

**MINUTES**  
**AQUATICS BOARD**  
**Tuesday, March 29 2022**  
**City & Borough of Juneau – Zoom Conference**

Statement of Philosophy:  
*Create Community through People, Pools and Effective Swim Programs*

- L. **Meeting Convened at 5:30** by Chair Muldoon
  
- M. **Members Present:** Tom Rutecki, Will Muldoon, Kristin Bartlett, Scott Griffith, Molly McCormick, Tracy Morrison  
**Ex Officio Present:** George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director  
**Liaison Absent:** Carole Triem – CBJ Assembly  
**CBJ Staff Present:** Kollin Monahan, Aquatics Manager  
**Other:** None
  
- N. Agenda Changes - **None**
  
- O. **Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Rutecki moved to approve the minutes, the minutes were approved.
  
- P. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items - **None**
  
- Q. **Old Business**  
  

**Letter to Assembly – Swim Organization Seats** - Chair Muldoon sent a draft letter to the board to review and provide edits. Chair Muldoon took a motion to send the letter the Human Resources Committee, Ms. Morrison seconded the motion.
  
- R. **New Business**  
  

**Instructional Programming-** Aquatics has less swim instructors than they did pre-pandemic. The month of March will be focused on getting more staff members comfortable and ready to teach public swim lessons. At this time the division has a back log of parents and children that have reached out over the last year, the plan is to reach out to them and get small cohorts of 3-4 children per instructor and start providing lessons. This will allow staff to re acclimate to teaching lessons and work on refreshing their skills. Staff is hoping to open swim lessons towards the end of March with registration beginning before the Juneau School District Spring Break, April 4<sup>th</sup> is the tentative restart day for full swim lessons. At this time we do not have specific time frames, but they will be afternoon/ evening lessons. American Red Cross classes have been happening internally, but aquatics plans to resume public CPR and First Aid courses, they plan to offer one public health and safety course a month. Pre-pandemic there was a wide offering of fitness classes available at both facilities, at this time staff have confirmed key log rolling, deep water aerobics, shallow water aerobics, and hopefully aqua zumba to restart in April.
  
- S. Standing Agenda Item - **None**
  
- T. **Subcommittee Reports** – None

U. **Board Comments** – Mr. Rutecki brought up the \$2,000,000 being allocated to the new gondola project at Eaglecrest Ski Area, after only 26 days when the pools have been trying to get the money to finish their renovations for five years, he feels that members of the board and public should write a letter to the assembly emphasizing that the pools should get their money for the renovation since the tax payers already voted to allocate the funds to the aquatic facilities. He is hoping to get board input on this issue. Chair Muldoon agrees that he does not feel that the pools have gotten a fair shake through this process of funds being allocated by the assembly. Ms. Triem recommended that if the board has strong feelings they should write an email to the assembly as an individual rather than as a board. She stated that there will be a special finance committee meeting taking place on March 12th and that might be a good time to bring up the pools specifically. The budget process is beginning so it is a good time to write the assembly and state what you would like to see happen. Mr. Rutecki made it clear that he is not saying that he wants to take any money away from Eaglecrest but if there is money out there the pools should go after it because they need it to finish their long promised projects that the voters voted on and approved in October of 2017. Ms. Morrison agreed with all that has been stated, and brought up resuming sub committee meetings. The board had a lot of great ideas in the works that were put on hold since the pandemic. Chair Muldoon agreed and stated that he will begin to think about how best to resume the three pre-pandemic committees: finance, capital improvement, and planning. Mr. Muldoon mentioned that he has family members who spend time at Augustus Brown and they stated that Chris Barte is a “gem of the aquatic facilities.”

V. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 by Chair Muldoon.

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**Meeting Follow-ups:** Begin thinking about bringing back sub committees. Determine date and time of next board meeting that allows quorum to be met. **Upcoming Meetings:**

Next Board meeting: TBD