



City of Kalispell
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City Manager Report
July 13, 2018

1. Building Department

In the last 2 weeks we have issued permits for 3 single family houses. This brings the total of new single family/duplex and townhouse units for the year to 47, compared to 62 at this time last year. The interior building permit for REI was issued and is valued at \$800,000.

City fire inspectors completed 31 Fire Life Safety Inspections and 3 Short Term Rental inspections in June. We are moving up South Main toward the downtown at this time, beginning with the County Courthouse complex.

2. Planning Department

The planning board met on July 10 and addressed three applications. The board unanimously recommended approval of the 320 unit RV Park called Montana Base Camp RV. This project involved a growth policy amendment to Mixed Use Urban, a zone change to B-2 with a PUD overlay, annexation of a small strip of land internal to the project and a preliminary plat. At the hearing, Citizens for a Better Flathead spoke against the project. The South Meadows Homeowners Association abutting the southern boundary spoke in support of the project, as did several other people from the community. Edge, LLC, also received unanimous approval of a conditional use request to construct two 4-plex buildings at 24 Appleway. Finally, the board held a work session to discuss the Eagle Valley Ranch PUD which encompasses approximately 99-acres and creates a new vision for the project site which was known as the Valley Ranch PUD. The site is located east of US Highway 93 North, south of Ponderosa Estates and adjacent to the Armory property and Kalispell North. The proposed development calls for 225 residential lots, 12 mixed-use office/residential lots and an apartment complex site. The public hearing for this project is scheduled for the August 14 planning board.

Last month, the Woodland Avenue connector street extension received the most votes during the Deep Dive edging out 8th Ave. West as the preferred route amongst the initial

3 routes selected for possible development from Center to Idaho as part of the Core Area Project: Woodland, 6th Avenue West, and 8th Avenue West. In order to find out if there was real support for this route in the Woodland neighborhood, staff sent out a newsletter to approximately 120 property owners abutting Woodland Avenue, did a PSA, and hosted an open house on July 10 at City Hall seeking input on the viability of this route. 35 people attended the open house and a host of people have commented by email and letter to date. Over 90% of the responses are opposed to the Woodland Extension. We will leave the comment period open until late July and then make a final report to the Trail Crew (our steering committee) which is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 31 to review progress.

3. Police Department

On July 9, Officer Dennis Bain taught a bicycle safety course to local youth.

This week, multiple officers attended the ALERRT Active Shooter course. This training was a two day course taught by the FBI and ALERRT instructors.

On July 11 and 12, Great Falls Police Officer Rich Labard came to Kalispell and provided training on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Officer Labard suffered from PTSD early on in his career. After seeking treatment and learning to manage his disorder, he began instructing other police officers how to recognize symptoms, etc.

On July 9, members of the Major Crime Unit spent the day outfitting KPD's new Crime Scene/Negotiator trailer.

4. City Clerk/Communications

The City of Kalispell now has an Instagram social media account at <https://www.instagram.com/cityofkalispell/>. Instagram users can now follow the City of Kalispell to keep up on city governance news, events, and outreach. Meanwhile, the city Facebook page has reached 4,400 likes with thousands of people reached each week.

5. Community Development

The City of Kalispell, Flathead County, and the Montana Department of Transportation held a public open house at the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce conference room on Tuesday, July 10 from 11 am to 2 pm, and 5 pm to 7 pm. Twenty-four people participated in the event where project staff explained the proposed USDOT BUILD grant application and answered questions. The application will be submitted by July 18.

6. Parks and Recreation

Serious Ju Ju and the Rotary Club of Kalispell Daybreak spent several evenings removing the graffiti from the skate park.



Kids are spinning again at Thompson Memorial park as Park staff removed the old dilapidated merry-go-around and installed a new one last week at the park.

KPR established a new partnership with the Academy of the Performing Arts this summer to offer three different camps (Preschool/Kindergarten Dance Camp, Ballet Dance Camp, and Jazz & Hip Hop Camp). We had 25 kids take part in the new programs and we are excited about growing this partnership next summer.

Participation in the second session of swim lessons is up 30% compared to the first session thanks to the warmer temperatures.

Due to cold and rainy conditions, we were not able to host our Story Time with Imagine IF Libraries in the activity pool on June 29. However due to last year's popularity, we have expanded the number of programs from one to four and we are hoping for more favorable weather on our other dates (July 13, July 27, and August 10).

We are about half way through the summer and demand for spots at Camp Woodland Summer Day Camp is as high as ever. Week 5 and 6 include field trips to Lake Five Resort, Glacier National Park, and the Whitefish Mountain Resort. We also had an impromptu visit from the Kalispell Fire Department, who allowed the campers to tour a fire truck down at the camp center.



7. Public Works

Secondary Digester Project



The secondary digester rehabilitation project is a month into construction. To date, one of the digester lids has been removed from the tank and the existing coating is being blasted from both the digester and the TWAS tank. Once the existing coating is removed, the contractor will make repairs to the metal frames and prepare the tanks for coating application.

Pavement Maintenance

Streets in Silverbook Estates and Spring Creek Estates will be chip-sealed the week of July 9. Chips are compacted with a roller into an asphalt emulsion applied on to the road surface. The chips are left to cure for a minimum of five days, after which City sweepers will collect loose gravel that did not get embedded into the asphalt emulsion. Just over 5 miles of city streets will be chip sealed this year.