



# Park and Recreation Commission

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: MAY 18, 2026**

**FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES E OF DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: 2026 PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT BOOK OF WORK**

## **ISSUE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Park and Recreation Commission with an update on progress made under the 2026 Book of Work.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive this Book of Work Update.

## **BACKGROUND:**

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**DISCUSSION:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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- Attachments:
1. 2026 Book of Work
  2. Presentation