



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 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 Rec Commission was called to order at 2:35pm on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025, by Chairman Long in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Eric Donenfeld

Commissioner Gwen Victorson

Vice Chair Jessica Janssen

Commissioner Josh Delucchi

Chair Taylor Long

Commissioner Dan Tadic

Commissioner Tyler Wagner (arrived at 3:01)

Guests: Building and Grounds Supervisor Colton Fulwiler and Councilman Aispuro

ABSENT

Commissioner Heidi Bohall

Commissioner Lori Siemers

Public Comment

Chair Long reviewed decorum rules and opened the floor for public comment. Speakers were allotted 3 minutes each. City of Sandpoint residents spoke on the following topics: The City of Sandpoint RV Park public engagement and noise concerns for JER HVAC and Travers Park batting cages.

Meeting Minutes Approval

1. October 8th, 2025, Draft Minutes for Approval - Action Item

The October 8th, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote of commissioner's present.

Motion made by Commissioner Tadic, Seconded by Commissioner Delucchi.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Donenfeld, Commissioner Victorson, Vice Chair Janssen, Commissioner Delucchi, Chair Long, Commissioner Tadic

Old/Unfinished Business

2. Averill RV Park Request - Meeting Recap and Next Steps

CPD Director Jason Welker provided a staff update and requested adjusting the agenda to align with the prepared report.

Welker briefed the commission on recent City Council direction regarding the future of the city owned RV Park. After significant public input, Council declined a proposal to sell or lease the property and instead directed staff to conduct community workshops and a survey to evaluate

long-term uses for the site. Staff will organize a charrette-style workshop, and commissioners were invited to help facilitate. Commissioners expressed support for this public engagement process.

The discussion centered on balancing the long-term vision in the 2020 Parks Master Plan with current fiscal realities. While the plan contemplates major reconfiguration of City Beach and potential relocation of boat-related uses, these improvements would require substantial new funding, currently unavailable. Maintaining and reinvesting in existing facilities remains a viable alternative, supported in part by an existing state grant tied to the RV Park.

Commissioners reviewed three broad paths for the property: renovating the RV Park, repurposing the site for boat-related parking, or exploring alternative park or parking uses through the public process. Commissioners agreed that whatever Council decides the Parks Master Plan should be amended to reflect their decision and should identify replacement funding for the RV Park's contribution to the Parks Capital Improvement Fund if applicable.

3. Results From October Meeting CIP Ranking Exercise

Director Welker presented the results of last month's capital project ranking. Commissioners identified the outdoor basketball court rehabilitation as the top priority for 2026, followed by non-motorized watercraft storage at City Beach and preliminary planning for the Euclid Right of Way water access.

4. Basketball Court Rehab Proposal - Next Steps and ACHP Partnership

With the Basketball Court Rehabilitation project identified as the Commission's top 2026 priority, Director Welker provided a project update. Commissioners discussed the plans to refurbish two courts at Pine St Park and one at both Hickory and City Beach Park and unanimously encouraged Director Welker to continue with project planning.

New Business

5. Discuss Sponsorship Policy - Final Draft

6. Parks and Recreation 2026 Initiatives

Staff and Commissioners confirmed the previously ranked top three capital projects (basketball courts, kayaking/SUP storage, Euclid ROW access) represent the Commission's informal 2026 initiatives.

General Announcements/Comments

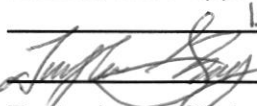
Director Welker introduced Colton Fulwiler as the new Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, succeeding Austin Hull, who is retiring after 28 years of service. He also provided a brief update on JER operations, noting extremely high utilization in November. October revenue reached a record \$11,539, and November is on track to exceed that. Membership has increased to 373.

For the December meeting, commissioners will focus primarily on preparations for the RV Park charrette, with limited additional agenda items. For January, commissioners requested a legal and funding update on the Baldfoot property and a report on the James E. Russell Sports Center HVAC system and related noise concerns.


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



Taylor Long, Chair



Kami Omodt, Board Clerk