

ASSEMBLY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

March 22, 2021 6:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

The Assembly Human Resources Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Wade Bryson, Loren Jones, Greg Smith and Christine Woll

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Deputy Clerk, Diane Cathcart, Municipal Clerk, Beth McEwen, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Chair, Chris Mertl

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented

A. 2021-03-01 Human Resources Committee Minutes-Draft

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

(Not to exceed a total of 10 minutes nor more than 2 minutes for any individual).

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Board Matters

A. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) - Appointments & Annual Report

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Chair Chris Mertl gave an overview of the PRAC annual report. PRAC was able to hold 8 meetings in 2020, switching from in-person in the beginning of the year to zoom beginning in July. Despite a pandemic and the pivoting that staff had to do around COVID-19 protocols, the Parks & Recreation Department budget had a \$146,000 savings for FY21.

Chair Mertl thanked staff for all the hard work they did to get the community out and enjoying CBJ Parks during 2020 when indoor facilities were shut down. Despite the challenges caused by the pandemic it was a very busy and productive year; the department developed several new, low cost, and family oriented programs to safely get people to explore the parks, improve their mental and physical health and promote economic opportunities, including but not limited to; Community Drive-Ins, Crack the

Code, Auto Bingo, Pumpkin Carving, and Candy Cane Hunt.

The Jensen Olson Arboretum saw an uptick in visitations. Longtime Arboretum Manager Merrill Jensen retired and Ginger Hudson has taken the position.

PRAC created a new sub-committee to review the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Several larger issues to come before PRAC were:

- Montana Creek Rd: Motorized Restricted Winter Use Request
- Establishment of the Mill Campground (relocation of Thane Campground)
- COVID-19 Impacts to P&R Programs and Facilities
- COVID Conservation Corps (CCC) & Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) Expansion
- Amalga Meadows Public Use Cabin
- Infrastructure General Obligation Bond Package
- Juneau Trail Master Plan

Chair Mertl recognized Assemblymember Bryson as the Assembly Liaison to the PRAC for attending all but one meeting and his passion and support is appreciated.

In addition to reviewing the PRAC 2020 Annual Report, the Human Resources Committee made appointments to the PRAC.

MOTION: by Ms. Woll to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to reappoint Josh Anderson and to appoint Makayla Chappell and Emily Haynes to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for full terms beginning immediately (March 1, 2021) and ending February 28, 2024. Mr. Jones objected.

Aye: Woll, Smith, Bryson

Nay: Jones

Motion Passes; 3 ayes and 1 nay

B. Juneau Human Rights Commission (JHRC) Appointment

MOTION: by Ms. Woll to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to appoint Mary Wegner to the Juneau Human Rights Commission to an unexpired term beginning immediately and ending May 31, 2021 and since the vacancy falls within 6 months of the unexpired term ending to also appoint Ms. Wegner to a full term beginning June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2024 and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

C. Other Business

Due to the increased interest in the Juneau Human Rights Commission (JHRC) and the large number of applicants, the Human Resources Committee discussed expanding the JHRC membership from a 5 member commission to a 7 member commission. Chair Bryson directed staff to bring this recommendation of membership expansion to the JHRC and report back to the Human Resources Committee with the JHRC's decision.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. HRC 2021 Pending List - Board Matters

HRC 2021 Pending List is a living document to help HRC members know which boards and committees have terms coming due and when; along with other items that may come before the committee such as annual reports, liquor or marijuana license protests and Community Block Grant review.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.