



CORCORAN COMPASS

Commissions and Council Meetings Recap for the Month of July 2026



Planning Commission Update

At the July 7, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting:

Unfinished Business Included:

Springs at Corcoran Preliminary Plat, Rezoning & Preliminary PUD: The Planning Commission was originally scheduled to hold a public hearing and review this item. However, additional information was needed from the applicant to conduct a thorough analysis of the request. Discussions with the applicant are ongoing, and the applicant intends to have all necessary information as soon as possible. Staff recommended and the Planning Commission made a motion to table the public hearing for this item to the September 3, 2026, Planning Commission meeting and was approved 5-0.

New Business Included:

Lost Loon Site Plan & Variance: The applicant, Dan Sjobolm, requests approval of a Site Plan, Interim Use Permit (IUP), and Variance on behalf of Lost Loon LLC, a proposed cannabis cultivator, at 20120 Auger Avenue. The Planning Commission recommended approval 4-1 and was referred to the City Council.

Parks and Trails Commission Update

The Parks and Trails Commission meeting originally scheduled for July 16, 2026, was canceled.

City Council Update

At the July 9, 2026, City Council Work Session Meeting:

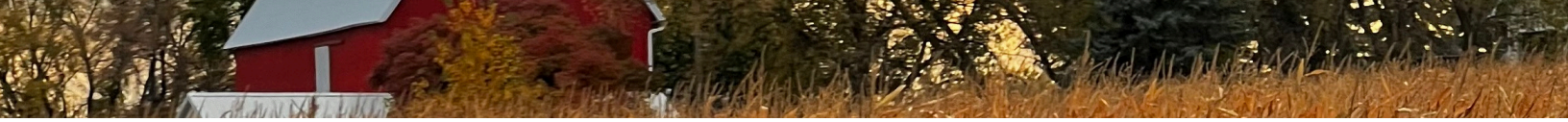
Staff has begun work preparing to draft the 2027 budget. Finance Director, Matthew Gsellmeier, gave report to Council and sought feedback for staff regarding Council's goals and priorities for the 2027 budget.

At the July 9, 2026, City Council Meeting:

Hennepin County Commissioner, Kevin Anderson, gave a report to Council and staff regarding county updates as well as an update on the county roads in Corcoran. Ryan Schmidt, Schlenner, Wenner & Company presented the 2025 audited financial statements with an unmodified (clean) opinion indicating satisfactory results.

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City Council Update Continued

City Council approved the following consent items: approved the Corcoran Police Department Vehicle Use policy. Approved the Wayfinding Policy and design of a sign family to help create cohesive signage systems throughout the City of Corcoran parks, trails, and open spaces, and additionally directed staff to procure quotes for signage at Heritage Park and Wildflower Park. Adopted Resolution 2026-48 approving receipt of Community Safety Grant Award from CenterPoint Energy in the amount of \$2,500 for the purchase of carbon monoxide detectors for new patrol vehicles. Adopted Resolution 2026-53 acknowledging the Donation from Hanover Athletic Association to the City of Corcoran for the Youth Firearm Safety Program in the amount of \$1,000.

At the July 23, 2026, City Council Work Session Meeting:

The City of Corcoran held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of its new state-of-the-art, agricultural-themed playground at Heritage Park. The event was attended by the Mayor, City Council members, Commissioners, city staff, and community families. The Heritage Park Playground is now officially open to the public. Important visitor information and playground hours can be found below:

Important Visitor Information

While the playground is open, construction remains underway in the area and in other portions of Heritage Park. To ensure public safety and keep the project on schedule, visitors are asked to strictly follow posted playground hours and respect all signage and fencing around closed areas.

Playground Hours:

Monday – Friday: 5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday: Regular Park Hours (6 a.m. – 11 p.m.)

Visitors are encouraged to use the parking lot off County Road 10 to minimize impact on ongoing construction and traffic in the County Road 50 lot. Clear signage is in place to guide guests.

At the July 23, 2026, City Council Meeting:

City Council approved the following consent items: approved the 2026 2nd quarter financials. Adopted Resolution 2026-55 approving the temporary on-sale liquor license to Corcoran Community Fund effective August 14-15 during Corcoran Country Daze at Corcoran Lions Park.

In Planning Business: City Council approved Resolution 2026-54 approving the Site Plan, Interim Use Permit (IUP), and Variance for Lost Loon LLC, a proposed cannabis cultivator, with amendments, including a maximum of 27.8% impervious surface coverage in the shoreland overlay district and sprinkler requirement.

In Unfinished Business: BKV Group presented schematic designs for the proposed Civic Campus project.

In New Business: Parks and Recreation Manager, Jessica Christensen Buck, presented results from the Heritage Park Building Survey and sought policy direction from Council regarding the proposed Heritage Park Building rental program so staff may finalize the reservation agreement and develop recommended rental fees for future Council consideration. Council discussed and provided feedback.

NIGHT TO UNITE 2026

Night to Unite was an absolute blast! A massive shout-out to our incredible staff, volunteers, sponsors, contributors, neighborhood party planners, and every single community member who turned the night into an unforgettable evening. We hope everyone enjoyed the outstanding weather, the tasty food, and the fantastic fellowship. We are already counting down the days to Night to Unite 2027. We look forward to welcoming you back next year!



Events Calendar

August 11:
Primary Election Day
Polls Open 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

August 13:
City Council Meeting
7 P.M. (City Hall)

August 18:
Planning Commission Meeting
7 P.M. (City Hall)

August 20
Parks and Trails Commission Meeting
7 P.M. (City Hall)

August 27:
City Council Work Session Meeting
5:30 P.M. (City Hall)

August 27:
City Council Meeting
7 P.M. (City Hall)