PARKS COMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF BELLEVUE, IDAHO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026, 10:00 AM
CITY HALL MEETING ROOM
115 E. PINE STREET, BELLEVUE, IDAHO 83313

AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. **NOTICE OF AGENDA COMPLIANCE** (PER IDAHO CODE ***§74-204***): **ACTION ITEM**
   Finding that *the special meeting notice and agenda were posted in accordance with Idaho Code* ***§74-204*** *within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting at: the City of Bellevue City Hall, Post Office, and on the City's website on November 12, 2026.* ***Suggested Motion****: I move that the notice for the November 16, 2026, special meeting was completed in accordance with Idaho Code, Section §74-204.)*
2. **CALL FOR CONFLICT** (AS OUTLINED IN IDAHO CODE **§74-404**): **ACTION ITEM**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**: FOR ITEMS OF CONCERN **NOT** ON THE AGENDA – (**COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO *3-5 MINUTES***)
4. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEM**
   a. September 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes
   b. October 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes
   c. October 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes
6. **NEW BUSINESS**:
   a. Street Tree List – Mark Sindell **ACTION ITEM**
   b. Strahorn Phase 3 Park Site – Brian Parker, Community Development Director **ACTION ITEM**
7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   a. Kiwanis Final Proposal **ACTION ITEM**
   b. Action Tracker **ACTION ITEM**
8. **NEXT MEETING: ACTION ITEM**
   a. Next Meeting: December 17, 2026

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COMITÉ DE PARQUES – REUNIÓN EXTRAORDINARIA
CIUDAD DE BELLEVUE, IDAHO
LUNES, 16 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2026, 10:00 AM
SALA DE REUNIONES DEL AYUNTAMIENTO
115 E. PINE STREET, BELLEVUE, IDAHO 83313

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LLAMADA AL ORDEN

LISTA DE LISTA

1. **AVISO DE CUMPLIMIENTO DEL ORDEN DEL DÍA** (SEGÚN EL CÓDIGO DE IDAHO ***§74-204***): **PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
   Constatando que *el aviso y la agenda de la reunión extraordinaria se publicaron conforme al Código de* ***Idaho §74-204*** *en un plazo de veinticuatro (24) horas previas a la reunión en: el Ayuntamiento de Bellevue, la Oficina de Correos y en la página web de la ciudad el 12 de noviembre de 2026.* ***Moción*** *sugerida: Propongo que el aviso para la reunión especial del 16 de noviembre DE 2026 se completara conforme al Código de Idaho, Sección §74-204.)*
2. **LLAMAMIENTO AL CONFLICTO** (SEGÚN LO ESTABLECIDO EN EL CÓDIGO DE IDAHO **§74-404**): **PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
3. **COMENTARIOS** públicos: PARA ASUNTOS **DE INTERÉS QUE NO** ESTÁN EN LA AGENDA – (**LOS COMENTARIOS ESTÁN LIMITADOS A 3-5** ***MINUTOS***)
4. **ACTUALIZACIONES DEL COMITÉ**
5. **ORDEN DEL DÍA DE CONSENTIMIENTO – PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
   a. Acta de la reunión del 16 de septiembre de 2026
   b. Acta de la reunión del 21 de octubre de 2026
   c. Acta de la reunión del 27 de octubre de 2026
6. **NUEVOS NEGOCIOS**:
   a. Lista de árboles de la calle – Mark Sindell **ELEMENTO DE ACCIÓN**
   b. Sitio del Parque Fase 3 de Strahorn – Brian Parker, Director de Desarrollo Comunitario **PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
7. **ASUNTOS ANTIGUOS:**
   a. Propuesta final de Kiwanis **PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
   b. Rastreador de Acciones **PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
8. **PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN: PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
   b. Próxima reunión: 17 de diciembre de 2026

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PARKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF BELLEVUE, IDAHO
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026, 10:00 AM
CITY HALL MEETING ROOM
115 E. PINE STREET, BELLEVUE, IDAHO 83313

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.

ROLL CALL

Chair Fletcher – Present
Committee Member Bergin – Present
Committee Member Sindell – Present
Committee Member Van Der Meulen - Absent

1. **NOTICE OF AGENDA COMPLIANCE** (PER IDAHO CODE ***§74-204***): **ACTION ITEM**
   Finding that *the regular meeting notice and agenda were posted in accordance with Idaho Code* ***§74-204*** *within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting at: the City of Bellevue City Hall, Post Office, and on the City's website on August 17, 2026.* ***Suggested Motion****: I move that the notice for the August 19, 2026, regular meeting was completed in accordance with Idaho Code, Section §74-204.)*

   Committee Member Bergin motioned that the September 16, 2026 regular meeting notice was completed in accordance with Idaho Code Section 74-204, Committee Member Sindell seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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

   No members identified any conflicts

3. **COMMITTEE & SECRETARY UPDATES**

   Secretary Parker discussed updates to the signage, the expansion of the Howard Preserve, and staffing changes at the City. Six (6) City employees have moved on in the last month.

   Committee Member Bergin stated that he shared the permitting and noise discussion from the prior meeting with the Common Council.

   Committee Member Sindell stated that the updates to the northeast corner of the park has substantially improved noise issues, respect for the park, and the diversity of park users.

   Chair Fletcher discussed staking pop-up tents and concerns about hitting irrigation lines, and that park shelter reservations appear to utilize the multisport courts, which may lead to conflicts as the usage of the courts increases.

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

   No members of the public requested to provide comment

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**: **ACTION ITEM**
   a. Minutes of the August 19, 2026 meeting

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Committee Member Bergin motioned to approve the consent agenda, Committee Member Sindell seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**: **ACTION ITEM**

   a. Community Project Plantings – Mark Sindell, Committee Member

      Committee Member Sindell discussed the plan to plant the strip between the multisport court and the sidewalk along 4th Street. He will reach out to the project partners from the native plant garden to see desire and availability to repeat the process. The Committee discussed their preferences for native-only planting, utilizing plantings that are already purchased and available. The Committee preferred to utilize the plants from the Pop-Up Plaza event along the 4th Street side, and to utilize native plants on the west side of the pathway into the shelter. Plans will be finalized by October 1st to mobilize volunteers and community partners.

   b. Pet Friendly Herbicides – Kristin Fletcher, Chair

      Chair Fletcher discussed options for pesticide-free herbicides in City Parks, and conducting some small-scale, targeted applications to test viability. Committee Member Bergin discussed growing weed issues in the valley and suggested having the Blaine County Weed Control Department present to the Committee. Committee Member Sindell discussed potentially doing a weed-control demonstration within public rights-of-way along 2nd Street.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**: **ACTION ITEMS**

   a. Native Plant Garden Next Steps – Kristin Fletcher, Chair

      Chair Fletcher discussed the need for a fence and methods to deter dog urination on the garden areas. The Committee will develop a list of ordinary maintenance items that can be integrated into maintenance contracts for Memorial Park.

   b. New Tree Plantings Update – Kristin Fletcher, Chair

      Chair Fletcher stated that three of the burr oaks in Memorial Park are looking dead, but no action should happen until spring to see if they bounce back.

   c. Action Tracker

      The Committee reviewed the action tracker and updated the items as needed.

8. **WORK SESSIONS**: **ACTION ITEM**

   a. Past Memorial Park Recommendations: Kristin Fletcher, Chair

      The Committee discussed the stage and potential upgrades. The Committee recommended planning for a high-quality stage that could be constructed in phases.

      Chair Fletcher recommended removing "remove or relocate weeping crabapple trees" from the recommended actions. The Committee agreed.

      The remaining recommendations have been accomplished or are in process.

9. **NEXT MEETING: ACTION ITEM**

   a. Next Regular Meeting: October 21, 2026

10. **ADJOURNMENT: ACTION ITEM**

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Committee Member Bergin motioned to adjourn, Committee Member Sindell Seconded, all voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

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PARKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF BELLEVUE, IDAHO
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026, 10:00 AM
CITY HALL MEETING ROOM
115 E. PINE STREET, BELLEVUE, IDAHO 83313

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06.

ROLL CALL

Chair Fletcher - Present

Committee Member Sindell - Present

Committee Member Van Der Meulen - Present

Committee Member Bergin - Absent

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   Committee Member Van Der Meulen motioned that the notice for the October 21, 2026 regular meeting was completed in accordance with Idaho Code Section 74-204, Committee Member Sindell seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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

   No committee members identified any conflicts.

3. **COMMITTEE & SECRETARY UPDATES**

   Mr. Parker discussed the tree inventory project and stated that progress will resume in the spring. The Howard Preserve Management Plan was approved by the Council, and the final plan will be provided to the committee.

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

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**: **ACTION ITEM**

   a. Minutes of the September 16, 2026 meeting

   Minutes were not distributed to the Committee, so no action was taken.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**: **ACTION ITEM**

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a. Diversion Dam Construction Update – Jordan Parker, Project Manager

John Wright presented an update on the Diversion Dam reconstruction. Progress is moving well, and boulders are being placed in the riverbed currently. He encouraged committee members to tour the site (with proper safety protocols) and provide feedback. The Committee discussed the reseeding plan and requested that any trees that may need to be removed be utilized around the parking area and trails.

b. Parks Improvements Recommendations for Kiwanis Grant – Kristin Fletcher

The committee workshopped design ideas for the area around the pavilion and adjusted the budget accordingly. The BCIF Community Project Grant has approximately $12,000 left available to complete the plantings and pavers near the native plant garden and along the eastern edge of the multisport court. The Kiwanis grant could be utilized for improvements to the east of the pavilion, between the pavilion and multisport courts, refreshing the wood chips in the play area, and completing the edging along the edging at the south end of the pavilion. The Committee will plan on meeting next week to finalize the plan.

c. Meeting Dates – Brian Parker, Community Development Director

The Committee expressed a preference for the 3rd Thursday at 10:00.

7. **OLD BUSINESS: ACTION ITEMS**

a. Community Project Plantings and Pavillion Improvements – Mark Sindell, Committee Member

b. Action Tracker

8. **NEXT MEETING: ACTION ITEM**

a. Next Regular Meeting: November 18, 2026

The Committee scheduled a special meeting for October 27, 2026 at 4:00. The November 18, 2026 regular meeting was cancelled and a special meeting was scheduled for November 16, 2026 at 10:00.

Committee Member Sindell motioned to adjourn the meeting, Committee Member Van Der Meulen seconded, all voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

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PARKS COMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF BELLEVUE, IDAHO
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026, 4:00 PM
CITY HALL MEETING ROOM & PUBLIC WORKS SHOP
115 E. PINE STREET/91 MARTIN LANE, BELLEVUE, IDAHO 83313

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fletcher called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

ROLL CALL

Chair Fletcher – Present

Committee Member Sindell – Present

Committee Member Van Der Meulen – Present

Committee Member Bergin - Absent

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   Committee Member Van Der Meulen motioned that the notice for the October 27, 2026 special meeting was completed in accordance with Idaho Code 74-204, Committee Member Sindell seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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

   No committee members identified any conflicts.

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

   No members of the public requested to provide comment.

   OLD BUSINESS:

   a. Parks Improvements Recommendations for Kiwanis Grant – Kristin Fletcher **ACTION ITEM**

   Chair Fletcher discussed the updates to the grant documents. Committee Member Van Der Meulen suggested adding specific call-outs for the recent addition of the pickleball courts, and that the Bloom Food Truck, daycares, and various youth group utilize the Park. Committee Member Sindell suggested including images of recent improvements and areas to be improved.

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The Committee reviewed the proposed grant budget. The cost is anticipated to be approximately $10,000. If the grant award committee partially funds the grant, the Committee agreed that replacing pavers with less expensive alternatives would be the best option to fit the project to the budget available.

4. **WORK SESSION (TRANSITION TO PUBLIC WORKS SHOP):**

   a. Diversion Dam Improvements Tour

5. **NEXT MEETING: ACTION ITEM**

   a. Next Special Meeting: November 16, 2026

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COMITÉ DE PARQUES – REUNIÓN EXTRAORDINARIA
CIUDAD DE BELLEVUE, IDAHO
MARTES, 27 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026, 16:00
SALA DE REUNIONES DEL AYUNTAMIENTO Y TALLER DE OBRAS PÚBLICAS
115 E. PINE STREET/91 MARTIN LANE, BELLEVUE, IDAHO 83313

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LLAMADA AL ORDEN

LISTA DE LISTA

6. **AVISO DE CUMPLIMIENTO DEL ORDEN DEL DÍA** (SEGÚN EL CÓDIGO DE IDAHO ***§74-204***): **PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
   Se determinó que *el aviso y la agenda de la reunión especial se publicaron conforme al Código de* ***Idaho §74-204*** *dentro de las veinticuatro (24) horas previas a la reunión en: el Ayuntamiento de Bellevue, la oficina de correos y la página web de la ciudad el 15 de octubre de 2026.* ***Moción*** *sugerida: Propongo que el aviso para la reunión especial del 27 de octubre DE 2026 se completara conforme al Código de Idaho, Sección §74-204.)*
7. **LLAMAMIENTO AL CONFLICTO** (SEGÚN LO ESTABLECIDO EN EL CÓDIGO DE IDAHO **§74-404**): **PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
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9. **ASUNTOS ANTIGUOS**:
   a. Recomendaciones de mejoras de parques para la subvención Kiwanis – Kristin Fletcher **PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
10. **SESIÓN DE TRABAJO (TRANSICIÓN A TALLER DE OBRAS PÚBLICAS):**
    a. Gira de mejoras en presas de desviación
11. **PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN: PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
    b. Próxima reunión extraordinaria: 16 de noviembre de 2026

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LLAMADA AL ORDEN

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13. **LLAMAMIENTO AL CONFLICTO** (SEGÚN LO ESTABLECIDO EN EL CÓDIGO DE IDAHO **§74-404**): **PUNTO DE ACCIÓN**
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KIWANIS of Hailey and the Wood River Valley

GRANT REQUEST FORM

- The Kiwanis of Hailey priority focus is on serving children and youth in the Wood River Valley area.
- If a grant is provided, a full report is required regarding how the funds were used with in the fiscal year of support or 60 days after the sponsored event.
- Pictures of events, if applicable, would be appreciated (approved by parties in the photos for Kiwanis use.

Organization's Name: City of Bellevue

Contact Name: Brian Parker, Community Development Director

Phone: 208-309-8949 Email: bparker@bellevueidaho.us

Organization Web site if available: bellevueidaho.gov

Description of project, or item:

Improvements to the conditions of the children's play area within Memorial Park, including new wood chips and edging along the boundary. Improvements to the pavilion area including landscaping, pavers, and gravel.

Dates of program, if applicable: N/A

Start-up/total cost and ongoing cost of program: Approx. $12,500, no ongoing costs

Date funds are needed: Spring 2027

Amount requested: Approx. $12,500

How will this benefit the community?

See attached letter

Please attach any informational materials or links to websites you have that will give us a better idea of what the item or program is about.

Articles written about your organization's work. https://www.mtexpress.com/news/bellevue/bellevue-survey-sheds-light-on-memorial-park-wishes/article_c1a5623b-deb8-43fa-a16b-86ad261873ac.html

Suggested Recommendation or References: Courtney Frost, Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health - 509-339-7796

Please submit to: **haileykiwanis@gmail.com** **or** contact 208-720-7395 for more information.

THANK YOU!

Kiwanis Approval _____ Payment Method _____

Amount Granted _____ Paid to _____ Date _____

Description of project, or item:
Parks in small rural towns are vital gathering places, bringing diverse people together and helping to foster a sense of place and community. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) publishes analysis of access to parks within a 10-minute walk. NRPA estimates that 78% of Bellevue's population is within one of Bellevue's three established, developed parks and open spaces – Memorial Park, O'Donnell Park and the Howard Preserve.

The City of Bellevue recognizes that parks are not optional; rather they are essential public infrastructure. The City is requesting funds from the Kiwanis of Hailey and the Wood River Valley to complete the final phase of the Memorial Park improvement project. Memorial Park is Bellevue's most popular and heavily used park. It is very family-friendly, offering playground equipment, basketball and pickleball courts, a picnic shelter, open space and a permanent stage, all surrounded by towering cottonwood trees, right in the heart of Bellevue.

In the past few years, the Bellevue Parks Committee and City staff have conducted two comprehensive, bilingual surveys accompanied by outreach activities to learn what improvements, if any, residents would like to see at Memorial Park. The results were clear. Residents wanted the park to be improved with more benches and picnic tables and the playground area enhanced. They asked for pickleball courts and improvements to the picnic shelter and surrounding area.

In 2024 and 2025, funds were secured to acquire additional benches and picnic tables for Memorial Park. In 2025, the City received an $85,000 Community Project Grant from the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health which was used to jumpstart these much-needed improvements to the Park. These Phase 1 funds allowed us to resurface and restripe the courts from 2 basketball courts into one for basketball and two for pickleball, and to purchase nets, paddles and an attractive storage container. A new, 8' cyclone fence was installed around the courts, replacing a dilapidated fence, and sound panels were added to mitigate the anticipated increase in noise on nearby residents.

During Phase 2, the City was able to further enhance Memorial Park by repurpose six Burr oaks that had been purchased and used as demonstration street trees for a potential downtown improvement project. While not strictly a Parks project, these trees will eventually replace the cottonwoods currently in the park as they reach the end of their lives. Next to the heavily used picnic shelter, a beautiful native plant garden was installed featuring outstanding interpretive panels which educate and encourage waterwise landscaping. Projects are continuing this fall. A strip along the east side of the courts was prepared and planted to help screen the court fencing and further reduce basketball and pickleball noise. Lastly, pavers will be installed in a weedy area north of the picnic shelter and adjacent to the new Idaho Native Plant Garden to provide additional space for barbequing and to accommodate overflow from larger groups.

We are requesting funds from Kiwanis which will allow the City to complete Phase 3 of the Memorial Park improvement project, addressing long-standing needs in both the playground area and picnic shelter. Funds will be used for the following projects:

Playground

- Refresh the specialty woodchips in the popular playground area to a minimum of 3 inches deep. This mulch is certified by ASTM International (formerly the American Society for Testing and Materials) to meet safety and impact standards, reducing injuries around play structures.
- Extend the current 8" high plastic playground border separating woodchips from the lawn. Plastic borders act as a containment and safety system to keep materials such as woodchips at proper depths required by safety standards. The rounded top edge prevents blunt-force injuries if a child trips or falls against the curb.
- Install a professional grade rubber mat underneath the heavy use zone of each playground slide. The mats will provide a non-slip surface and impact protection to keep children safe and prevent erosion ruts from developing under the slide.

Picnic Shelter area

- Create a 6’ x 6’ path of pavers from the picnic shelter to the north entrance of the courts.
- Install pea gravel between the picnic shelter and the courts (excluding the paved path mentioned above) to allow for better roof drainage, extend the useable area and create a more finished look to an often-weedy area.
- Install a small area of pavers in a weedy area between the picnic shelter and the outhouse and utility building. This will create more usable space for groups reserving the shelter.
- Install a small, irrigated area of attractive, drought tolerant native shrubs to screen the outhouse and utility building from the picnic shelter, including topsoil and mulch.

How will this benefit the community?

The City of Bellevue has historically been, and continues to be, the working-class community of the valley. The median income is about $20,000 less than the county as a whole and has a significantly higher percentage of households making less than $35,000 per year. Bellevue’s population is younger and, in general, households are larger than in Blaine County. With almost 27% of the population under 18 years old, it is necessarily a very family-oriented community. In addition, Bellevue has a large Hispanic community for whom gatherings with extended family are a cultural tradition.

Memorial Park has been the heart of the community for generations and hosts the annual Labor Day Celebration with vendors, live music and hundreds of participants. Each year thousands of visitors of all kinds stop by and enjoy the amenities of our sweet little park – take a lunch break, walk the dog, chat with other moms and dads as kids play, have a private phone conversation, meet a friend, or simply pause to enjoy the peace of open green space.

The children’s playground is well-loved and heavily used by families. Local day cares and classes from nearby Bellevue Elementary School visit regularly. The Hunger Coalition’s Bloom Truck parks next to the playground and offers free lunches each week throughout the summer. Refreshing the area with specialty woodchips, extending the plastic border and adding rubber mats as slide landings will make the area safer, more attractive and more welcoming, and prolong the usable life of the woodchips.

Each year picnic shelter reservations increase for large and small multigeneration family gatherings, including children and adult birthday parties, weddings, celebrations of life, Quinceañeras and potlucks. Expanding the usable area around the picnic shelter with pavers will allow larger groups to use the area with more ease and make clean up easier. The addition of a native plant screen next to the outhouse/utility building will ensure that the whole area is more useful and attractive.

While much has already been accomplished utilizing prior grants, donations and discounts from local business and volunteers, Memorial Park still has significant needs. The funds requested will enable the City of Bellevue to make real and lasting improvements to a beloved community gathering place.

Memorial Park playground, picnic shelter & courts, Spring 2026





Recently completed Memorial Park Improvement Projects, Phase 1 & 2, Summer 2026





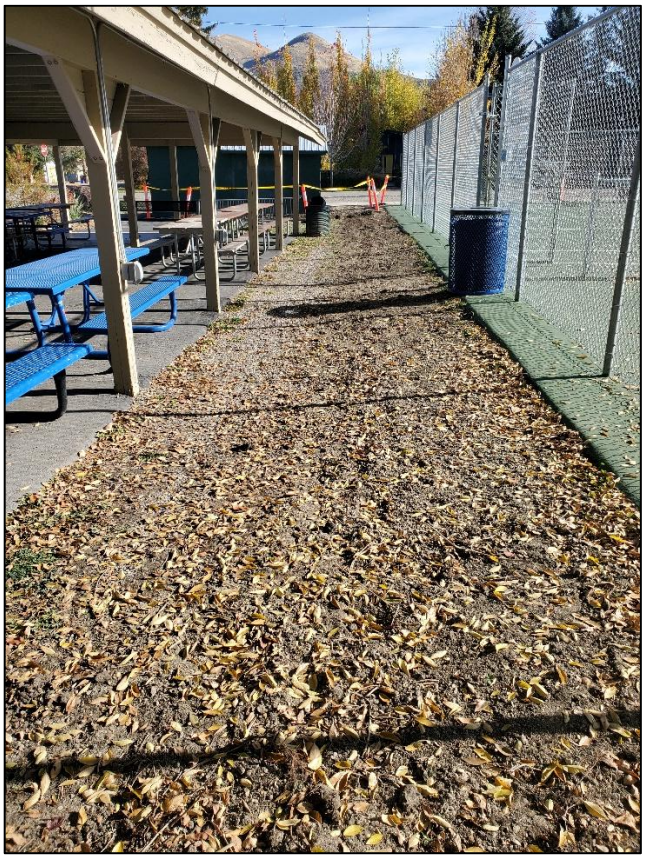

Featured Native Plants
Wood River Valley
Native Plant Garden
75%
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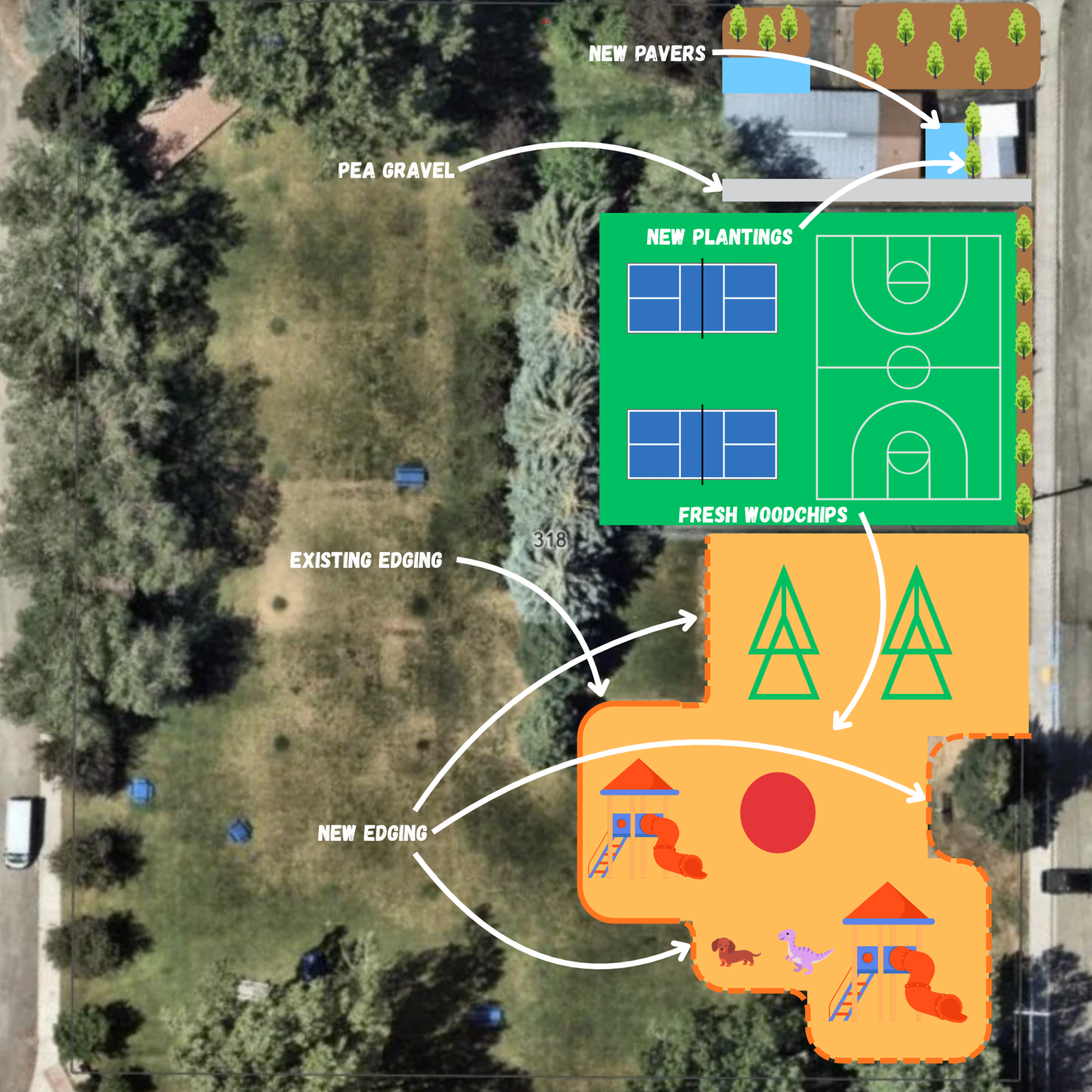
Memorial Park Improvement Project, Phase 3, Spring/Summer 2027










NEW PAVERS
PEA GRAVEL
NEW PLANTINGS
FRESH WOODCHIPS
EXISTING EDGING
NEW EDGING

Bellevue Parks Committee

Action Item Tracker

Action Item Name	Date Initiated	Months to Complete	Due Date	Coordinator	Actions To Date	Next Action Needed	Complete?
Create street tree draft list	3/4/2026	6	10/21/2026	Mark Sindell	Committee discussed; will discuss again on 8/19 with new draft	Mark to present brainstorm/draft	☐
Draft a resolution disallowing playfield use during/immediately after rain	4/15/2026	5	11/18/2026	Com Dev	None	Start	☐
Review unaccomplished Parks Committee recommendations from FY 2026 for FY 2027	4/15/2026	5	9/12/2026	Com Dev	None	Start	☐
Sprinkler head on south side of O'Donnell leaking	4/15/2026	2		Com Dev/Kristin	Resolved	Start	☐
O'Donnell sprinklers are watering Elm St.	7/1/2026	2	3/1/2027	Com Dev/Tom	None	Start	☐
Notify the Committee when P&Z reviews the Howard Preserve Management Plan	5/20/2026	3		Com Dev	Resolved (oops!)		☑
Connect with City Assets & Clearwater about adjusting overspray of sprinklers next to O'Donnell infield, or shrinking the infield, to reduce weeds	6/2/2026	5	3/1/2027	Com Dev	None	Start	☐
Develop recommendations for landscaping and use for Cowcatcher Park	6/2/2026	3	10/21/2026	Com Dev	None	Start	☑
Present revised 7-4-3, 7-4-4, 11-5 to the Committee.	6/17/2026	3	10/21/2026	Com Dev	Proposed ordinance fully written.	Needs to be presented to Committee.	☐
Draw up plan for pavilion & restroom area for false wall to block unsightly view of restroom	6/17/2026	3	10/21/2026	Mark Sindell	None	Start	☐
Draw up new Memorial Park recommendations document with new draft ideas	6/17/2026	5	11/14/2026	Kristen Fletcher/Com Dev	Committee has gone thru most of prior recommendations.	Finish going thru recommendations. Use 6/17 minutes to draft new recs.	☐
Connect with City Assets & Clearwater about spraying playground area at Memorial to kill weeds	6/17/2026	3		Com Dev	Appears Resolved	Start	☐
Public Works shop/Preserve interface			1/1/2027				
Reseeding rock pile area in Preserve			10/21/2026				
Potential Kiwanis grants			10/21/2026				
Develop recommendations for undeveloped park areas			10/21/2026				