



## MINUTES

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fletcher called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

### ROLL CALL

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kristin Fletcher, Parks Committee Chair – Present  
Christina Van Der Meulen, Committee Member – Present  
Tom Bergin, Committee Member – Absent  
Mark Sindell, Committee Member – Present

#### STAFF

Carter Bullock, Committee Secretary – Present

#### VISITORS

None Present

### 1. NOTICE OF AGENDA COMPLIANCE (PER IDAHO CODE **§74-204**)

**MOTION:** Committee Member (CM) Sindell moved that the notice for the April 15, 2026, meeting was completed in accordance with Idaho Code Section §74-204, it was seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### 2. CALL FOR CONFLICT (AS OUTLINED IN IDAHO CODE **§74-404**)

None identified.

### 3. COMMITTEE & LIAISON UPDATES

*Kristin Fletcher, Parks Committee Chair*

Chair Fletcher discussed concerns about the regulation of pickup games, especially when their fluctuating participation may or may not require permitting currently.

Chair Fletcher went on to inquire about the informal pickleball sound test which occurred previous, and Mr. Bullock provided a brief update on measured sound levels. He then informed the Committee of an upcoming formalized sound test, and explained that SLN/CR, a sound mitigation panel provider, had reached out to the City and was under consideration.

*Christina Van Der Meulen, Committee Member*

CM Van Der Meulen shared concerns about pickup volleyball games occurring at O'Donnell Park and potential damage to the turf, which is wet with rain. Action Item: Mr. Bullock stated that he could draft a resolution to Council disallowing playfield use following rain. This may merit more consideration.

*Tom Bergin, Committee Member*

Absent: no update.

*Mark Sindell, Committee Member*

CM Sindell shared that BURA would be holding an open house for the downtown dead-end rights-of-way project, which would have relevance to the Howard Preserve.

CM Sindell also shared an update on proposed plantings surrounding the proposed pickleball courts at Memorial Park. He shared renderings, planting lists, partnerships, and logistics. The Committee then discussed related maintenance. Action Item: Mr. Bullock stated that he would work to establish a budget estimate for Clearwater to maintain the plantings into the future.

*Carter Bullock, Committee Secretary*

Mr. Bullock stated that he had been appointed to the Committee as a non-voting member.

Following an inquiry from Chair Fletcher, Mr. Bullock provided a brief update on measured sound levels at a previous informal sound test at the proposed pickleball courts in Memorial Park. He then informed the Committee of an upcoming formalized sound test, and explained that SLN/CR, a sound mitigation panel provider, had reached out to the City and was under consideration.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT: FOR ITEMS OF CONCERN NOT ON THE AGENDA – (COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO 3-5 MINUTES)**

None Provided.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. March 4, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. March 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** CM Sindell moved to approve the March 4 and March 18 regular meeting minutes, it was seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Adoption of Bylaws & Election of Committee Officers

Chair Fletcher listed perceived conflicts between code relating to the Parks Committee and the text of the proposed bylaws. This included the name of the Committee, the term lengths of appointees, the residence location of appointees, and the number of members constituting a quorum. Action Item: Chair Fletcher indicated her preference that a deadline for code changes be set.

The Committee then walked through the bylaws, having occasional questions addressed. The Committee discussed the meeting time and date and resolved that the Committee keep its current meeting time unless a potential new member required a different time or date in order to join the Committee. The Committee discussed the chain of communication between the Secretary and the Chair, and all agreed on an amendment that one must inform the other of proposed agenda items at least three (3) business days in advance of the next meeting. Action Item: Mr. Bullock must incorporate this amendment into the final bylaws.

**MOTION:** CM Sindell moved to approve bylaws as amended, it was seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Following the bylaws discussion, the Committee nominated and elected officers.

**MOTION:** CM Sindell nominated Chair Fletcher to continue serving as Chairperson, it was seconded, the nomination was accepted, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**MOTION:** Chair Fletcher nominated CM Van Der Meulen to serve as Vice Chair, it was seconded, the nomination was accepted, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**MOTION:** Chair Fletcher nominated Mr. Bullock to serve as Secretary, it was seconded, the nomination was accepted, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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7. **WORK SESSIONS**

a. **Parks Committee Scope, Name, and Purpose**

Mr. Bullock explained the history of the Parks Committee and gave an overview of the conflicting code governing it. Action Item: Mr. Bullock resolved to located all the disparate names for the Committee in code.

CM Sindell expressed his desire to have the Committee again examine tree-related matters in Bellevue, but the Committee worried that, were CM Sindell to resign or leave, the Committee would lose the requisite expertise on trees. CM Sindell reiterated that he would rather see some mechanism of oversight for tree planting in development projects than none. Mr. Bullock advised that a recommended/required tree list could be the best mechanism for accomplishing this. CM Sindell stated that the Committee could perhaps review street tree plantings which are not on a potential recommended street tree list.

Chair Fletcher iterated her frustration that the City has failed to adequately implement the Committee's previous recommendations. CM Sindell stated his belief that the Committee's role should essentially be advocacy and that it should make informed recommendations to the Council. Chair Fletcher wondered about the proper "feedback loop" for the Committee to be made aware of the fate of their recommendations. Mr. Bullock stated that the budget season, and the acquisition of grants, are the most important moments for securing the success of a project. Action Item: Mr. Bullock committed to go through the actions by the City over the previous year, examine the Parks Committee's recommendations for the year, and reincorporate any previous but unaccomplished projects into the 2027 budget if possible. On this front, CM Sindell advocated for a more rigorous project planning and prioritization process, assuming that the budget allows for any new projects at all. Mr. Bullock and Chair Fletcher then discussed how projects can be positioned to be used in grant applications, as well as how the Committee can be better notified of grants.

**MOTION:** CM Sindell moved to continue agenda item 7a to the next meeting, it was seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 11:35 AM CM Sindell moved to adjourn, it was seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.



Kristin Fletcher, Parks Committee Chair



Carter Bullock, Parks Committee Secretary