



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRAC) AGENDA

October 04, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Zoom Webinar

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Savikko Park Disc Golf Extension Request – Presented by Michele Elfers

Juneau Disc Golf is requesting to extend the 9 hole disc golf installation at Savikko Park through fall 2023.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that the 9 hole disc golf course installation at Savikko Park is extended through fall 2023.

2. 35 Mile ORV Park Recreational Trails Grant – Presented by Michele Elfers

Planning for the 35 mile ORV Park continues. The Conditional Use Permit application was submitted in September for the project and a wetland delineation report is being finalized this week. Next steps include the Army Corps of Engineers permit application and an ordinance from the Assembly approving the partnership. The Department, JORA and Trail Mix are working together on an application for the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Recreational Trails Grant Program for funding for construction and volunteer training. The grant application requires a letter of support from a local advisory board for the project and grant application.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee supports the 35 mile ORV riding park project and application for grant funding to the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Recreational Trails Program as described in the attached letter and supports signature by the chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

3. Legislative Priorities – Presented by Michele Elfers

Juneau's legislative delegation has asked CBJ to submit a list of capital project priorities to the Alaska State Legislature for 2023 session. The Engineering and Public Works Department is engaging with CBJ departments, boards and committees to solicit input on priorities.

This meeting is a preliminary, information only meeting. PRAC will be asked to recommend projects for the legislative priority list at the November or December meeting.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. STAFF REPORTS

4. **Aquatics** – Our new Aquatics Manager, Terra Patterson started work on September 28, 2022. Ms. Patterson joins CBJ from Astoria Parks & Recreation in Oregon, where she has worked for over 20 years. The last five years she held the Aquatics & Recreation Supervisor position where she oversaw a large staff and budget. Ms. Patterson holds a number of aquatics certifications, including Lifeguard Instructor Trainer. She is currently an officer in the Aquatics Section of the Oregon Recreation & Parks Association, and is a graduate of the National Recreation & Parks Association's Revenue Management School.

Treadwell Arena – The rink is open for open skating, drop-in hockey, family skating and a variety of special programs and events. We had our 1st free open skate of the season on Saturday, Sept 17. It was open to all ages thanks to our sponsor Juneau-Gastineau Rotary Club. We had 115 skaters, which was a great turnout!

Bi-weekly Speed Skating for all ages with instruction is new to the schedule. We have 2 volunteer instructors (Michael Keye Schuler & Andrew Dyke) that are looking to build a speed skating program. In 2019 Michael Keye Schuler acquired 40 pairs of used speed skates. We offered multiple well attended clinics in 2019 & even had a Juneau youth qualify for speed skating in the 2020 Arctic Winter Games, which unfortunately got cancelled due to COVID. We were able to offer 4 clinics in 2021. If you are interested in attending, class is every other Sunday 2:45-3:45pm, \$15 per session (includes skates and a lesson). Sign up in advance or walk in and pay at the front desk.

Parent & tot time is back again. This is also a bi-weekly program and includes a lesson with lots of games on the ice focusing on the basics of skating for youth 5 & under and an adult. If you are interested in attending, class is every other Sunday 2:45-3:45pm, \$15 per session (includes skates and a lesson for 1 child and 1 adult). Sign up in advance or walk in and pay at the front desk.

All 3rd graders in JSC (including home school) get a free season pass for the 2022-23 season.

Parks & Landscape – The season for the Parks and Landscape crew is winding down, seasonal staff are departing for winter adventures and college, flowers are being removed and as always, lots and lots of pressure washing is happening.

The \$500,000 Assembly allocation for small parks deferred maintenance projects has been funding many improvements across our park system this summer including pressure washing and re-staining the log cabin shelter at Sandy Beach, re-staining Pioneer Pavilion, installation of split rail fencing at Rotary Park playground, replacement of damaged floats at Auke lake floating trail, replacing and installing bathroom doors in park restrooms, replacing rotten wooden bollards, fencing for dog area at Melvin Park, rebuild of rotting sections of Kingfisher Pond Pavilion, replacing trash cans, Pipeline Park Skate repairs, Melvin Park playground broken net and climber replacement, tree removal at Pipeline Park for safety and sight lines.

Parks and Recreation funded Trail Mix to expand the parking area at the Montana Creek Road gate to serve winter recreational sports. The existing parking area was not sufficient for the high volume of use of the road in the winter. The parking lot is expected to be complete in early October and ready for use for the 2023 winter season.

Zach Gordon Youth Center – While still a bit short staffed, Zach Gordon Youth Center is back to operating at full capacity. Afterschool programming at Zach has been busy and additional programming for LGBTQ+ youth has been well received. The BAM Afterschool program is only able to offer one

activity a week at each school due to both BAM positions being vacant. Indoor soccer registration has closed with nearly 400 participants and a waitlist!

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON REPORTS

J. ADJOURNMENT

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