

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** Inter-Neighborhood Council

**FROM:** Emily Kiely, Community Engagement Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Approve the Valley West and the Lakes Neighborhood Association as a City Recognized Neighborhood Association (10 minutes)

**MEETING DATE:** March 12, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Neighborhood Association Application

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 1.2 Community Engagement: Broaden and deepen engagement of the community in city government, innovating methods for inviting input from the community and stakeholders.

**BACKGROUND:**

**About Valley West and the Lakes at Valley West**

Valley West and the Lakes at Valley West are two lively neighborhoods on Bozeman’s west side. Both communities are centered around parks with walking paths, open spaces, playgrounds, and water features.

As one of Bozeman’s first master-planned communities, Valley West and The Lakes were developed through the city’s Planned Unit Development process, designed to balance compact housing with open space. These neighborhoods feature pedestrian-friendly streets, welcoming front porches, and traffic-calming features that encourage community connection.

The first homes in Valley West were completed in 2002, with The Lakes following in 2016. Home styles range from single-family residences (Some with ADUs) to condos, townhomes, and duplexes, and reflect a diversity of architecture.

In 2007, Valley West received an Award of Excellence for Community Park Design from the Bozeman Beautification Advisory Board and a Sonoran Institute “Building from the Best of the Northern Rockies” award. The park structures received a 2008 Montana Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects.

Residents of Valley West and The Lakes are within walking distance of the Ridge Athletic Club, Ferguson Farm, Town and Country, and other local businesses and services.

**Neighborhood Association Kick-off Meeting:**

The Valley West and the Lakes Neighborhood Association held their kick-off meeting on March 5, 2026. At that meeting they approved their bylaws and elected steering committee members, along with the INC representative.

**Boundaries:**

South of Durston Road between Cottonwood Road and Ferguson Avenue, south to Babcock Street. South of Durston Road and north of Vaughn Drive between Aakjker Creek and Westmorland Drive. (see map attached)

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None

**ALTERNATIVES:** None

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None

Attachments:

[Valley\\_West\\_Neighborhood\\_Assn\\_Application.pdf](#)  
[Map.png](#)

Report compiled on: March 5, 2026