

Chair

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Commissioners

Gabby Brown

Kara Rodriguez

Henk Kruithof

Erin Cole

Kelsey Hayden

Vacant

Parks & Recreation**Director**

Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider

**CITY OF CORDOVA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, MAY 27TH 2025. 6PM
COMMUNITY ROOM A & B
CORDOVA CENTER**

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Minutes from April 29th, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Elect Chair for One-Year Term
 - b. Elect Vice Chair for One-Year Term
- 5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS**
 - a. Audience Comments regarding agenda items.
- 6. REPORTS**
 - a. Director's Report – Verbal report including update on department projects and activities. This includes Skaters Cabin and the Bob Korn Pool.
- 7. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**
- 8. PENDING AGENDA**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

City of Cordova
Parks & Recreation Commission
April 29th, 2025
Cordova Center
Minutes

1. Call TO Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by acting chair Kruithof

2. Roll Call

Present 6- Commission Henk Kruithof- (Acting Chair)
Commission Kara Rodrigues
Commission Jim Fritsch
Commission Erin Cole
Commission Kelsey Hayden (New)
Commission Gabby Brown (New)

Unexcused Absence 1-Commission Chair Aaron Hansen

Also present: P&R Director Samantha Hagerthy- Schneider
Accounts Specialist Finance Dept. Pam Whitesell

3. Approval OF Minutes

J/ Fritsch K/Rodrigues to approve minutes of August 27, 2024

Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0

4. Public Business from The Floor

No public business.

5. Reports

a. Directors Report

Director Hagerthy-Schneider spoke to the Directors report. Topics to include:

- Q1 2025 Report
- Update on Swimming pool.
- General Department Updates

6. New Business

P&R Commission Agenda Item #6a

Item Title: Resolution 2025-1 – Approval of resolution of the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Cordova, Alaska supporting council adoption of ordinance that reduces the commission membership from seven to five.

Submitted BY: Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider

X Information

X Motion -Motion was not carried 0-6

___ Resolution

7. Commission Business from The Floor-

- H/Kruithof spoke on Skater's Cabin
 - Asked to open garbage cans in parks sooner
 - Asked if he could zoom into meetings in the future due to travel plans.
- G/Brown spoke on quarterly meetings.
 - All agreed upon no vote needed.
 - In P&R By Laws
- K/Hayden spoke on having a fall workshop.

8. Adjournment

K/Rodrigues E/Cole to adjourn the meeting

Acting Chair Kruithof adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.



Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda Item #5A

On Agenda: 5/27/2025

ITEM TITLE: Director's Report

SUBMITTED BY: Samantha Hagerthy-Schneider

☒ **INFORMATION**

☐ **MOTION**

☐ **RESOLUTION**

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Director Hagerthy- Schneider to give a verbal report to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Director Hagerthy-Schneider will give a verbal report to the Commission including project updates, programs and department staffing.

UPDATES



Youth Sports & Activities (April 9 – May 21, 2025)

3v3 Basketball (9–12 years old): 40 registered; average of 30 participants per session over 5 weeks.

3v3 Basketball (12–17 years old): 17 registered; average of 12 participants per session over 5 weeks.

2v2 Pickleball Tournament: 18 registered; 17 participants across 8 teams.

Adult Softball: 14 registered; 13 participants in the single session held on May 16, with 3 drop-ins.

Aquatics & Recreation

Pirate Swim Night: 25 swimmers enjoyed a themed evening.

After School at the Pool: 17 participants engaged in post-school aquatic activities.

Training 2 new lifeguards were certified

Special Events & Programs

Mini Movers (Ages 3–5): 39 participants engaged in early childhood movement activity.

Adult Supervision: 44 adults participated in various supervised programs.

Funday Friday: 89 participants enjoyed end-of-week recreational activities.

Bay to Bay in May: 59 registered; 51 participants in this community event.

Canceled Programs

Splashball Leagues: Program canceled due to low registration.

Badminton Clinics: Program canceled due to low registration.



VISITS AT A GLANCE 4/1-5/1

BIDARKI-

MEMBERS 2361 VISITS

ADMISSIONS 325 VISITS

POOL-

MEMBERS 261 VISITS

ADMISSIONS 562



Orlando, Florida
Exhibits: September 16-17
Conference: September 16-18

WE HAVE RECENTLY SUBMITTED A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE RURAL CAP FOUNDATION TO FULLY FUND OUR TRIP TO THE NRPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16–18, 2025. IF THE GRANT IS APPROVED, WE WILL PROCEED WITH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, WHICH OPENED ON MAY 12, 2025, AND FINALIZE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDINGLY. THIS WOULD COVER THE DIRECTOR AND PROGRAM COORDINATOR

FACILITIES

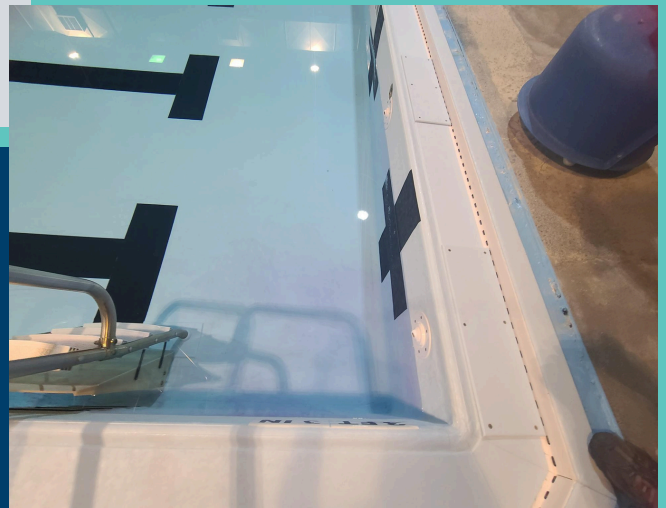
Bob Korn Pool Status

Water Loss: The pool is currently losing approximately 2 inches of water per day.

Staff Allocation: Personnel have been reassigned to other areas within Parks and Recreation.

Engineering Consultations: Regular communication with pool engineers is ongoing, with discussions occurring nearly weekly.

Planning Phase: A comprehensive scope of work will be developed once the exact cause of the issue is identified.



Skaters Cabin Project

Demolition Quotes: We initiated the process by requesting quotes for possible demolition. Once we receive these, we can assess the scope and budget for the project.

Community Engagement: Hosting "community mug ups" is a fantastic way to gather feedback and build local support. These informal gatherings can foster a sense of ownership and enthusiasm among community members. The next chance will be at the Skater's Cabin Project & Community Bike Ride

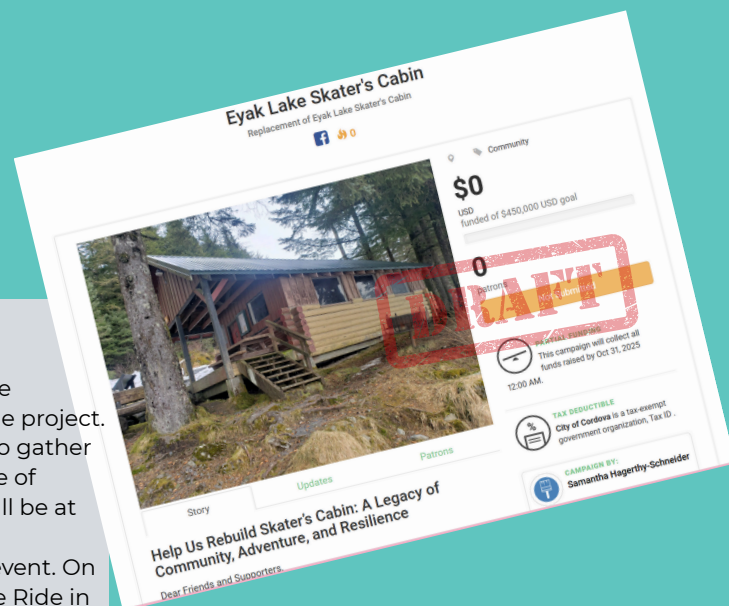
We're combining two great community engagement opportunities into one event. On Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM, we'll host a Community Bike Ride in conjunction with the final Skater's Cabin community input day.

Crowdfunding with Patronicity

Platform Overview: Patronicity specializes in civic crowdfunding, connecting community projects with funding partners to support local initiatives. They offer a unique "crowdgranting" model, where successful campaigns receive matching grants from partners like state agencies, foundations, or nonprofits.

Success Rate: In 2023, Patronicity's crowdfunding campaigns had an impressive 89% success rate, indicating a strong track record in helping projects reach their funding goals

Support Services: Patronicity provides one-on-one project coaching, helping you develop a strategy to reach your fundraising goals and engage your community effectively



PARKS



Odiak Camper Park

Revenue Update: As of May 23, 2025, Odiak Camper Park has generated \$13,831.01 in revenue. This is approximately 78% of the total revenue for the previous year, which ended at \$17,734.

Revenue Growth Potential: With the peak camping season ahead, there's a strong opportunity to surpass last year's revenue by maintaining current occupancy rates and enhancing additional services. Please spread the word for upcoming events like Salmon Jam that spots are filling up!

Facility Enhancements

New Propane Boiler: The installation of the new propane boiler has been completed and is now operational, ensuring consistent hot water supply for campers. This included creating a new concrete pad for the new tank.

Coin-Operated Showers: The coin-operated showers in the travel trailer section remain active, providing convenient facilities for guests.

Guest Experience Enhancements

S'mores Kits & Fire Starters: We introduced s'mores kits and fire starters for sale as a fantastic way to enhance the camping experience. These items can be conveniently purchased online during the booking process and delivered to campsites during morning rounds.

Bear Safety Initiatives

Interest in Bear-Safe Lockers: There's growing interest among tent campers for bear-safe food storage solutions.

Budget Planning: Consider allocating funds in the 2026 budget to install bear-resistant lockers, enhancing safety and attracting more campers concerned about wildlife encounters.



Hollis Hendricks Field
Field of Dreams
Little League Field
Tot Lot
Multi-Purpose Field
Nettie Hanson Park
Restroom Facilities



Field Preparation: All fields have been fertilized, mowed, and marked, ensuring readiness for summer activities.

Restroom Facilities: All restrooms are operational and have been serviced to meet cleanliness standards.

Ongoing Maintenance: Continuous monitoring and repairs are in progress, focusing on drainage issues and addressing minor building damages.

Areas of maintenance that need to be addressed

Drainage Improvements: Further assessment and enhancement of drainage systems to prevent potential water accumulation.

Structural Repairs: Address minor building damages to maintain safety and functionality.

