

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Thursday
August 27, 2026

5:15 PM

Hamilton Indoor Rec Center
1724 E F Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Alyssa Knight Resignation

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission May 28, 2026, Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Cat Harner**

Presentation of minutes for approval.

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

2. **Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission June 26, 2026, Annual Tour, Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Cat Harner**

Presentation of minutes for approval.

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

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

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4. **Consideration of a Community Development Block Grant Request (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott / Alisa Anderson, City of Moscow Grants Manager**

Alisa Anderson, Grants Manager, for the City of Moscow is preparing a grant application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the construction of a permanent restroom at Lola Clyde Park. If the CDBG grant is awarded, the restroom project will be in concert with the improvements already approved with Land & Water Conservation Fund to include a parking lot with frontage improvements on North Polk Street and an internal pathway within the park. The two projects will run parallel but be separate projects.

If awarded, this grant funding will leverage local tax dollars for park improvements according to the conceptual plan for the park approved by City Council.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval for a funding request for a Community Development Block grant for a permanent restroom at Lola Clyde Park; or provide staff with further direction.

5. Consideration of a Bee City USA Subcommittee Member (ACTION ITEM) – Cat Harner

Currently, the Bee City USA Subcommittee (BCUSA) has a vacancy with the resignation of Nancy Tribble. Tanya Volk has expressed interest in the appointment and has provided a letter of interest and resume.

Tanya is a Master Gardener and interested in organic gardening, landscaping, and attracting pollinators.

As part of the Bee City USA affiliation, the City of Moscow established a Bee City USA Subcommittee under the Parks and Recreation Commission. Originally, the Parks and Recreation Commission appointed five (5) members of the public to serve on the Bee City USA Subcommittee.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Appoint Tanya Volk to the Bee City USA Subcommittee; or take other action as deemed appropriate

5. Consideration of the Upcoming Citizen and Commission Survey (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss and develop two survey questions for inclusion in the 2026 Citizen and Commission Survey. The survey is anticipated to be distributed in October. Survey questions from commissions are due by August 30, 2026.

All prior surveys can be found here:

2023 Commission Survey:

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/DocumentCenter/View/31873/2023-Commission-Survey-Report>

2017 Commission Survey:

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/DocumentCenter/View/8833/2017-Commission-Survey-Report?bidId=>

Citizen Surveys:

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=36>

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the two survey questions; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

6. Consideration of the Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair Position (ACTION ITEM) – Cat Harner

With the resignation of Gretchen Hayes from the Parks and Recreation Commission, a vice chair will need to be elected from the current membership of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The term is through calendar year 2026.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the election of the Parks and Recreation vice chair position.

UPDATES/REPORTS

- 1. August 15, 2026 Farmers Market Report - All**
- 2. Recreation and Pool Update – Betsy Rawls**
- 3. Parks, Facilities and Community Forestry Update – David Schott**

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS:

- 1. September 24, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commisision meeting**

ADJOURN

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WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sally Greene, Ted Kisha, Richard Gayler, Cat Harner, Susan Steele, Mark Heinlein, Emily Klarquist, Alyssa Knight.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Betsy Rawls (Staff Liaison), Hadley Cabitto, Scott Sumner (Council Liaison), and Erik Luvaas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission March 26, 2026, Minutes (ACTION ITEM)
– Cat Harner

Presentation of minutes for approval.

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

Sally motioned to approve the minutes. Ted seconded the motion. Ayes: Unanimous

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Erik Luvaas of the Center for Disability Access and Resources at University of Idaho introduced himself and his interest in observing.

9. Consideration of the June 13, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Farmers Market Table (ACTION ITEM) – Cat Harner

The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss upcoming June 13 Farmers Market table. On March 26, 2026, the commission opted to partner once again with the Bee City USA Subcommittee for the market. The commission will determine staffing for the table and discuss any material needs for the market.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve staff and material needs for the June 13 Farmers Market; or take other action deemed appropriate.

Ted, Cat, Sally, and Mark all said that they would be present for the June 13th tabling event. Members discussed items for the table, including bookmarks, Moscow Parks and Recreation activity guides, QR code sheets, comment cards, and bee-related things such as honey.

No motion was made.

10. IRPA Update 2027 Conference - Betsy Rawls

The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss the upcoming April 2027 IRPA Conference and Commission involvement.

Betsy reported on things that the Recreation team learned at the IRPA conference in Twin Falls, including ideas for commission member tasks. Alyssa mentioned having the City of Moscow's grants coordinator talk to the Parks and Recreation Commission about grant writing.

UPDATES/REPORTS

4. Recreation and Pool Update – Betsy Rawls

- a. The Hamilton-Lowe Aquatic Center will be opening on June 8th with a new fun run to replace the old one. Lifeguard certification sessions have been offered over two different weekends – not everyone passed the lifeguard training, but most staff did. There were 78 applicants for concessions workers, and orientation dates have been set.
- b. Micro soccer has concluded and saw the highest number of participants in recent history.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS:

2. Monday, June 8, 2026, 6:30 to 7:30 at Rotary Park: Rotary Park Centennial Plaza Dedication and Ice Cream Social, Rotary Club of Moscow
3. June 25, 2026, Annual Tour: Please send location requests to David Schott

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Multiple Parks and Facilities

There will be no regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting for June. In lieu of the regular meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission's annual parks and facilities tour will be held June 25, 2026. The public is welcome to join using their own transportation.

TOUR AGENDA

1. Meet at Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center (HIRC), 1724 E F St

- Tour participants gathered in the HIRC lobby before heading out on the tour. Commission members present included Ted Kisha, Alyssa Knight, Mark Heinlein, Cat Harner and Emily Klarquist. Also in attendance were Betsy Rawls (Staff Liaison), David Schott (Staff Liaison), Hadley Cabitto and Allison Anders.

2. HIRC Community Gardens

- David provided a brief history of the gardens since their installation. Recreation staff reported that all garden plots were rented out and that the waiting list for plots was considerable leading up to the start of the season. Ted and Mark also provided insights as long-time users of the gardens.

3. Itani Park

- Itani was highlighted as a well-loved "tot lot" for the Rolling Hills neighborhood.

4. Moser Park

- This stop entailed viewing the site of the future Moser Park, which spans over 4 acres. Construction is planned to begin in approximately 2034, and the public will have the chance to provide input on what sort of design and amenities will be featured in the park.

5. Milton Arthur Park

- David highlighted the Strategic Irrigation Program in place at Milton Arthur (an effort by the City to conserve water), as well as the bench seating provided for parents and caregivers. Also discussed was Milton Arthur's featuring of climbing versus platform-based play structures and the pros and cons of the use of the type of rubber tiling featured at this park.

6. Harvest Park

- David and Mark explained the history and layout of the Harvest Park property, including the steep "dog leg" of the property featuring native pollinators and other native, ground-stabilizing plants. Harvest Park is being developed in phases, with the first phase focusing on ADA parking development, pollinator promotion, and soil preparations to ensure that the property will remain low-maintenance as an herbicide-free park. Phase two plans involve the development of an amphitheater/educational gathering area.

7. Ghormley Park

- David provided a brief history of Ghormley Park as the second oldest city park, including its use as a polo field and a golf course in the early 1900s. The pickleball courts were highlighted as a popular, highly used City facility.

8. Almon Asbury Lieuallen Park

- It was shared that Almon Asbury Lieuallen Park was provided by a land donation and serves as another good example of a “tot lot” versus a destination park, primarily benefiting the surrounding neighborhood. Participants noted the appeal of the surrounding views from many points of the park.

9. Return to HIRC

- Participants returned to the HIRC and concluded the tour at 6:30pm.

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