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Parks & Recreation

Director

Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider

CITY OF CORDOVA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH 2025. 6PM
COMMUNITY ROOM A & B
CORDOVA CENTER

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Minutes from August 27th, 2024, Regular Meeting.
- 4. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR
- 5. REPORTS
 - a. Director's Report including Q1 Report and update on Department projects and activities.
 - b. Discussion on Pump Track insurance claim & current state of the pool

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2025-01- Approval of resolution of the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Cordova, Alaska supporting council adoption of an ordinance that reduces the commission membership from seven to five.
- 7. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR
- 8. ADJOURNMENT

City of Cordova Parks & Recreation Commission August 27, 2024 Cordova Center Mayors Conference Room

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 4 – Commission Chair Aaron Hansen

Commission member Kara Rodrigues Commission member Henk Kruithof

Commission member Marvin VanDenBroek

Commission member Jim Fritsch Commission member Erin Cole

Unexcused Absence 1 –Commission Member Jason Ellingson

Also present: P&R Director Duncan Chisholm

Administration Clerk Pam Whitesell

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Kruithof S/Rodrigues to approve the minutes of May 28, 2024. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

4. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No public business.

5. REPORTS

a. Cordova Comprehensive Trails Plan

Director Chisholm spoke to the Cordova Comprehensive Trail Plan.

Topics to include:

- a brief overview of the report.
- Put forth an invite to have a workshop on the trail plan.

b. Directors Report

Director Chisholm spoke to the Directors report. Topics covered included:

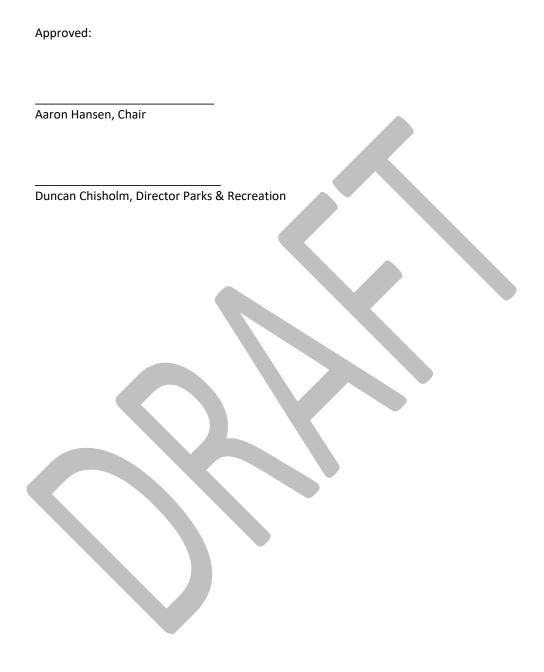
- Q2 2024 Report.
- Update on Capital Projects.
- General Departmental Update.

6. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - None

7. ADJOURNMENT

H/Kruithof K/Rodrigues to adjourn the meeting.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.





Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item #5a

On Agenda:	4/29/2025
ITEM TITLE:	Review of Parks and Recreation Spring Activity Guide 2025
SUBMITTED	BY: Samantha Hagerthy- Schneider
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RESO	LUTION
FISCAL NOTE	ES: Required: \$1,000 approx.

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: FY25 operating budget

RECOMMENDATION:

The Commission provide feedback to Director Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Director Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider will provide a draft of the summer activity guide and outline events and activities planned by the Department from April to June 2025. 250 copies of the guide will be printed and distributed throughout the city in early April. It will also be available as a downloadable pdf document from the City's website.



Spring 2025 Activity Guide April - June



CITY OF CORDOVA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

HELLO, CORDOVA



Get ready for an exciting season of outdoor activities and community fun!

As winter fades and the first signs of spring emerge, Cordova transforms into a playground for outdoor adventure, relaxation, and community events. The Cordova Parks & Recreation department is excited to announce the release of our Spring Activity Guide, featuring a variety of events, classes, and programs for all ages. This spring, there's no better time to reconnect with nature, stay active, and enjoy everything that makes Cordova such a special place to recreate.

Dive into fun this spring at the Bob Korn Memorial Swimming Pool, one of Cordova's most beloved recreation facilities. Perfect for swimmers of all ages, this indoor pool offers a variety of activities and classes to help you stay active year-round.

Stay active and engaged with the variety of programs available at the Bidarki Recreation Center. Whether you're looking for cardio equipment, sports leagues, or just a place to have fun, this indoor facility has it all!

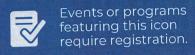
Mark Your Calendars & Stay Active! For more details on registration, schedules, and all the exciting events happening this season, be sure to visit our website or stop by the Cordova Parks & Recreation facilities.

Let's celebrate the season of renewal together in Cordova!

Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider Parks and Recreation Director

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HOW TO REGISTER





Register Online

The most convenient method to sign up for Parks and Recreation programs is now available online through CivicPlus. This platform enables you to search, enroll, and make payments for activities using any computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just follow these simple steps:

- Go to https://secure.recl.com/AK/cordova-ak/
- Log in with your existing account or create a new one by following these instructions:
 - Click on **Login/Create Account** in the upper left corner, then choose *Create Your CAK Account*.
 - On mobile devices, click on **Account** in the upper right, then select Sign Up.
 - Fill in the necessary details.
 - If you wish to receive text alerts (for program cancellations, facility closures, etc.), indicate your preference next to your cell number.
 - You can add additional household members (spouse, children, etc.) at any time in your **Account Settings**. Keep your entire household under one account!
- Explore our online catalog of upcoming activities. When you find an
 activity, be sure to select the correct account member before adding it to
 your cart.

UPCOMING EVENTS





Pirate Treasure Island Theme Night Drop in

SATURDAY APRIL 19TH | 6PM - 8PM | AGES 6+ | \$5/PERSON \$20/FAMILY BOB KORN MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

Ahoy, mateys! Get ready to set sail for the most pirate-tastic pool party of the year at Treasure Island Pool Party! Grab your eye patches, hoist your Jolly Roger flag, and join us for a swashbuckling good time! Whether you're looking to make a splash or searching for hidden treasure this event is fun for the whole family.



2 v 2 Pickleball Tournament



SUNDAY APR 27TH | 10AM - 2:30 P.M. | AGES 16+ | \$10/PLAYER MT. ECCLES GYMNASIUM

Join this 2 on 2 Pickleball Tournament for a chance to get your competitive Pickle Juices flowing and meet some new friends. Signup with a teammate and play against Cordova's best. Pick your partner, pick your paddle, and play pickleball!



Bay To Bay in May



SATURDAY MAY 3RD | 10 AM - 1:30 PM ALL AGES | \$5/PERSON \$20/FAMILY HARTNEY BAY TO ORCA (9.1 MILES)

Join us at Hartney Bay for the annual 'Bay to Bay' race, where the most average times take the crown! You can either "run" the whole route or bike from Hartney Bay to the City Center and complete the race on foot. Choose to bike 6.1 miles, then run or walk 3.0 miles, or run the full 9.1 miles (no relays). Here's to the most average winner!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES





Mini Movers

5 Drop

TUE, THU, & SAT | 10 A.M. - 18 P.M. AGES 6 MO - 5 FREE WITH PARENT M/SHIP OR \$2.50/CHILD BIDARKI RECREATION CENTER

Mini Movers is a drop-in parent/caregiver led casual play session designed for preschoolers to explore their physical capabilities at their own pace in a fun, safe, and social environment.



Funday Friday



FRI | 1 P.M. - 3 P.M. | AGES 6 - 14 SCHOOL DAYS ONLY (ENDS MAY 16TH) \$5/CHILD BIDARKI RECREATION CENTER

Join Parks & Recreation staff for two hours of fun and games at the Bidarki Gym after school on Fridays! Example activities will include dodgeball, never-ending tag, the imagination playground, and more!



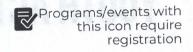
After School at the Pool



FRI | 3 P.M. - 5:15 P.M. | AGES 6 - 14 SCHOOL DAYS ONLY (ENDS MAY 16TH) \$5/CHILD BOB KORN MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

Join Parks & Recreation staff for two hours of fun and games at the pool after the Fun Fridays at the Pool.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



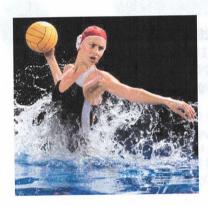


Splashball League 2nd-3rd Grade

MONDAY | APR 14- MAY 12 | 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Ages 7 - 9 \$30/Child | Max 18 Participants Bob Korn Memorial Swimming Pool



This program introduces young swimmers to water polo in a supportive environment, focusing on teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship. Participants will learn fundamentals like passing, shooting, and defense while enhancing their swimming skills and confidence. Suitable for both novices and those with some experience, this league will only take place in the shallow end, offers a great opportunity to improve skills, make friends, and enjoy aquatic fun and fitness.



Splashball League 4th-6th Grade

TUESDAY | APR 15- MAY 13 | 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m | Ages 10 - 12 \$30/CHILD | MAX 18 PARTICIPANTS BOB KORN MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL



Whether you're a complete beginner or have some experience under your belt, this league offers a wonderful chance to develop your skills, make new friends, and have a blast while staying active in the water. Get ready for a fun-filled journey that combines the thrill of competition with the joy of camaraderie! Dive in and join us for an unforgettable aquatic adventure!

ADULT ACTIVITIES





Drop in Volleyball

MON & WED | 6:30 P.M. - CLOSE | 16+ Free with M/Ship or Daily Admission required Bidarki recreation center

Pickup volleyball at its finest! Come during designated times for pickup games where fitness and fun are emphasized. Matches typically 5v5 or 6v6.



Drop in Basketball

TUE & THURS | 6:30 P.M. - CLOSE | 16+ FREE WITH M/SHIP OR DAILY ADMISSION REQUIRED BIDARKI RECREATION CENTER

Experience pickup basketball at its best! Join us during scheduled times for games that prioritize both fitness and fun. Games usually feature teams of 5v5 or 4v4.



Drop in Futsal

FRIDAY | 5:30P.M.- CLOSE | 16+ Free with M/Ship or Daily Admission Required Bidarki recreation Center

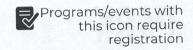
Envision the beautiful game of soccer, now danced upon a gleaming hardwood court with a slightly smaller sphere. Rally your companions and dive into the exhilarating world of the vibrant sport of Futsal!

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES





Outdoor/Indoor Soccer

FRIDAYS | MAY 23- JUNE 20 | 1:30PM - 3:30 PM | ALL AGES | FREE Hollis Hendrichs Park/Bidarki recreation center

Soccer for the whole family! Drop in at the Hollis Hendrichs Park/ The Grassy Field (or Bidarki Recreation Center on bad weather days) and play a relaxed, casual game with new friends and families.



Family Ultimate Frisbee

WEDNESDAYS | MAY 28- JUNE 25 | 4:30PM - 6:30PM | ALL AGES | FREE Hollis Hendrichs Park (The Grassy Field)

The games will be held every Wednesday night where the grassy field offers the perfect setting for an evening of frisbee fun. Players can look forward to making new friends, enjoying the fresh air, and experiencing the thrill of catching the perfect throw under the midnight sun. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the sport, everyone is welcome to join in the excitement.



Disc Golf Course

OPEN | ALL AGES | \$20/DISC (PUTTER AND DRIVER) RENTALS (\$15 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT) RENTAL DISCS AVAILABLE FROM BIDARKI MEALS RESERVOIR DISC GOLF COURSE

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newcomer to the sport, the scenic views and fresh air at the Meals Reservoir Disc Golf Course provide the perfect backdrop for a fun and relaxing day. Don't forget to bring your discs and a sense of adventure!









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FACILITY INFORMATION



BIDARKI RECREATION CENTER

103 Council Avenue Cordova, AK 99574 P: (907) 424-7282 E: parksadmin@cityofcordova.net

For monthly schedule visit: www.cityofcordova.net/bidarki



BOB KORN MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

610 Railroad Avenue Cordova, AK 99574 P: (907) 424-7200 E: pool@cityofcordova.net

For monthly schedule visit: www.cityofcordova.net/pool

ADMISSION FEES

Daily

Adult: \$7.50

Student/Senior/Concession: \$5.00

Child/Youth: \$4.00

10 Trip

Adult: \$67.50

Student/Senior/Concession: \$45.50

Child/Youth: \$36.50

20 Trip

Adult: \$135.00

Student/Senior/Concession: \$91.00

Child/Youth: \$72.75

Monthly

Adult: \$100.00

Student/Senior/Concession: \$75.50

Child/Youth: \$39.50

Annual - Swim OR Gym

Adult: \$314.00

Student/Senior/Concession: \$236.75

Child/Youth: \$116.00 Family: \$492.00

Annual - Swim & Gym

Adult: \$523.00

Student/Senior/Concession: \$394.50

Child/Youth: \$206.00 Family: \$784.50

Note:

Adult: 18 - 64 years; Child/Youth: 6 - 17 years; Student: 18+ with ID; Senior: 65+. Concession: Active Military with ID and CVFD volunteers; Family: Up to two domestic partnership adults and three children 6 – 17. Daily, 10-Trip, 20-Trip and Month passes are valid for entry to both facilities.

CONTACT US

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are FUNdamental to Cordova Parks & Recreation.

Cordova Parks & Recreation has many volunteer opportunities: coaching youth, special events, parks and trail clean-ups, and landscape maintenance. We need assistance from individuals, organizations and businesses.

Parks and Recreation volunteers not only impact our bottom line by providing important services, but they also get a great sense of community pride for supporting Cordova's parks and recreation system.

This spring we are in need of the following to help make our programs and activities the best that they can be:

- Youth sport coaches.
- Event volunteers

If you'd like to help out this spring, scan the QR code above, and then select the Volunteer for Us button or swing by Bidarki Recreation Center to complete an application.



Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item #5b

On Agenda: 4/29/2025						
ITEM T	ITLE: Director's Report					
SUBMI	TTED BY: Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider					
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	MOTION					
	RESOLUTION					
	NOTES: liture Required: N/A					

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That Director Hagerthy-Schneider's reported by noted.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Director Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider will give a verbal report to the Commission on departmental updates which will include:

- Q1 2025 Report
- Pump Track damage and insurance claim
- Pool leak information
- General Department Update

Parks and Recreation Performance Summary: Quarter 1, 2025

Key performance indicators.

Measure Type	Service Area	Performance measure	FY24 Benchmark	Q1 FY25	Q2 FY25	Q3 FY25	Q4 FY25	Total YTD	Indicator
Output	Recreation	Number of visits to Bidarki Recreation Center.	16,491	4,656					\odot
Output	Pool	Number of visits to Bob Korn Memorial Swimming Pool.	11,145	4,443					\odot
Outcome	Department wide	Annual Survey: Quality of Parks & Recreation facilities. % Excellent or Good.	NEW MEASURE						
Output	Recreation	Total number of registrations on recreation programs.	305	303					\odot
Output	Pool	Total number of registrations on pool programs.	173	146					\odot
Output	Pool	Total number of times lifeguard intervention was required by users of the Pool.	NEW MEASURE	0					
Measure Type	Service Area	Performance measure	FY23 Benchmark	Q1 FY24	Q2 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Total YTD	Indicator

Output	Recreation	Total number of hours rented at Bidarki Recreation Center.	73	9			\odot
Output	Pool	Total number of hours rented at Bob Korn Pool.	872.5	441			\odot
Output	Odiak Camper Park	Total number of nights used.	417	0			•••
Output	Eyak Lake Skater's Cabin	Total number of nights used.	145	6			\odot

208hrs School Swim Program, 180hrs Iceworm Swim Team & 53hrs other







= on target = in progress = not on target

Quarter 1 Highlights

Department Administration

Grant Funding

Actively pursuing grant opportunities to support parks improvements, recreational programming, and community events. Staff is identifying and preparing applications for applicable local, state, and federal funding sources.

Staffing

Continued outreach and advertisement efforts for the open *Recreation Clerk* position to ensure a well-qualified applicant pool. Position remains open until filled.

Spring Programming

Development of the *Spring Activity Guide* is underway. Staff is coordinating with instructors and partners to finalize program offerings, schedules, and promotional materials for publication and distribution.

Bidarki Recreation Center

Pickleball Classic Iceworm Tournament

For the first time ever, Parks & Recreation held a Pickleball Classic Iceworm Tournament, a major success that brought together pickleball enthusiasts from all over the Cordova. The event saw strong participation and generated excitement, setting the stage for future pickleball events hosted by Parks & Recreation.

• Dodgeball Classic Iceworm Tournament

We brought back the Dodgeball Classic Iceworm Tournament, a fan favorite that continues to be a hit with both players and spectators. The event saw a high turnout, with teams competing in a fun and energetic environment, bringing a much-needed sense of community back to the center

• The Iceworm Classic Volleyball Tournament was another highlight this quarter. This event was incredibly well-received, with local and visiting teams battling it out in intense matches. The tournament was a fantastic showcase of skill and sportsmanship, reaffirming our commitment to providing top-tier recreational experiences.

Iceworm Classic Basketball Tournament

The Iceworm Classic Basketball Tournament also took place, further solidifying our reputation as a go-to destination for community sports. The event saw teams of all levels, from amateur players to seasoned athletes, engaging in spirited competition and providing exciting moments for fans.

Youth Indoor Soccer League

We kicked off our Youth Indoor Soccer League, offering a fun and competitive environment for kids to develop their soccer skills and teamwork. The league has been a huge hit with young athletes, keeping them active and engaged during the colder months.

Co-Ed Volleyball Clinic

Our Co-Ed Volleyball Clinic was a fantastic way to help participants of all skill levels enhance their volleyball techniques. With a focus on skill development, teamwork, and fun, the clinic has been an exciting addition to our programming.

Mindful Meditation

Our Mindful Meditation sessions have helped participants find balance and relaxation in their busy lives. These sessions offer a calm space for participants to focus on their mental well-being, promoting mindfulness and stress reduction.

Senior Walking in the Gym

The Senior Walking in the Gym program continues to be a popular option for our older community members, providing a safe and accessible way for them to stay active and healthy. This program is a vital part of our efforts to cater to all age groups.

Fun Fridays!

Our Fun Fridays initiative offered supervised recreational time designed to get kids moving. It's been a great success, with a variety of activities aimed at promoting physical fitness and fun in a supportive, engaging environment for children.

Bob Korn Memorial Swimming Pool

- Six individuals were certified in the American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor course, strengthening the
 pool's ability to offer high-quality swim lessons and water safety education. This is an incredibly valuable
 training for the city of Cordova, ensuring that our community has access to well-trained, professional
 instructors.
- The Ice Worm Meet, titled "Duel in the Pool," was a fun and competitive event that brought the community together to enjoy swimming and friendly competition.
- In collaboration with Taylor Fire, we successfully moved the fire panel from the chemical storage room to
 the office, improving accessibility and safety. Additionally, we installed a smoke detector in the boiler
 room and visual alarms on both the pool deck and outside the pool, enhancing our emergency
 preparedness.
- We completed a session of swim lessons, helping many participants improve their swimming skills and water confidence.
- Our Splash Ball League was also a big success, offering participants a fun and active way to engage in water sports.
- The Hawaiian-themed night was a standout event, with great participation and positive feedback. The fun, relaxed atmosphere made it a memorable evening for everyone involved!
- We continued our supervised After-School Program on Fridays "After School at THE POOL! offering a safe and enjoyable environment for kids after school. This program allows children to unwind, swim, and participate in various pool activities under supervision, making it a great addition to our community offerings.

• The Paddle Battle was another exciting new Ice Worm Festival event that tested participants' strength, agility, and teamwork. It was a fantastic opportunity for both beginners and experienced paddlers to showcase their skills while having fun in the pool.

<u>Parks</u>

- Fisherman's Memorial Planter: Hewed stones have been selected and highlighted for the new planter installation at the Fisherman's Memorial.
- Bidarki Nursery: Spring basification projects are underway; the seeds were at the Bidarki nursery in preparation.
- Storm Cleanup: Continued cleanup efforts are addressing debris and damage from the January 6th windstorm.
- Facility Support: Provided immense support with day-to-day maintenance of the pool and recreation facilities. Stepped up to assist with custodial duties during a recent staffing shortage, ensuring operations continued smoothly.



Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item #6a

On Agenda: 4/29/2025					
ITEM TI	TLE: Resolution 2005-01				
SUBMIT	TTED BY: Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider				
	INFORMATION				
	MOTION				
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	NOTES: iture Required: N/A				

Expenditure Required: N/A
Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Commissioners approval of resolution of the Parks & Recreation supporting council adoption of an ordinance that reduces the commission membership from seven to five.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This resolution by the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supports a proposed ordinance to reduce the commission's membership from seven to five members. The change is intended to improve meeting consistency and overall productivity, as recent years have seen multiple meetings canceled due to lack of quorum. The resolution notes declining volunteer participation in the community and cites a similar reduction in Harbor Commission membership as precedent. The commission believes that a smaller, committed group would be better able to fulfill its duties effectively.

CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, SUPPORTING COUNCIL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE THAT REDUCES THE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP FROM SEVEN TO FIVE

WHEREAS, Cordova Municipal Code 3.52.020 - Advisory Parks & Recreation Commission delineates the commission be made up of seven members; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was able to meet 5 times in 2023 and had 3 meetings cancelled in 2023 due to a lack of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was able to meet 5 times in 2024 and had 3 meetings cancelled in 2024 due to a lack of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, often the cancelled meetings were not cancelled until the time set for the beginning of the meeting which inconvenienced many people including: Parks & Recreation staff, Cordova Center staff, the Parks & Recreation Commissioners that were in attendance, and members of the public planning to be in attendance; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism in Cordova has seen a decline of late as evidenced by the recent decrease of Harbor Commissioners from 7 to 5; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that a group of 5 dedicated commissioners would be significantly more productive in conducting the business of the Parks & Recreation Commission since meetings would be cancelled less often.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Cordova does hereby request that City Council adopt an ordinance to change Chapter 3.52 of the Cordova Municipal Code so that the membership of the commission is reduced from 7 to 5 members.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29th DAY OF APRIL 2025

	Aaron Hansen, Commission Chair
ATTEST:	
	Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider, Director