Background Presentation, Clarifying Questions, Probing Questions, Table Group Discussion & Reflective Dialogue, Concept Sketching Activity, and Table Share-Out.

Following the overview, commissioners engaged in discussion and asked follow-up questions regarding workshop logistics and facilitation.

Commissioners serving as table facilitators include: Chairman Long, Commissioners Janssen, Delucchi, Tadic, Wagner, and Siemers.

b. Survey Overview

Mr. Welker reported that the online survey designed to gather community input on potential RV Park site uses will remain open until Saturday morning, immediately prior to the workshop. The survey can be accessed via the City Website under “Latest News.” He reviewed the survey content with the commission and encouraged commissioners to complete the survey and help promote it to the public to maximize participation.

c. Next Steps

Workshop results will be revisited at the January 14, 2026, Commission meeting. Commissioners requested that discussion of the workshop results be placed on the agenda as an action item.

New Business

General Announcements/Comments

Director Welker announced that Austin Hull, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor for 28 years, will retire this month. A farewell party is scheduled for December 12, 2025, at the JER Community Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and commissioners were encouraged to attend.

Commissioners discussed neighbor concerns regarding Sports Center HVAC and batting cage noise. They requested an HVAC Noise Update on the January agenda, with Lieutenant Ernie invited to provide a formal report. Mr. Welker explained the rationale for keeping the batting cages in their current location and shared updates on planned upgrades. Commissioner Delucchi requested the Baldfoot Disc Golf Course be added to the January agenda. The Commission also discussed creating a catalog of park assets for corporate or private sponsorships, to be addressed in February.

Mr. Welker reported recent vandalism at Great Northern Field; turf and irrigation repairs will proceed when weather permits. He also provided a JER update: membership and revenue are currently exceeding monthly break-even projections, new staff will allow extended weekend hours, a corporate membership program is launching soon, and marketing efforts—including a Sandpoint Magazine ad—aim to attract regional users.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.

I presided over the meeting and can confirm that minutes, prepared by the Board Clerk and City Staff Liaison, were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission during the regular meeting held on _____.

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Taylor Long, Chair Kami Omodt, Board Clerk