Youth Activities Board Meeting
City Hall Chambers
January 14, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Draft Minutes

I. **Roll Call**

a. **Members Present;** Tom Rutecki, Joyce Vick, Linda Johnson, Colton Womack, Kelly Pajinag, Bob Kuhn, Sean Boily

b. **Members Absent;** John White, Jeff Sloss

c. **Staff Present;** Myiia Wahto, Miles Brookes

II. **Approval of Agenda**

a. Mr. Brookes asked Vice-Chair Rutecki to add an informational item "b. FY15 Youth Activity Grant Scoring Groups" to the agenda. Mr. Rutecki asked the group for objections. There were none, item added.

Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt the agenda as amended, adopted u/c.

III. **Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2013**

Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt the December 10, 2013 minutes, adopted u/c.

IV. **Contingency Grant Requests**

a. $12,487.83 available in fund

Requestor	Amount	Award
Ciera Kelly	**$980.00**	**$980.00**

Mr. Rutecki presented the group with the only Contingency Grant Application. Ms. Vick, noted that it was amazing that there was such a large balance at this time of year. Mr. Brookes replied that local baseball and softball teams did not advance as far in tournaments this last summer as they had in years past. Mr Rutecki wanted to confirm that the money in the current fund had to be spent by June 30, 2014 or it would be returned to the General Fund. Ms. Wahto confirmed his assumptions**.**

Ms. Vick moved to fund the full $980.00 requested by Ciera Kelly for the January 24-26 Swim Meet in Fairbanks.

Ms. Vick argued that she knew that normally, the Board split up funds between many youths, and didn't fully fund applications. However, since there was a large balance in the fund, it was best to award as much as possible so the money would go to the youth, rather than be returned to the coffers. Mr. Rutecki inquired about which groups could be applying between now and the end of the fiscal years. Mr.

Brookes and Ms. Wahto informed the Board of potential swimmers, science fair participants, jump ropers, hockey players, and a wrestling group which did not get to officially apply because the fund had run out before the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Brookes continued to inform the group that they had half as much in the fund at this time last year than they did now. Mr. Rutecki asked for further discussion on the motion.

Mr. Rutecki called the question, no objection; motion adopted u/c.

V. Informational Items

a. FY15 Youth Activity Grant Update

Mr. Brookes, referenced the Juneau Empire Advertisement sample in the agenda packet, placed on behalf of the Board. Mr. Brookes further told the group that he was able to work with the City Clerk and Manager's offices to secure some more advertising and publicity for the FY 15 Youth Activity Grant Applications.

Ms. Vick asked which section of the paper the advertisements appeared in. Mr. Brookes replied that the ads were most likely in the legal section of the paper.

b. FY15 Youth Activity Grant Scoring Groups

Mr. Brookes presented the group the proposed scoring groups to the Board in their agenda packets. Mr. Brookes told the group that the groups are divided in order to achieve a fair scoring process and remove potential conflicts. Mr. Brookes turned the discussion to the group to decide if the scoring groups were acceptable. Mr. Pajinag, the Board's newest member, informed the group that he had no potential conflict of interest by serving on the Sports Scoring Subcommittee.

The Board was amiable to the proposed groups and had no objections.

VI. Discussion Item

VII. Liaison Reports

A. PRAC

Mr. Rutecki reported on the potential turf field project at Adair-Kennedy Park. Mr. Mark Pusich (R&M Engineering) presented the project to the PRAC. The project, would include re-turfing the field and moving the fences back to the baseball diamond, reconfigure the entrance to the park to avoid potential vehicular vandalism, and a new softball turf field where a current pond exists. The project, would go to the voters. Mr. Rutecki, said the softball field may be tied to Department of Education Grant Monies.

Ms. Vick asked when the project would go before the voters. Ms. Wahto believed it would be October of 2014. Ms. Vick followed asking what the cost to the voters would be? Mr. Rutecki and Ms. Wahto stated that they were not sure. Ms. Vick replied "half a million, a million?" Ms. Wahto and Mr. Brookes relayed that it would be much more than that, and that it was one million dollars alone to re-turf the existing field with its current drainage. Ms. Vick continued to ask on a definite cost. Ms. Wahto could not confirm on a price tag since it was a school district project and was very early in the process.

Ms. Wahto continued to affirm that the project is a School District project, but Parks and Recreation would maintain if they are built. Mr. Boily asked since it is a school district project would the state pay for it? Ms. Wahto believed the state would pick up some of the tab. She continued to clarify that the baseball field may qualify for Department of Education funds, while the softball field would not. The softball field funding, Ms. Wahto added, would be sought in accordance with Title IX rules.

Mr. Rutecki reminded the group that the fields in the Adair-Kennedy Park Complex are late to thaw in the spring. He continued that every spring teams go out to expedite the process, without trying to damage the turf and void warranties.

B. JAHC

Mr. Boily reported Wearable Art Event happening on February 8^{th} and 9^{th}. No other groups with upcoming events. Ms. Vick asked how much JAHC gives away in grants. Mr. Boily replied that she would have to ask the JAHC Board Director.

C. JSA

Mr. Kuhn reported that the Association had its annual meeting, and he was elected President.

Mr. Kuhn continued that this new softball field project would help alleviate the field situation in Juneau. JSA is faced with field shortages again this year as it looks like Savikko park fields may be off limits. JSA is planning on having 4 operation fields for its upcoming season.

JSA just launched their new website, which was developed professionally by a local company.

VIII. Board Comments

Ms. Vick opened Board Comments with her desire to see Colton Womack as the next Vice-Chair of the Board. Ms. Vick remembered that during the last round of elections, Mr. Rutecki, elected Vice-Cahir would only serve in that role for 1 year.

Ms. Vick recommended that Colton would be a good fit in this position. He has been a member for a full year, has involved himself greatly in the business of the group, and only has a short time left to serve. It would help Colton develop a professional record, serving in a leadership role.

Mr. Womack thanked Ms. Vick, replied that he would welcome the nomination.

Mr. Rutecki agreed, that different people should serve in that role, and that it would be taken up when elections occur.

IX. Next Meeting - TBD

X. Adjournment (6:00pm)