

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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**Thursday
November 13, 2025**

8:30 AM

**Haddock Building First
Floor Conference Room
504 Washington Street**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Approval of Bee City USA Subcommittee Commission August 28, 2025, Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes**

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

2. **Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 15 minutes)**

Members of the public may speak to the Subcommittee regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Subcommittee. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

3. **Consideration of the 2026 Arbor Day Celebration (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes / David Schott**

The Moscow Tree Commission is in preliminary discussions with the University of Idaho to partner for the 2026 Arbor Day celebration. The subcommittee will discuss any interest in having a table at the April 24, 2026 Arbor Day celebration to promote pollinators.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the tabling request for the 2026 Arbor Day Celebration; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

4. **Consideration of the 2026 Pollinator Projects (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes / David Schott**

The Bee City USA Subcommittee will review the five-year pollinator list and discuss 2026 pollinator planting projects. Two Park project ideas have been suggested. One, replacing the Alturas Park water feature with a pollinator garden. Two, Berman Creekside Park Butterfly Garden infill.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the 2026 pollinator planting project location; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

REPORTS / UPDATES

1. 2025 Berman Creekside Park Pollinator Planting Project Report - All

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. February 12, 2026: 9:00 a.m., Haddock Building First Floor Conference Room

ADJOURN

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Thursday
August 28, 2025

9:00 AM

**Haddock Building First
Floor Conference Room
504 Washington Street**

This meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Iris Mays; Chair, Mark Heinlein; Vice-Chair, Nancy Tribble, Steve Lemeshko

STAFF: David Schott

VISITORS: Julia Parker, City Council President

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome Steve Lemeshko to the Bee City USA Subcommittee

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Bee City USA Subcommittee Commission August 28, 2025, Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

Mark Heinlein moved to approve the minutes with amendments. Steve Lemeshko seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: Unanimous

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 15 minutes)

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Julia Parker:

I am so glad you are doing this work. It's taken me four years to get to your meeting, and I think it's really valuable. It's one of those things that's kind of under the radar here in Moscow that is going to be really important. It's the little things that if every city was a bee city we'd be in better shape.

3. Consideration of the 2025 Pollinator Project (ACTION ITEM) – Iris Mayes

The Bee City USA Subcommittee will discuss the fall pollinator planting project. Based on the approved five-year project list, infill of existing planter beds (Butterfly and Sensory Gardens) at

Berman Creekside Park is slated for the fall planting project. The subcommittee will discuss the details of the project including a species list, date, time, and potential volunteers.

Mays: asked Schott if there is any part of this that the City will support us with.

Schott: provided a short introduction about Berman Creekside Park. It's unique, quiet, and doesn't have a playground. There is a butterfly garden and sensory garden. It has been rejuvenated over the years. This would be a good spot to do our project that is on our five-year plan and retain the butterfly and sensory gardens.

- 1) Is this something we want to take on? The City can fund it but is it a volunteer type project? Suvia Judd, member of the Harvest Park Subcommittee, is working with Kelli Cooper, the Sustainability Programs Coordinator for the City of Moscow, about maybe doing a larger project probably focused on this area. David shared ideas and information to get things to grow there. Trees are doing fine.
- 2) Ideas for the Butterfly Garden this area:
 - a. Possible removal or relocation of a big volunteer Willow Tree, possibly replace it with something more appropriate for the area, avoid adverse publicity
 - b. Not too much shade to the area
 - c. Appropriate space, plantings and irrigation
- 3) Schott would like to retain this area as the original project which is a sensory garden and the drivers behind that. It could be infilled with pretty much anything we want as long as it is in line with pollinators and still fits the theme of the sensory garden.
- 4) Schott would also like to focus on the tree area at the beginning of the park.
- 5) Things to get:
 - a. Figure out a date
 - b. Get a species list together and where to buy
 - c. Order plants/seeds depending on what is decided by the group
 - d. Check on irrigation needs
- 6) Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
- 7) Determine the scope and scale of the project
- 8) Do a soil test on the area
- 9) Ask groups for volunteers

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the details of the fall pollinator planting project at Berman Creekside Park; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Heinlein moved to approve the Fall Pollinator Planting Project on October 18th, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at Berman Creekside Park and creation of a species list. Lemeshko Seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: Unanimous.

REPORTS / UPDATES

1. Farmers Market Booth Report - All
 - Mayes, Heinlein and Brunsfeld attended.
 - Gave away seeds and bookmarks.

- Event was partnered with the Parks & Recreation Commission, is this something we want to do next year?
- Plans are being made for next year.

Meetings are being moved to 8:30 a.m. to accommodate varying schedules of Commission members.

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