



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022 – 5:30 PM
Zoom Webinar

I. Call to Order at 5:32 p.m. – C. Mertl, Chair

Present: Josh Anderson, Brandie Hofmeister, Chris Mertl, Christina Mounce, Will Muldoon, Danika Swanson

Absent: Makayla Chappell, Emily Haynes, Taylor Murph

Staff Present: Michele Elfers, Deputy Director; Lauren Verrelli, Recreation & Public Services Manager

II. Agenda Changes

C. Mertl: Added liaison assignments to the agenda under New Business

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – None

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None

V. New Business

A. Savikko Park Disc Golf Extension Request

M. Elfers presented the temporary 9-hole golf course has seen success and the Juneau Disc Golf Club is requesting to allow the course to remain installed through Fall 2023.

W. Muldoon – Is the intention to extend annually or longer term?

Joe Luger, President, Juneau Disc Golf Club – The intention is to keep it in place for another year and then decide whether to keep it permanently.

J. Anderson moves that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that the 9-hole disc golf course installation at Savikko Park is extended through fall 2023. **Adopted.**

B. 35 Mile ORV Park Recreation Trails Grant

M. Elfers explained that CBJ is seeking grant funding from the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to support the ORV riding park. In order for the application packet to be complete, they need a signed letter of support from the PRAC.

D. Swanson moves that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee support 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. **Adopted.**

C. Legislative Priorities

M. Elfers presented the DRAFT FY2024 Legislative Capital Priority List memo and explained this is informational at this meeting. The PRAC will be asked for their recommendations at the November or December meeting.

B. Hofmeister – Is the expectation for PRAC to add projects to the list or to prioritize the items currently listed?

M. Elfers – The memo in the packet is an example of last year's list. The PRAC can suggest particular projects or generalized activities for funding.

C. Mertl – If a project was on last year's list, does it automatically carry forward or do we need to resubmit that?

M. Elfers – It is a good idea to resubmit those.

D. Liaison Assignments

Aquatics – W. Muldoon

Youth Advisory Board – J. Anderson

1% for Art – J. Anderson

Eaglecrest – B. Hofmeister

Jensen Olson Arboretum Advisory Board – D. Swanson

Trail Mix – C. Mounce

Lands – C. Mertl

Park Foundation – Vacant

Treadwell Arena – Vacant

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. Staff Reports – None

L. Verrelli – CBJ has moved to Municode system using agenda templates. This new format agenda will also serve as Staff Report.

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report —

C. Mertl – Noted end of cruise ship season. Sad to see the flower baskets coming down.

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report —

Alicia Hughes-Skandijs – Today is election day. Assembly members are putting in requests for upcoming committee assignments. Recent topics include housing and Pedersen Hill development

C. Liaison Reports —

Aquatics – W. Muldoon: New aquatics manager started last week

YAB – J. Anderson: None

Eaglecrest – None

Jensen-Olson Arboretum — None

Lands, Economic Development, Housing – C. Mertl: recent meeting topics include Pedersen Hill, parking downtown, and downtown housing credits

Park Foundation — None

Treadwell Arena Board – None

Trail Mix — None

1% for Art — J. Anderson: None

Other Member Business –

M. Elfers – Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei trail was closed recently due to erosion causing bridge failure. The trail is currently open for pedestrian traffic only and the bridge will be replaced next summer.

M. Elfers – Montana Creek bridge is also closed.

W. Muldoon – Likes the new agenda format. Supports the ORV project

J. Anderson – Supports ORV

D. Swanson – Glad to be on PRAC and to see the parks being utilized

B. Hofmeister – Happy to be on PRAC

C. Mounce – Has seen the work on the Kax trail bridge. Looks good

C. Merti – Attended totem dedication ceremony at Twin Lakes on Saturday. Well attended and impressive. Would like to schedule PRAC tour of facilities and in-person meetings when possible.

Adjournment – 6:35 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*

Respectfully submitted by *Kathleen Jorgensen Business Assists (907)723-6134* 