

## Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department

To: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

From: Andrea Draeger – Senior Center, Enrichment, and Office Manager

Date: 6/15/2026

Subject: 2026 summer hangout special event & waiver of fees

### Background

The Summer Hangout event was held on June 4, 2026, at Bentzin Family Town Square. During the initial planning process, road closures utilizing Meridian barriers were not anticipated as part of the event setup. On June 3, 2026, the Public Safety & Welfare Committee reviewed and approved the event permit with the stipulation that Meridian barriers be utilized to close the roadway adjacent to the event area. As a result, barrier setup and associated costs were incurred after event planning and budgeting had already been completed. The event was organized as a free community activity intended to provide recreational opportunities for youth and families and support activity within the downtown area.

### Budget Goal

2. Maintain indoor and outdoor recreational facilities to enhance safety, overall health, and quality of life.

### Financial Impact

Meridian barrier fees (\$275/event) help offset staff time, equipment usage, setup, and removal costs associated with roadway closures. Waiving the applicable fees would reduce cost recovery for these services.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends consideration of waiving the Meridian barrier fees associated with the June 4, 2026 Summer Hangout event, as the requirement for the barriers was added as a condition of event approval by the Public Safety & Welfare Committee after the event had already been planned.

## Motion

Motion to waive the applicable Meridian barrier fees associated with the June 4, 2026 Summer Hangout event or charge applicable fees.