



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 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 Recreation Commission was called to order at 2:30pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, by Chair Chris Ankney in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chris Ankney
Cynthia Reopelle
David Miles
Gwen Victorson
Jessica Janssen
Josh Delucchi
Taylor Long
Tyler Wagner

ABSENT

Eric Donenfeld

Meeting Minutes Approval

Commissioner Victorson clarified that Mr. Welker was responsible for compiling the results of the Draft Parking Policy Discussion and disseminating the results to the Commission. The February 12, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as amended by unanimous vote of Commissioners present.

Motion made by Wagner, Seconded by Long.

Voting Yea: Ankney, Reopelle, Miles, Victorson, Janssen, Delucchi, Long, Wagner

Old/Unfinished Business

None

New Business

1. A presentation from the Bonner County Historical Society and Museum was made by Board President, Tonya Sherman and Executive Director Hannah Combs, discussing the museum's efforts to preserve local culture and history. They proposed expanding the Lakeview Park facility due to inadequate storage and community space. They asked that the commission make a motion, recommending to council, that they be given permission to proceed with a more detailed development concept, including stakeholder meetings. The Proposed Museum Expansion Plan will be added to the April Agenda as an action item.

2. The commission discussed project prioritization related to the Parks Capital Improvement Plan, referencing the upcoming review of development impact fees. Parks Planning and Development Manager, Maeve Nevins-Lavtar, outlined the history and status of several park projects, including the need to address deferred maintenance as well as potential expansions. Ms. Nevins-Lavtar included specific project statuses with an emphasis on receiving feedback from the commission to assist in project prioritization. Ultimately, members suggested creating a survey or simple ranking system to relay project prioritization to staff. Community Planning and Development Director, Jason Welker volunteered to create a survey that will be shared with commissioners this week.
3. Commission Chair, Chris Ankney, suggested he meet with Vice Chair, Gwen Victorson to discuss creation of desired subcommittees and come back to the commission with those suggestions and to determine which subcommittees commissioners want to participate in. During the ensuing discussion, commissioners present suggest subcommittees for Capital Improvement Projects, Playgrounds and Recreation Programming to start with.

General Announcements/Comments

Commissioner Janssen suggested that solutions to the JER Revenue Shortfalls be added to the April agenda for discussion. Commissioner Long inquired if a summary of the input given by the commission during the February meeting would be made available to the group. Mr. Welker indicated he would have the board clerk distribute that information to the commission.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01pm.

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 their regular meeting held on

Chris Ankney, Chair

Kami Omodt, Board Clerk