



Agenda Item Introduction – Committee & Commission Priorities (2026)

ACTION ITEM: Endorse or recommend changes to priorities.

One of my stated priorities when I ran for office was to reinvigorate and reestablish the City’s citizen committees and commissions. I continue to strongly believe these bodies are critically important—not only as a way to share the substantial work ahead of us, but as a trusted sounding board and an essential interface between our residents, City staff, and elected officials.

I am proud that these committees and commissions are once again active and engaged. Their willingness to volunteer time, expertise, and energy on behalf of the community reflects the best of Sandpoint’s civic culture. That said, simply having these bodies functioning is not the end goal. To be effective, their work must be focused, purposeful, and clearly aligned with Council’s priorities and policy direction.

This agenda item is intended to provide City Council with an opportunity to review, endorse, and/or provide guidance on the proposed 2026 priorities identified by each committee and commission. These priorities were developed thoughtfully and reflect where volunteers believe their efforts can have the greatest impact. Bringing them forward allows Council to confirm alignment, suggest refinements, and ensure that committee work remains productive and relevant.

Clear direction from Council will help prevent well-intentioned volunteers from going down rabbit holes or spending time on initiatives that may not be supported or ready for advancement. By focusing committees on specific, Council-supported tasks, we can improve both the quality of their work and the outcomes for the community.

Council is encouraged to comment on the proposed priorities, identify any missing elements, or recommend adjustments. If changes or additional direction are desired, this agenda item is designed to draw that guidance out clearly so it can be communicated back to the committees and commissions and incorporated into their 2026 work plans.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Grimm

Mayor, City of Sandpoint



2026 Committee & Commission Top Priorities

ACHP:

- Resurfacing the City's basketball courts
- Assist staff in the drafting of a new historic preservation ordinance
- Cedar Street Public Art Project
- Pursuing a potential artistic treatment for the City Beach basketball court in coordination with the Parks & Recreation Commission's Basketball Court Rehabilitation project

Parks & Rec

- Basketball courts
- Kayak/SUP storage
- Euclid ROW access

Pedestrian & Bicycle

- MMTP Update: A top priority is that we make recommendations for general update of the MMTP with bike and ped supportive language, update of the Pedestrian Priority Network, Bicycle Priority Network, Capital Improvement Projects, and Consider Street Sections (currently in the 2009 UATP).
- Sidewalk and Street Frontage Ordinance Review and Recommendation to Planning Staff.
- City Parks and Streets maintenance, inventory, and prioritization: Safety, Striping, lane paint, street and pathway maintenance, traffic calming, wayfinding, regulatory signage, e-bikes, speed limits.
- Develop a Strategic Outreach Plan with communication policy.



Sustainability

- Engage one or more university programs to partner with the City on sustainability
- Gather baseline and benchmark data for a municipal operation sustainability framework by 12/2026
- Develop a framework for implementing “F” of our duties by 4/2026
- Advocate for education and training for staff on sustainability in 2026

Urban Forestry

- Tree Ordinance
- Tree Planting Plan
- Budget Analysis/Recommendations
- Outstanding Tree Pamphlet
- Arboricultural Manual