



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022
5:30 P.M.
ZOOM WEBINAR**

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Agenda Item	Presenter	Action Requested
I. Call to Order	C. Mertl	
II. Approval of Agenda Agenda Changes	C. Mertl	<i>If no changes:</i> Motion to approve
III. Approval of Minutes		
IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items	C. Mertl	
V. New Business JMBA Thunder Mountain Bike Park Juneau Disc Golf Proposal Temporary 1% Sales Tax Projects	R. Harris J. Houck G. Schaaf	Recommendation Recommendation Recommendation
VI. Unfinished Business		
VII. Staff Reports		None
VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports Chair Report Liaison to the Assembly Board Member Liaisons Other Board Member Business	C. Mertl Alicia Hughes-Skandijs Liaisons All	
IX. Adjournment	C. Mertl	



TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
FROM: George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director
DATE: June 3, 2022
RE: June 7, 2022 Meeting

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Please find enclosed the information supporting your agenda topics for this meeting. The meeting is anticipated to last 60 minutes and will take place via **Zoom Webinar**. To join the Zoom Webinar, go to <https://juneau.zoom.us/j/94184441385> or call 1-253-215-8782. **Webinar ID:** 941 8444 1385.

NEW BUSINESS

A. JMBA Under Thunder Mountain Bike Park – Presented by Reid Harris, Juneau Mountain Bike Association [page 6-10]

Under an agreement signed in 2020, the Department has partnered with the Juneau Mountain Bike Association (JMBA) on a number of projects, including the popular Cope Park Pump Track. Staff have been working with JMBA on a plan to formalize and improve an existing system of user-constructed trails on CBJ land south of the Under Thunder Pathway, including signage. This area is managed by the Lands & Resources Office, which does not object to the project.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee support the maintenance of existing trails and the development of new mountain biking trails, as illustrated in the Thunder Mountain Bike Park Plan, and recommend that the Department continue working with JMBA.

B. Temporary Disc Golf Course at Treadwell Mine Historic Park – Presented by James Houck, Juneau Disc Golf Club [page 11-72]

The Juneau Disc Golf Club is proposing to install a temporary 9-hole “pitch and putt” disc golf course at Treadwell Mine Historic Park, south of Savikko Park. Please see the attached memo for more information from staff.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that the Department approve the installation of a temporary 9-hole “pitch and putt” disc golf course at Treadwell Mine Historic Park, with the conditions recommended by staff.

C. Temporary 1% Sales Tax Projects – Presented by G. Schaaf [page 73-78]

The City & Borough of Juneau has a 5% sales tax, of which only 2% is permanent. Every five years, voters are asked whether to renew the other 3% to be used as follows: 1% for general government operations; 1% to roads, sidewalks, and related infrastructure; and 1% toward capital improvements, grants, and other public services. Each 1% of sales tax is projected to generate approximately \$60 million over the next five years, significantly more than in the past due to inflation. Historically, about 10% to 12% of revenues have been allocated for maintenance and improvement of municipal parks and recreation facilities. Accordingly, the Department is proposing a list of projects totaling \$8.15 million. Again, this is significantly more than previous proposals and reflects increased costs and sales tax revenues due to inflation. The projects reflect priorities contained in the Department's Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan, which was reviewed by the PRAC on December 7, 2021.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that the Assembly fund the projects proposed by the Parks & Recreation Department for the Temporary 1% Sales Tax (2022-27), contingent upon the extension of the tax by voters in October 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Aquatics – Aquatics Manager Kollin Monahan's last day with CBJ was May 20, 2022. We are grateful for Kollin's leadership and hard work over the last four years, and he has left the Aquatics Division and Juneau's pools in great shape. We are actively recruiting for the next manager, and applications are due June 14, 2022.

Augustus Brown Pool reopened on June 1 after a 10-day closure to complete urgent repairs to the main boiler. The heat exchanger for the leisure pool also was replaced earlier in May. We are resuming group exercise classes at ABP this month and expanding hours as returning staff are brought on board for the summer. We are continuing to struggle with hiring in the tight labor market, with approximately 40 vacancies in the Aquatics Division.

Dimond Park Aquatic Center reopened in May following a two-week maintenance closure, during which a new non-slip pool deck was installed. Staff also filled nearly 300 youth swim lessons for the remainder of the summer season.

Youth Services – Zach Gordon Youth Center has a number of events planned for Pride Month in June, which kicked off with the Third Annual Youth Pride Party on June 4th. Staff will be offering two "Safe Sitter" babysitting courses at the Youth Center this summer, in partnership with Bartlett Regional Hospital (July 12 and 27). The Rotary Club of Juneau installed raised garden beds at Sheiyi Xaat Hit to grow veggies who stay at the shelter and utilize services. Check out the

Zach Gordon Youth Center Facebook page to learn more about their gardens and hilarious adventures of their chickens!

We have been forced to reduce hours at the Youth Center due to a lack of staff; updated hours are posted on the website. We are actively recruiting for several positions at the Zach Gordon Youth Center and Sheíyi Xaat Hít shelter.

Treadwell Arena – We are replacing the Arena’s dasher boards and glass this summer. Staff spent the last few weeks removing the building’s original dasher boards, glass, and team bleachers in preparation for this project, which will help improve advertising opportunities and offer better views for spectators. Our Park Maintenance team is working on a plan to repurpose the old dasher boards for an outdoor rink. Finally, a new vending machine will greet skaters next season, offering a variety of hockey sticks, pucks, and other products in the main lobby.

Parks & Landscape – Work is progressing at Capital Park, where contractors have completed the new retaining wall below Sixth St. and are beginning to install new play equipment. Supply chain issues are causing some delays, including the turf field.

Our Landscape crew planted over 14,000 flowers in the last two weeks of May, and are now busy keeping them watered during the stretch of dry weather. As with all of our divisions, we are struggling with a lack of staff and are prioritizing work as needed.

Commercial Use – The Department issued 28 Commercial Use Permits as of June 1, 2022. This is a significant increase in the number of permits, as we are now enforcing the longstanding requirement all commercial users obtain a permit to use municipal parks (previously we did not enforce the permit requirement for transportation services only, including tour buses). Permit applications will be accepted (with a late fee) until June 30.

Company	Park Location
Above & Beyond AK	Amalga Meadows Natural Area Park
Above & Beyond AK	Auke Lake Wayside
Alaska Galore Tours	Auke Lake Wayside
Alaska Galore Tours	Brotherhood Park
Alaska Galore Tours	Homestead Park
Alaska Galore Tours	Overstreet Park
Alaska Independent Coach Tours	Brotherhood Park
Alaska Luxury Tours	Brotherhood Park
Alaska Luxury Tours	Perseverance Trail
Alaskan Pedicab Tours	Overstreet Park
Alaska Travel Adventures	Last Chance Basin
Alaska Travel Adventures	Brotherhood Park
Chum Fun Charters	Channel Wayside Park
Gastineau Guiding	Homestead Park
Gastineau Guiding	Overstreet Park
Gastineau Guiding	Perseverance Trail
Gastineau Guiding	Rainforest Trail

Gastineau Guiding	Treadwell Mine Historic Park (Savikko Park)
Holland America – Princess	Brotherhood Park
iRide Alaska	Overstreet Park
iRide Alaska	Rainforest Trail
Juneau Food Tours/Juneau Jeep	Brotherhood Park
Juneau Food Tours/Juneau Jeep	Homestead Park
Juneau Food Tours/Juneau Jeep	Overstreet Park
Juneau Limo	Overstreet Park
Juneau Limo	Homestead Park
Juneau Tours	Overstreet Park
Last Chance Tours	Overstreet Park



TO: Chris Mertl, Chair Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
FROM: Michele Elfers, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation
DATE: June 7, 2022
RE: Thunder Mountain Bike Park

Parks and Recreation and Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance (JMBA) signed a Memorandum of Agreement for JMBA to be stewards of mountain bike trail development, construction and maintenance on park land. Under this agreement, JMBA funded, constructed and maintains the Cope Park Pump track. They also perform maintenance work on existing bike trails in the Under Thunder Trail area by Glacier Valley and Floyd Dryden schools. At the July 6, 2022 PRAC meeting, the maintenance of the Under Thunder trails area was discussed along with JMBA's intent to create a plan for developing new trails in the area.

JMBA has worked with staff to create a plan that has a variety of skill levels and works within the existing trail system. They are currently working with members on feedback and input into the plan. Once the plan is updated and finalized they will coordinate with Parks and Recreation to build new trails. However, maintenance of existing trails remains a top priority and will continue. JMBA and Parks and Recreation staff will also coordinate on a signage system for the trails showing difficulty ratings, rules for safe use and a map of the park system.

JMBA will present their proposal to the PRAC and ask for a motion of support. Staff recommends the PRAC support the plan for additional trails. The recommended motion is:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee supports the maintenance of existing trails and development of new mountain biking trails as illustrated in the Thunder Mountain Bike Park Plan.

Public Input for Under Thunder Trail System

Please find public comments concerning the proposed expansion.

1. Mike Heumann
mpheumann@hotmail.com
(971) 261-8014

"I'd definitely be interested in seeing more trails built there. My only request is that we have a range in size of drop and jump features added. A lot of the current features aren't the most accessible for newer riders that would like to work up to bigger stuff. Also I realize space is often a constraint in Juneau but if the trail design could allow for some longer straight sections before and after the bigger features that would be cool too. I know we aren't Anchorage, but I feel like they've been able to do some amazing things with similar topography at Kincaid Park, I would love to see more of that sort of riding in the Under Thunder area.

I'll attend the meeting to show support, I'd also be interested in speaking with someone about making donations specifically for trail building efforts in Juneau that contain the sort of features I'm talking about. I've been meaning to reach out about providing some funding for a little while, so I'm glad I got the email seeking comments. I'd really like to support these efforts however I can.

Thanks, Mike"

2. The Meyer Family (Ida, Eva, Ulli, and Tom)
3051 Nowell Avenue,
Juneau AK 9980

"Hi: my family is a member of the JMBA. We ride the valley and under Thunder Mountain trails several times a year. Why? Because they're fun, accessible, challenging and in pretty good shape. And, all of us in my family of four can ride these trails successfully. We range in age from 13 to 65.

We support environmentally-sound trail expansion, particularly that for the Under Thunder mountain system and Dredge Lakes. While the Under Thunder flow trail I've seen (starting at the water tower, approximately) is past my skill level in some ways, my family and I welcome improvements and additional skill level projects.

We know that mountain biking is tremendously popular in Juneau. However, trail development is still in its infancy. We have a long ways to go here in Juneau to create more opportunities for safe and challenging mountain biking. It is great for families and keeps our kids off their phone and devices (pretty much) while we're biking. The kids use mountainbiking to enjoy their friends and cross-train for skiing, XC running, and soccer.

We have purchased all our mountain bikes from the local shops, including the shop in Sitka. We support local businesses as much as possible and this is also a consideration when expanding the trail system. It helps local businesses.

In summary, there's four of us bikers that support enhancing, expanding, and improving the existing Under Thunder mountain trails."

3. Paul Labolle

"Hello, I support expansion of the Under Thunder trail into a full fledged bike park. Not only does Juneau need places to incrementally build skills but we need more trail hardened areas to ride in wet conditions."

4. Zack Cavender 530-517-8728

*"Good Afternoon,
I would love to see an area for mountain bikers of all ages (since there isn't a lot of things to do in town for kids). This project would be a healthy and beautiful place for the community of mountain bikes to meet and ride together. This would be an amazing opportunity for the community to get involved; and create trails and events where businesses could sponsor and host events. I hope that you choose this project and put the money towards a space for healthy and community building spaces.
Thank you and have a wonderful day."*

5. Caleb Wylie 648 5th St Douglas, AK 99824 (907) 321-2205

*"Hi there,
I'm writing in support of an expanded trail system at the existing Under Thunder trail network site.
The area already has a couple great trails and is uniquely conducive to a bike park or trail system in Juneau. There's access to natural material, the grade is in the sweet spot for avoiding trail erosion while still allowing fun downhill flow-style riding. There is already an existing up-track and potential for others. The area is easily accessible for hauling materials and equipment.
As we have seen with the Cope Park pump-track, there is great support for mountain biking in Juneau and the JMBA has demonstrated the ability to coordinate, partner, plan, carry out, and maintain modern, purpose-built mountain biking trails. Let's bring some of that to the Mendenhall Valley!*

Thanks!"

6. Annie Kincheloe

631 W. 11th St

Juneau, AK 99801

(907) 321-5848

"I support the proposed trail development for the Under Thunder Trail System. Juneau does not have any mountain bike specific built trails other than what's been built up at Eaglecrest. To my knowledge, all trails that mountain bikers are currently using are either hiking trails or game trails. It would be very nice, fun and safer to have some trails that are designed from the beginning for mountain bikes. The proposed development of the Under Thunder Trail System would make some of those trails available and accessible to all of Juneau, while providing a venue to practice and gain skills. The popularity of mountain biking has exploded around the country in recent years and Juneau is no exception. It is important that Juneau recognizes this and takes steps to make mountain biking safer and more accessible- not only to attract and keep younger people in town but to give all people another choice for healthy outdoors activity."



TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
FROM: George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director
DATE: June 3, 2022
RE: Proposed Temporary 9-hole “Pitch-and-Putt” Disc Golf Course

The Juneau Disc Golf Club (JDGC) would like to install a temporary 9-hole “pitch-putt” disc golf course at Treadwell Mine Historic Park in Douglas. This memo provides information about the proposal received by the Parks & Recreation Department, a discussion of public engagement, and a staff recommendation.

Background

Treadwell Mine Historic Park is a sub-unit of Savikko Park, south of Sandy Beach. Savikko Park is listed as a Community Park in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Community Parks are Juneau’s largest parks, generally designed for organized activities and sports, although natural areas may be included. Community Parks typically serve a much larger area and offer more facilities than neighborhood parks. Other Community Parks include Adair-Kennedy Memorial Park, Aant’iyek Park, Cope Park, Dimond Park, and Melvin Park. The Assembly in 2011 designated the historic district located within Savikko Park as the “Treadwell Mine Historic Park” (Resolution No. 2596). This district extends south from Sandy Beach to the 1917 cave-in site. While the area has a different name, it is managed as part of Savikko Park.

In 2022, JDGC approached the Parks & Recreation Department with a proposal to temporarily place nine disc golf baskets in Treadwell Mine Historic Park. The proposed “pitch-and-putt” course features shorter distances between tees and baskets than a full-scale disc golf course, such as the one at Aant’iyek Park near Auke Bay. Baskets would be mounted on 5-gallon buckets filled with concrete, set in the ground, and removed in the fall. JDGC installed a similar temporary course at Eaglecrest last summer, which proved very popular.

Parks & Recreation staff met several times with JDGC representatives to review the proposed tees and baskets. The proposed course generally avoids maintained trails; however, Hole #2 crosses a user-created trail near the historic tennis courts. In response to concerns about user conflicts and safety, JDGC adjusted the location of several tees and baskets, and also agreed to trim vegetation to improve sightlines. The distance between the tees and baskets is generally about 100’ to 150’. At Hole #2, JDGC agreed to clear vegetation in order to provide a 180° field of view, so golfers could see people approaching before throwing a disc.

Staff presented information about the proposal to the Douglas Island Advisory Committee and the Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society (Treadwell Society). The Treadwell Society is very supportive of the proposal because it could bring more people into the area, potentially reducing vandalism of historic structures.

Discussion

This proposal presents a number of potential benefits and concerns:

Pros

- Helps meet increasing demand for disc golf by a significant and growing user group.
- Increases activity and public enjoyment of areas that have been prone to vandalism and other problems. Activating parks through structured activities is an effective strategy to reduce crime and damage to facilities and resources.
- JDGC would recruit and organize volunteers to clear brush and maintain the area.
- The historic structures and other features of this area offer a unique experience, and the proposed course would introduce more people to the area's history.

Cons

- Trails in this area are among the most heavily used in Juneau due, increasing the potential for user conflicts.
- Current users may be surprised to see increased activity in new areas.
- Careless or unskilled golfers may miss their intended targets, and there is a chance discs could end up on maintained trails.

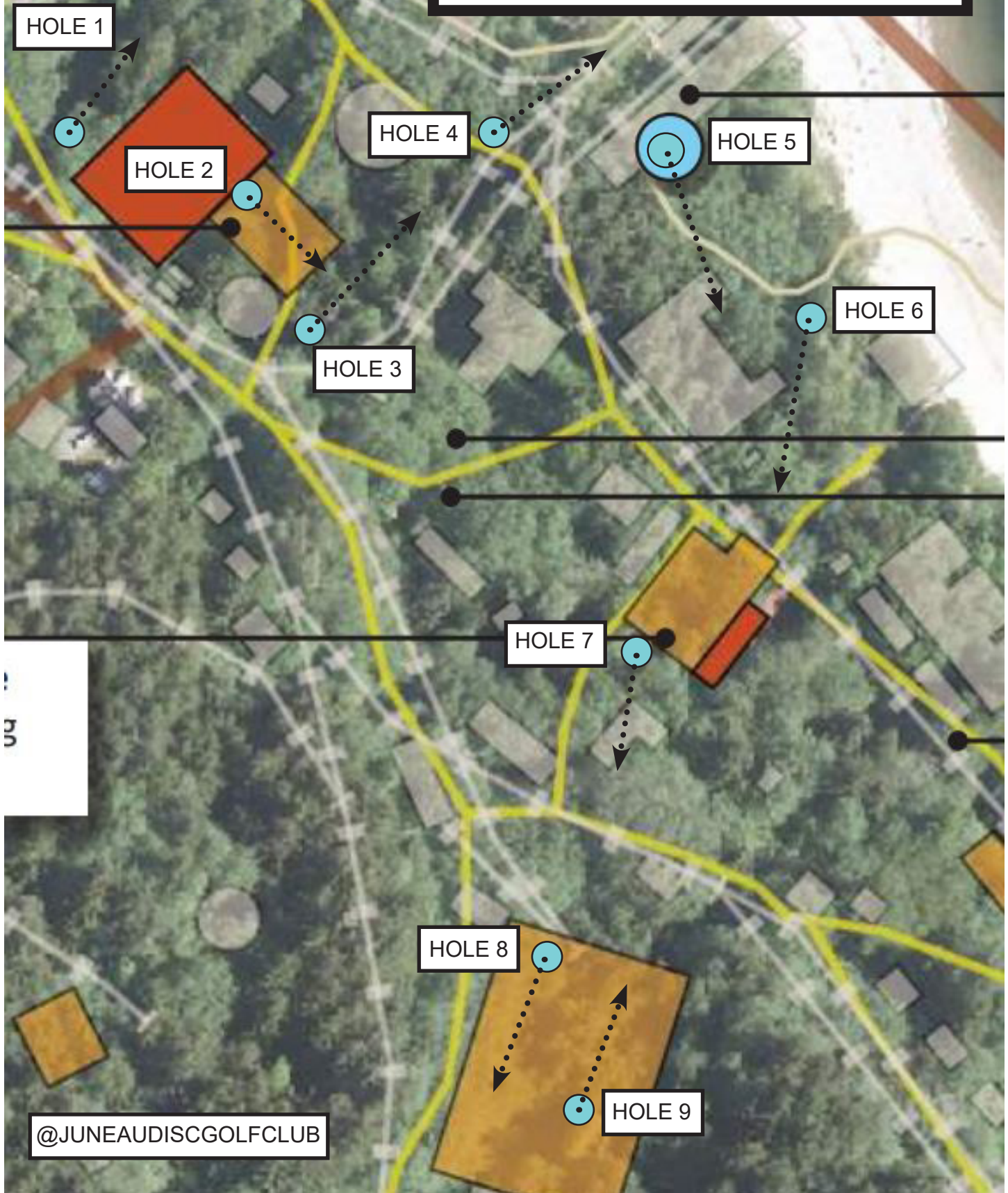
While staff believe the likelihood of a non-golfer being hit or injured by a disc is low if the course is used as intended and consistent with its design (i.e. pitch-and-putt), the risk is not zero. After careful consideration and consultation with proponents and opponents of the proposal, the Department believes that a temporary trial period is appropriate to see whether this activity is suitable for this location. Members of JDGC have been very collaborative, agreeing to make any changes requested by staff, including:

- Clearing brush from tees to ensure 180° visibility.
- Signage marking the course and warning other users of flying discs off established trails.
- Signage advising disc golfers not to overthrow baskets and to check for hikers before throwing.
- Posting contact information for JDGC.
- Insurance and indemnification as required by the CBJ Risk Manager.

If the course is not used as intended (i.e. golfers throwing discs too far, not checking for hikers, etc.), then there could be significant problems and conflicts. A temporary course installed on a trial basis for the summer seems like a reasonable approach to see if this use could be compatible in this setting. The course would be closed and removed immediately if problems arise.

Staff recommend working with JDGC to install a temporary 9-hole “pitch-and-putt” disc golf course for the summer of 2022, with the changes and conditions discussed above. However, because this proposal has generated significant public interest (both for and against), it is important for the Committee to provide a recommendation before proceeding.

PROPOSED TEMPORARY DISC GOLF COURSE, SUMMER 2022



**Treadwell Historic
Preservation & Restoration
Society, Inc.**

P.O. Box 240584
Douglas, Alaska 99824

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Date: June 1, 2022
To: CBJ Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
From: Treadwell Historic Preservation & Restoration Society, Inc.

This letter is in support of the proposed temporary disc golf course in the Treadwell Mine Historic Park.

The Mission of the Treadwell Society is to promote the recreational and cultural significance of the Treadwell site and assist with the maintenance and enhancement of this historic place. It is similar to your Mission Statement to: Promote recreational and cultural opportunities and maintain and enhance City and Borough of Juneau facilities and resources.

Like no other park in Juneau, the Treadwell Mine Historic Park provides CBJ residents with easy access to recreation, local history, and nature. Historically, Treadwell miners and their families enjoyed numerous forms of both indoor and outdoor recreation on this very site - including tennis, baseball, ice skating, hiking, and skeet shooting.

Several of our Board members recently walked the proposed temporary disc golf course. It is exciting to consider expanding the recreational uses at Treadwell beyond the standard walk. We note that the course is being sited off the main trails in areas not currently in use, yet it is accessible enough for just about anyone. Some brush clearing is inevitable, but minimal, and would be carried out by disc golf club volunteers. From the perspective of the Treadwell Society, a disc golf course on the site is another way of encouraging residents and visitors alike to visit the site and gain an appreciation of the historical aspects that they will experience along the way. Our Board met and voted unanimously to support the proposal for this disc golf course.

The Treadwell Society Board believes that any enhancement to recreational opportunities in the park is beneficial. Additional healthful outings will result in more visitation and more eyes to deter vandalism. The proposed golf holes correspond with historic locations (Central Steam Plant, School, Assay Office, Superintendent's Mansion, 240 Mill, etc.) which could lend itself to additional educational signage that the Treadwell Society would be pleased to provide.

We hope that the PRAC will be open to allowing this activity to occur this summer in the Park. We see no harm in giving the proponents an opportunity to demonstrate that this activity can take place safely and in harmony with other park users.

Sincerely,

Paulette Simpson, President

Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society, Inc

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Treadwell disc golf course

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Herrick <amyherrick@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Treadwell disc golf course

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

Hello,

I would like to write in supporting the disc golf course at Treadwell.

Thank you,

Amy Herrick

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: In Opposition to the Treadwell Disc Golf Course

Does this go to you?

From: Bridget LaPenter <bridget.lapenter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 1:57 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: In Opposition to the Treadwell Disc Golf Course

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

Hi there,

While I value any organized outdoors sports and in particular enjoy disc golf, Treadwell is not an appropriate location for a disc golf course. I oppose this proposal.

This is a heavily used trail already. It makes no sense to increase congestion with a putting course. I'm sure a course could be designed on a less heavily used trail. Perhaps off the pioneer road?

In addition, Sandy Beach and Treadwell are major off leash dog locations whether Parks and Rec likes this or not. Lots of off leash dogs and frisbees don't seem like a well thought out idea.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Bridget LaPenter
312 6th Street
Juneau, AK

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: JDGC Sandy Beach Course

From: C C <carnahancole@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: JDGC Sandy Beach Course

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I support this course proposal.

Outdoor activities are good for people of all ages, for both mental and physical health. This is an incentive for people who may not have access to cars to get all the way out to Auke Bay to get outside and have fun.

Cole

Lauren Verrelli

From: Gary H Gillette <glrrlg@alaska.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 12:06 PM
To: Michele Elfers
Cc: Paulette Simpson
Subject: Fwd: Treadwell

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Hi Michele;

Paulette says it so eloquently - I couldn't improve. I agree with her comments and support the golf disc proposal. I think the golf disc folks were very sensitive to the trail users and the historic resources

Gary Gillette

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michele Elfers <Michele.Elfers@juneau.org>
Subject: RE: Treadwell
Date: May 11, 2022 at 1:41:44 PM AKDT
To: Paulette Simpson <pauletttem@gci.net>
Cc: Gary Gillette <glrrlg@alaska.net>

Hi Paulette,

Thanks so much for sending this along! I am hoping to get out there with their board president to have them show me the proposed course this week. I walked it myself, but I have a few questions for them.
Michele

From: Paulette Simpson <pauletttem@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:55 AM
To: Michele Elfers <Michele.Elfers@juneau.org>
Cc: Gary Gillette <glrrlg@alaska.net>
Subject: Treadwell

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Good morning, Michelle

Ever since the Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society was incorporated in 2008, we have kept front and center the Mission Statement of the Juneau Parks and Recreation Department: "...to promote recreational and cultural opportunities and maintain and enhance City and Borough of Juneau facilities and resources. "

Like no other park in Juneau, the Treadwell Historic Park marries recreation, history and now arts and culture as well as the preserved office building once again hosts Shakespeare in the Park this summer.

Historically, Treadwell miners and their families enjoyed numerous forms of both indoor and outdoor recreation on the site, including tennis, baseball, hiking and so much more.

I have lived adjacent to the Treadwell trail for 40 years and have observed thousands of hikers, dog walkers and runners utilize the trails year-round and cross country skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts use it in winter months. This is in addition to annual cross country running meets sponsored by area schools.

Recently I walked the Treadwell Trail with Shannon Crossley from the Juneau Disc Golf Club. What I found most appealing about the proposed disc golf course is its layout that utilizes accessible but "off the beaten path" areas of the historic site. I see no potential conflict whatsoever between disc golfers and any other park user.

The proposal is primarily consistent with the recreational mission of Juneau Parks but from the perspective of the Treadwell Society it also is another way of encouraging residents and visitors alike to visit the site and gain an appreciation of the historical aspects that they will experience along the way.

Finally, from a purely personal perspective, again, living adjacent to the site, it truly warms my heart seeing people of all ages getting off their couches and off their phones and screens and out into the fresh air any time of year to exercise.

For all the above reasons, I wholeheartedly endorse and support the proposal for the disc golf course.

Sincerely,
Paulette Simpson

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: PRAC: Disc golf at Treadwell

From: Irene Gallion <imgallion@fastmail.fm>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 9:10 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Cc: shannoncdore@gmail.com
Subject: PRAC: Disc golf at Treadwell

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

Dear PRAC,

Thank you for considering a disc golf course as a complement and enhancement to the Treadwell Mine Historic Walking Trail. I suggest it benefits community health and historic preservation. You have a proven partner in the Juneau Disc Golf Club.

Disc golf is an accessible sport inclusive of our neighbors with physical or cognitive disabilities. It is an inexpensive sport, with a full set of discs available for under \$30. We've been looking for a course that would accommodate players who would benefit from a groomed trail system and bus access. Note that Uplay, a disc golf education organization, has visited and provided disc golf clinics at Auke Bay Elementary, Thunder Mountain High School, Juneau Douglas High School, and Dzantik'i Heeni Middle School (www.uplaydiscgolf.org/.)

My understanding is that vegetation control has been a challenge along the Treadwell Mine Historic Walking Trail. While interpretive signs have been installed, the vegetation will obscure the historic structure. Disc golf in the area will control vegetation by leveraging park users. This is a cost-effective enhancement.

The proposed course that the Juneau Disc Golf Club is proposing tonight has been designed to minimize conflicts with other trail users, and to complement the historic resources highlighted along the walk. The Juneau Disc Golf Club has a proven track record of partnership with their stewardship of the Aant'iyek Park facility.

Thank you for your consideration,

Irene Gallion

I am an employee of the City and Borough of Juneau. These opinions are my own, and do not represent the City and Borough of Juneau.

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Irene Gallion
imgallion@fastmail.fm

May 27, 2022

City and Borough of Juneau
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
155 S. Seward Street – City Hall Rm 218
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear CBJ Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members, Director Schaaf, Deputy Director Elfers, Manager Watt, and CBJ Assembly Members,

I write today to urge you not to advance the proposed disc golf course at Treadwell Mine Historic Trail in Savikko Park. As a nearly life-long recreational disc golf player who grew up in an area where I was fortunate to have many courses available, I can tell you in earnest that I both support a disc golf course in the Douglas area and vehemently oppose this proposal.

Inserting a course in the midst of a heavily trafficked park is incredibly dangerous. The discs used in the sport are heavier, harder, and more aerodynamic than those used to play catch with friends and they often travel in excess of 50 miles per hour. While the proposal calls for a "putters only" restriction, there is nothing that will stop golfers from using whatever they own or wish to use. I can admit that as a teen my friends and I never thought twice about disregarding such rules, and short holes can encourage players to throw discs relatively hard in hopes of getting an Ace (also known as a *hole in one*).

To this point, an April 10, 2022 video posted by the Juneau Disc Golf Club to its Instagram account shows [a video](#) with the caption, "Officer Sonny rips 525 feet down the Treadwell Gold Mine Cave-In!!!!...", and goes on to describe the plan for a 9-hole course. The video depicts a Club member throwing a driver disc at an incredible velocity from above the mine cave in, down to Sandy beach below, and around the trees and onto the sand. This was an incredibly dangerous throw, which had the potential to send someone to the hospital had it not been executed well, or had a pedestrian or dog walked into its path from out of sight. This technique is quite different from the safe and gentle throws that the Club demonstrated to the public while showcasing the proposed course on May 24th, but it accurately reflects the reality of the great variety of throws that can be expected on any disc golf course. However, not everyone has the same control the Club member in the Instagram video demonstrated, and some users will inevitably try to make the course more challenging by teeing off from further distances.

Nearly every hole on this course aims discs directly toward one or more pedestrian trails. Most of these are major trails, and some are arteries commonly used by walkers. On each of these there are major blind spots that exist for both the golfer and pedestrians that will inevitably lead to dangerous interactions between heavy flying discs and walkers, cyclists, strollers, or pets.

For context, every course I have golfed has been [designed](#) to have golfers throwing away from the trails used to access them, which I am sure seems like common sense to you. Not all users will have the same incredible control of a disc as that of the talented individuals proposing this course, nor will they have the same discretion for the safety of others. It is unlikely that I thought about the safety of others as a teen in the same way I do today—my focus was on having fun—and I am therefore grateful the parks that my friends and I grew up golfing at were designed in a safe and thoughtful fashion that did not provide us opportunity to have injured another person (other than the unavoidable potential risk of hitting a party golfing ahead of us).

Throughout the Juneau Disc Golf Club's presentation, two safety mitigation measures were emphasized. The first was that golfers would yell, "Fore!" when a throw did not go where they had intended, and the second was that much of the foliage in the area would be brushed to allow for clearer sight lines (and an easier time finding lost discs). The former approach to safety offers very little to the many park users walking, running, or cycling with earbuds or headphones, or for those with auditory disabilities. Likewise, having grown up golfing with balls as well as discs, I can tell you that a person yelling "fore" does nothing to communicate where the danger is or how to avoid it, nor does everyone have the ability to move nimbly enough to take evasive action. Finally, I would suggest that many park users will not be pleased to see an area enjoyed for its natural flora and fauna disturbed and altered to make it a golf course.

Ultimately, this proposal would displace pedestrians from one of the few trails accessible to those with mobility impairments in our borough, where large numbers of people come to enjoy the peaceful scenery, natural beauty, avian nesting grounds, and the area's historic ruins. This proposal makes even less sense than ever as the CBJ moves forward with its plan to route even more pedestrians through the area via the establishment of a new Mt. Jumbo/Bradley trailhead. Finally, it goes without saying that introducing many flying discs/frisbees to CBJ's most popular off leash dog walking area will create obvious conflicts.

With all of the many aforementioned conflicts in mind, I think this proposal will do more to hurt the community's reception of the sport and the growth of the game than it will do to help it. I believe the Juneau Disc Golf Club should continue to work with CBJ to find a safe location and design that does not negatively impact other park users, and I promote the concept of a course that is far more accessible than the options currently available. The Club is doing fantastic work to bring more people into the sport and they deserve your support in that goal. Disc golf is not only an activity that many people of different ages and abilities can participate in, it is also free and encourages participants to spend time in the outdoors. We are fortunate to have a Club dedicated to increasing access to the sport, and I hope CBJ will collaborate closely with them moving forward. As that process occurs I urge the the Department and Club to make a greater effort at public outreach and provide adequate signage about future proposals.

Adding a disc golf to Douglas is a fantastic idea, which I support. However, this proposal is anything but a good idea and your support of it will have the minimum consequence of making park users feel less comfortable, and displacing a contingency of them altogether; and the maximum consequence of causing someone a serious injury and opening CBJ up to lawsuit—as has occurred in other municipalities resulting in settlements at least as large as [\\$3 million dollars](#).

I welcome the opportunity to walk any of you through the proposed course or to take you disc golfing—where we can safely do so—to help you consider this potentially weighty decision.

Thank you for your consideration and service to our community,



Jake Quarstad
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Douglas, AK 99824

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June 2, 2022

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
City & Borough of Juneau
155 South Seward Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Disc Golf at Treadwell, etc.

Members of the PRAC:

Regrettably, I will not be able to attend the upcoming meeting of the PRAC, as I will be on a horse trip in the Big Horn Mountains in Montana and unable to connect to the Zoom meeting scheduled for June 7, 2022.

I strongly favor allowing the proposal to develop the modest disc golf links in the old Treadwell townsite owned and managed by the City and Borough of Juneau.

My family frequently uses the Treadwell area for walking, birdwatching, dog walking and other activities, including picnicking, use of the shelters and beach walking. We often take out-of-town guests to use the Treadwell area and consider the stabilization of old mining buildings and installation of the interpretive signage illustrating the history of the area to be an outstanding accomplishment.

The last thing anyone in my family would desire is for the Treadwell area to be compromised. I do not believe location of a disc golf course will have a negative impact on our use of the Treadwell area or inhibit other citizens from enjoying the trails and other amenities. As a matter of fact, our community (like the nation in which we live), is experiencing a health pandemic of enormous proportions in significant part because of a lack of exercise. Even a casual review of open-source metrics illustrates that Americans and Juneau are increasingly obese, in no small part because of not exercising. This is problem that has huge negative implications for our youth.

Because we need more recreation activities for everyone in our community and because a modest disc golf course can certainly be located in the existing Treadwell area without causing any genuine harm to other users, I believe it is consistent with sound public policy for the PRAC to endorse the project.

I also believe further development within the Treadwell area is warranted, including installation of a pickle ball court on the site of the former tennis court near the former oil storage tank. While I am not a devotee of either pickle ball (or disc golf, for that matter), it is consistent with my values and also the majority of Juneau residents to encourage recreation opportunities that will enhance fitness among our citizens.

In closing, I would like to add that I have worked with other citizens to design and construct recreation facilities in our community, including the Treadwell Arena, a facility that has become genuinely popular with a considerable number of individuals. What now seems like a great idea and is obviously a valued recreational opportunity was actually a close-run deal. There were a fair number of naysayers back in the day who carped about the facility, claimed there was no need to build the facility, suggested that ice skating was a niche sport and floated other fears that proved unfounded. My point is that it's easy for a few folks to project their negativity on a project that has potential. We live, unfortunately, in a time where a fair number of folks have strong views about what they do not like but little apprehension about what they really desire. It's obvious to me that advocates for additional recreation activities in this place we call home are seeking to create new opportunities. Give them a chance to succeed. I am confident any perceived problems can and will be addressed by sensibly locating the disc golf course in a manner that will not negatively impact other uses in the Treadwell area. And, please commence planning for installation of a modest set of pickle ball courts located where the old tennis courts from the mining era were located.

Good luck and please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Joe G.

Joseph W. Geldhof

Copy: CBJ Assembly Members (via e-mail)

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Letter Regarding Proposed Disc Golf Course at Treadwell Mine Historic Trail in Savikko Park

-----Original Message-----

From: Kasia Spengler <kasiaspengler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:29 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Letter Regarding Proposed Disc Golf Course at Treadwell Mine Historic Trail in Savikko Park

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Although I am usually in favor of development of outdoor activities in Juneau, I strongly oppose turning Treadwell Mine trail into disc golf course. It is it a dangerous proposal to many walkers using the trail. I frequently walk the trail and see many walkers using it, including number of elderly people as it is relatively easy terrain for walkers with limited physical abilities. This proposal will potentially end this routine for them. There are also number of young parents with strollers and young children biking who can easily be tramped by excited players. Please develop a disc golf course, but not there.

Sincerely,

Kasia Spengler
707 Dixon St
Juneau, AK 99802

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: against proposed disc golf course at Sandy Beach

From: Larri Spengler <lspengler@ak.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 11:06 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: against proposed disc golf course at Sandy Beach

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Greetings:

After reading Juneau resident Jake Quarstad's comments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on the proposed proposed disc golf course at Treadwell Mine Historic Trail in Savikko Park, I concur with his assessment that this activity would be a very bad and likely dangerous combination with the pre-existing and multiple uses of the Sandy Beach area. I urge you to not permit this to go forward.

Sincerely,

Larri Spengler

Larri Irene Spengler
4545 Thane Road
Juneau, Alaska 99801
907-586-9768 (phone/fax)
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Lauren Verrelli

From: Linda Snow <ljsnow@ak.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:15 AM
To: Michele Elfers
Subject: Disc Golf Course at Treadwell

Importance: High

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Hi Michele,

I was very pleased to see the floor of the Treadwell Office Building had been power washed, and the big tables were moved outside again. It looks great in there. Thank you for making that happen.

We walked the disc golf course yesterday evening. It is off the main trails, but easy enough traveling for just about anyone. Some brush clearing might happen, but it is pretty minimal, and the group seems to have lots of volunteers. The holes correspond with historic locations (Steam Plant, School, Store, Assay Office, Superintendent's Mansion, 240 Mill, etc.) and that could lend itself to some more educational signage.

I believe any enhancement to recreational opportunities in the Park are beneficial. In addition to more healthful outings for Park users, more traffic means more eyes, and will help reduce vandalism. Other possible recreational uses in the Park were discussed on the walk, and to me it is exciting to consider expanding the recreational uses at Treadwell beyond the standard walk. It is great to see more and more outings at the Office Building - weddings, funerals, themed birthday parties, etc. I am very excited that another Shakespeare play will be held at the Office this summer.

I look forward to seeing the finished disc golf course, and hope we can keep discussions going about other possible recreational opportunities in the Park. Thanks for all your help. Be well.

Linda Snow
Treadwell Volunteer



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Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 11:20 AM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: please design a safer disc golf course for Douglas

From: Megan Behnke <megan.i.behnke@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 11:09 AM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: please design a safer disc golf course for Douglas

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Greetings--

Please do not advance the proposed disc golf course at Treadwell Mine Historic Trail in Savikko Park. The proposed course puts dog walkers, beach walkers, children, and all other Sandy Beach users at risk. The trails that the disc golf course is suggesting to intersect with are used by people with limited mobility, children, and animals who will be at risk from dangerous disc throwing. No disc golf course should be designed to throw discs towards trails or other users. Further, clearing underbrush from this area will make it less attractive to other users.

I support safe disc golf courses; please wait to proceed until there is a safe course proposed.

Best,
Megan

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(she/her)
Post Doctoral Fellow
Department of Natural Science
University of Alaska Southeast

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I live and work in Lingít Aaní.

Lauren Verrelli

From: Michele Elfers
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 7:00 AM
To: 'Michael Partlow'
Subject: RE: Disc Golf Course

Dear Michael,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns. The disc golf club has come to P&R with this request, we are currently evaluating it so your comments are timely.

Michele Elfers

Michele Elfers
 Deputy Director
 Parks & Recreation
 Ph: 364-2390



From: Michael Partlow <mikepartlow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 8:47 PM
To: Michele Elfers <Michele.Elfers@juneau.org>
Subject: Disc Golf Course

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Hello Michele,

I am writing to voice my concern with the proposed disc golf course at Treadwell. I heard about it through word of mouth and was a bit disappointed by the lack of public notice. As a fan of disc golf I am excited by the prospect of a course closer to downtown Juneau. When I found out that the course was going to be at Treadwell I was seriously concerned regarding safety and playability. It is one of the most heavily trafficked dog walking and running trails in Juneau. The line of sight is not great and at first glance it seems like a really poorly thought out plan. As a disc golfer you are either going to have issues with dogs or you are likely to terrify someone walking along the trails wearing headphones and tuning out.

I want Juneau's parks to be multi-use and open to all sorts of activities, but when one activity is so disruptive to everyone else I am concerned. I want Treadwell to be a place that people can move through without feeling like they have to be constantly vigilant to avoid being hit with a hard plastic disc. As someone who enjoys disc golf I want to have a course that doesn't stress me out or scare or anger others around me. At the very least I want a

transparent community process where people can voice their concerns and we can try to find solutions to meet the needs of various groups.

Please let me know if there is any way that I can contribute to discussion going forward,

Michael Partlow
Douglas, AK.
907-209-7002

Lauren Verrelli

From: Paulette Simpson <paulettem@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:55 AM
To: Michele Elfers
Cc: Gary Gillette
Subject: Treadwell

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Good morning, Michelle

Ever since the Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society was incorporated in 2008, we have kept front and center the Mission Statement of the Juneau Parks and Recreation Department: "...to promote recreational and cultural opportunities and maintain and enhance City and Borough of Juneau facilities and resources. "

Like no other park in Juneau, the Treadwell Historic Park marries recreation, history and now arts and culture as well as the preserved office building once again hosts Shakespeare in the Park this summer.

Historically, Treadwell miners and their families enjoyed numerous forms of both indoor and outdoor recreation on the site, including tennis, baseball, hiking and so much more.

I have lived adjacent to the Treadwell trail for 40 years and have observed thousands of hikers, dog walkers and runners utilize the trails year-round and cross country skiers and snowshoe enthusiasts use it in winter months. This is in addition to annual cross country running meets sponsored by area schools.

Recently I walked the Treadwell Trail with Shannon Crossley from the Juneau Disc Golf Club. What I found most appealing about the proposed disc golf course is its layout that utilizes accessible but "off the beaten path" areas of the historic site. I see no potential conflict whatsoever between disc golfers and any other park user.

The proposal is primarily consistent with the recreational mission of Juneau Parks but from the perspective of the Treadwell Society it also is another way of encouraging residents and visitors alike to visit the site and gain an appreciation of the historical aspects that they will experience along the way.

Finally, from a purely personal perspective, again, living adjacent to the site, it truly warms my heart seeing people of all ages getting off their couches and off their phones and screens and out into the fresh air any time of year to exercise.

For all the above reasons, I wholeheartedly endorse and support the proposal for the disc golf course.

Sincerely,

Paulette Simpson

Lauren Verrelli

From: Michele Elfers
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 7:01 AM
To: 'Sophie Lager'
Subject: RE: Proposed Disc Golf Course at Savikko Park

Dear Sophie,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns. The disc golf club has come to P&R with this request, we are currently evaluating it so your comments are timely.

Michele Elfers

From: Sophie Lager <lager.sophie@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 8:32 PM
To: Michele Elfers <Michele.Elfers@juneau.org>; Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Proposed Disc Golf Course at Savikko Park

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Good Evening,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed temporary disc golf course at the Treadwell Mine at Savikko Park.

Savikko Park and the Treadwell Trail are high-use public spaces for recreation. The trail is accessible to those with limited mobility and is a favorite of joggers and people with small children and dogs. In the last several years, tourist visitation to the trail has also increased. As a resident of Downtown Douglas, my family utilizes the park and trail frequently for walks and jogs and have always appreciated its accessibility, safety, and ease of use. As an expectant mother who has been cooped up much of the winter, I intend to use the trail frequently throughout the spring and summer months to ensure that I am maintaining a healthy level of activity in an accessible location.

I love the idea of having more disc golf locations available around Juneau and closer to the town center. However, I believe that putting a course, even a temporary one, at the Treadwell Ruins would be a mistake. The discs are not like a light plastic frisbee. They are heavy and can fly up to 89 miles per hour. Injuries to persons hit by a disc can range from a cut with heavy bruising to a concussion and/or loss of sight. <https://clubandresortbusiness.com/woman-awarded-3m-in-disc-golf-injury-suit/>

While I recognize that there are general rules of etiquette when playing disc golf and verbal signals that can be given to signal that a disc may be about to fly, the reality is that a pedestrian with hearing loss or headphones may not hear the signal. Also, the sight lines of the trail become heavily obstructed in the spring and summer months, so a golfer may not be able to see an incoming pedestrian. Additionally, this course is being pitched as a beginner and moderately skilled course, where golfers will have less experience with rules and etiquette and are less likely to have accurate aim.

The Treadwell Trail is a heavily used path that is one of the most accessible trails in Juneau for a range of pedestrians. This is not an appropriate place for a disc golf course. Putting a course there, especially one whose trajectories cross paths or go toward them, would be a dangerous mistake that may end up decreasing the actual use of the space. I would be personally discouraged from use this summer based on the concern of receiving any kind of torso injury that could impact my pregnancy.

I also have concerns about the notification process for the potential course. I heard about it because of word of mouth, but an internet search only leads me to the disc golf club's Facebook and Instagram pages, which have limited information and make it sound like the determination to put the course in has already been made. I hope this is not the case, as I expect that our Parks and Recreation would make a concerted effort to notify the community and seek public comment before pursuing the implementation of something like this.

Please do not authorize this. There are other more appropriate locations with less foot traffic and better sight lines.

Thank you,

Sophie M Lager
907-957-0421

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Frisbee golf

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Spengler <timcspengler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 3:32 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Frisbee golf

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Dear Juneau Assembly,

Although I think frisbee golf is a wonderful game, I think creating a course around in the trails by Sandy Beach is not a good idea. Many people walk those trails. And many of them are elderly, or families with small children. I think the danger of folks being struck by the frisbees (which are harder than standard frisbees) is very real and could potentially lead to significant injuries and possible lawsuits. So while I support frisbee golf in Juneau, I do not think it prudent to create a course on the trails around Sandy.

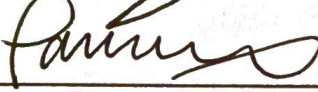
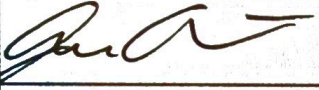
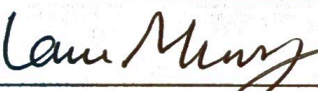
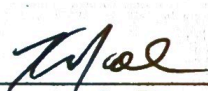
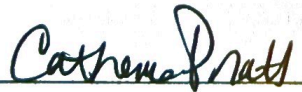
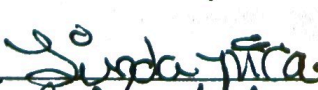
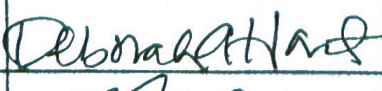
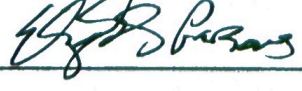
Thank you for your consideration.

Tim Spengler
500-2298

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Printed Name	Signature	Comment	Date
Eli Barsy		Great concept, but needs a better thought-out course	5/27/22
Tanna Peters		I really want to find a good fit for this!!	5/27/22
Jake Quarstad			5/27/22
Lane McCarry		Good idea - bad location.	5/27/22
Kayla Mount		Bad location - High risk	5/27/22
Roch Pratt		Be careful!	5-27-22
Catherine Pratt		Hazardous location to place this activity - expect many accidents / liability	5/27/22
Linda McCarry		Very dangerous & very crowded	5/30/22
Jed Smith		Great idea, bad spot	5/30/22
Deborah Hart		Great idea - please seek a different spot	5/29/22
Elizabeth Parsons			5-29-22

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Printed Name	Signature	Comment	Date
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Korrad Frank			5/29/22
Karla Donaghey	Karla Donaghey		5/29/22
Lou Ann Gagne	Lou Ann Gagne		5/29/22
Michael Pothow			5/29/22
Stephanie Hoag	Stephanie Hoag		5/29/22
Margaret Conner		Not anti-disc golf. Please redesign.	5/29/22
	Michael E. H.		6/2/22
Ric Lannolino		Safety is the critical issue	6/2/22
Ray Pastorino		"	6/2/22
Miranda Mitchell			6/2/22

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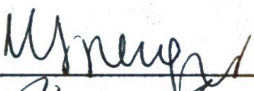
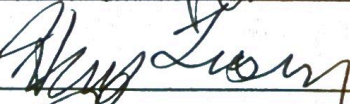
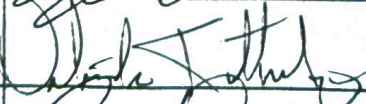
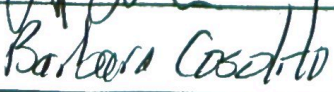
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Lynne Smith	Lynne Smith		6/1/22
Natalia Spengler	Natalia Spengler		6/1/22
Leon Shaul	Leon D. Shaul		6/1/22
TOLAN DURANT	Tolan Durant		6/1/22
Julie Crabtree	Julie Crabtree	I would love to see the disc golf in Douglas, just in a safe manner to all users.	6/1/22
Vince McSherry	Vince McSherry		6/1/22
Charlie Williams	Charlie Williams	I don't support this location - in off road on Treadwell under new snow	6/1/22
Samantha Kepple	Samantha Kepple		6/1/22
April Hoy	April Hoy	not opposed to this - just not here	6/1/22
Jennifer Quirk	Jennifer Quirk	FIND A DIFFERENT LOCATION	6.1.22
Kath Koruna	Kath Koruna	Not in favor of disk golf in treadwell	6/1/22

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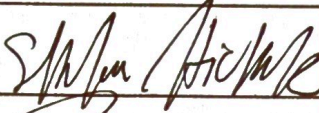
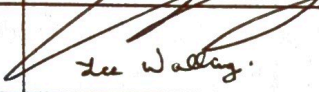
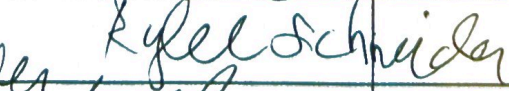
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Abby McAllister		Please consider walking	6/1/22
Lou Logan			6-1-22
Jim Scholl		Avoid HISTORIC DISTRICT	6-1-22
Roxanne Stewart		too much ^{other} activity	6/1/22
Kasia Spengler			6/1/22
Henry Larsen			6-1-22
Lynn Wilbur		would need more info on alt. sites before I would support	6/1/22
Delinda Fitts		not in Historic district but support elsewhere	6/1/22
Rachel Smith		no thank you	6/1/22
Weneha Delenne			06-01-22
Barbara Coe		Please consider elsewhere	6/1/22

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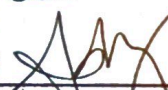
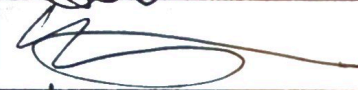
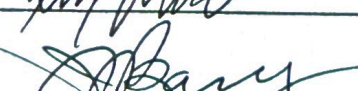
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Skylar Hickok			6/2/22
Erin Rodman			6/2/22
LEE WALLING	 Lee Walling		3 Jun '22
Carole Kotola			6/2/22
Katherine Brown			6/2/22
Jill Still			6/2/22
Aaron Ferguson			6/2/22
Rick Prosser			6/2/22
Shelly Christensen	 Shelly Christensen		6/2/22
Kyle Schneider	 Kyle Schneider		6/2/22
Dan Erwin			6/2/22

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Printed Name	Signature	Comment	Date
claire white			6-2-22
Alisha deZagotto			6-2-22
Veneta Orcutt			6-2-22
Stephanie Smith			6/2/22
Katie Palot			6/2/22
Sarah Gross			6/2/22
Raul Menoz			6-2-22
Jarli Barkmoy			6-2-22
King Fatchid			6-2-22
Drew Linder			6-2-22
ROBERT MONTAG			6-2-22

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Hailey Pusich	Hailey Pusich		6/1/22
Danielle Thorn	D. Thorn		6/1/22
Laura McDermott	Laura McDermott		6/1/22
Lauren Beason	Lauren Beason		6/1/22
Hannah Marko	Hannah Marko		6/1/22
Karne Dapewich	Karne Dapewich		6/1/22
Sarah Remelting	Sarah Remelting		6/1/22
Leslie K. Montalto	Leslie K. Montalto		6/1/22
Jessica Sperry	Jessica Sperry		6/1/22
Jay McTear	Jay McTear		15 June 22
Heidi Hall	Heidi Hall	Too many elderly people use to walk and kids and dogs.	6/2/22

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MARSHA MONTAG	<i>Marsha Montag</i>	Don't want in historic area	6/2/22
Jackie Dimoff	<i>Jackie Dimoff</i>		6/2/22
Tamara Cook	<i>Tamara Cook</i>		6/2/22
DAVE HARRIS	<i>Dave Harris</i>	safety first	6/3/22
Cassidy Habig	<i>Cassidy Habig</i>		6/3/22
MARK WHITMAN	<i>Mark Whitman</i>	NOT IN OUR GREEN WALK	6/5/22
Patricia Whitman	<i>Patricia Whitman</i>	use ball park	6/3/22

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Printed Name	Signature	Comment	Date
Al Makarby	<i>Al Makarby</i>		6-5
Sarah Blue	<i>Sarah Blue</i>	I think putting in more disc golf courses are a great idea but not on the Treadmill Trail.	6/5/22
CORINE GEORGE	<i>Corine George</i>		6-5-22
MICHAEL LUKSHIN	<i>Michael Lukshin</i>	There are better places. There's an existing disc park.	6/5/22
Talitha Lukshin	<i>Talitha Lukshin</i>	This area is already used for peaceful walking.	6/5/22
Rachelle Cummins	<i>Rachelle Cummins</i>		6/5/22
LIZ CLARK	<i>Liz Clark</i>		6/5/2022
Wendy V. V.	<i>Wendy V. V.</i>		6/5/22
Jan Gonce	<i>Jan Gonce</i>	NO !!!	6/5/22
Laura Burnett	<i>Laura Burnett</i>		6/6/22
Ian Fraim	<i>Ian Fraim</i>		6/6/22

Brianna McCormick *Brianna McCormick* already too busy 6/6/22
 Kelsie Campbell *Kelsie Campbell* 6/6/22
 EVA CARVILL *Eva Carvill* no thank you 6/6/22

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Renae Raskovich	<i>Renae Raskovich</i>	Leave the area AS it is!!!	6-6-22
Emily Harvey	<i>Emily Harvey</i>		6-6-22
Paige Shepard	<i>Paige Shepard</i>		6-6-22
Leticia Scullin	<i>Li S.</i>		6-6-22
Emily Bes	<i>Emily Bes</i>		6/6/2022
JEREMY HOWEN	<i>Jeremy Howen</i>		6/6/2022
Caitlin Carlos	<i>Caitlin Carlos</i>		6/6/2022
Gabby Worden	<i>Gabby Worden</i>		6-6-22
Delise Telise Gamble	<i>Telise Gamble</i>		6/6/22
Kristen Howard	<i>Kristen Howard</i>		6/6/22
Albert Schoonover	<i>Albert Schoonover</i>		6-6-22

Gretchen Martin
 Dezirae Jaballe
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Lauren Verrelli

From: Anjuli Grantham <anjuligrantham@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 9:56 AM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: support new Treadwell course

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

Hello,

I am writing in support of the new disc golf course at Treadwell Park. I am a novice disc golfer who lives near downtown and despise that I have to spend so much time and gas money driving back and forth from Aantiyeik to play. Having a course in Treadwell helps make this sport more accessible to many, including those without the means to drive.

Moreover, I find it disingenuous for opponents to say a new disc golf course at Treadwell will dissuade other users. Treadwell is huge and most of it is underutilized. In my mind, it seems the most vocal opponents just don't want to share "their" park with other users. For goodness sake--- there are 2 places to play disc golf in Juneau and how many hiking trails?

I'm amazed how many kids are starting to play the sport. With Treadwell, they can take a city bus to engage in this recreational activity. How cool is that?

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Anjuli Grantham

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Lauren Verrelli

From: Brian Blitz <blitziam@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 9:31 AM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Temporary disc golf course at Treadwell

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Good morning,

I will not be able to attend the meeting later today, but I thought I would send a note stating my support for the temporary disc golf course at Treadwell. As is well documented, disc golf has grown a lot in the past few years. Juneau could definitely use another disc golf course because the one at Aant'iyek park is becoming overcrowded. Across the nation, disc golf courses are regularly put in multi-use parks, so it can be done in a safe manner. This will be a positive addition to the Juneau community and hopefully lead to more permanent courses.

Thanks for your time,
Brian Blitz

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:12 PM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Proposed disc golf course at Treadwell

From: Britt Watters <watters@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Proposed disc golf course at Treadwell

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

Juneau Parks & Rec,

I am a fan of disc golf and applaud the Juneau Disc Golf Club for reaching out to find a course suitable for younger players. However, I oppose the plan for a disc golf course at the Treadwell trails. I am on the trails frequently, and there are many users who are elderly and less abled, so are slow and not capable of moving quickly if needed to avoid a flying disc or a golfer running to retrieve a disc. The club portrays users as being young and/or less physical than experienced players. From my experience, kids like to run even when they don't have to, or shouldn't, so even a putter course will be an opportunity to make things exciting if you're a kid.

There are a lot of dog walkers on the Treadwell trails. It's probably not wise to assume all dogs would be well trained to be immune to flying objects, and not cause problems for the owner or golfers, even if leashed.

The trails in the proposed area have blind corners, and when fully brushed out, it can be difficult to see around. The risk is increased for ricocheting disks to hit someone, or a golfer running to receive a disk to collide with a walker or biker. I am wondering how folks will be able to even effectively hit targets with so much vegetation.

The group claims access to bathrooms as a feature. The bathrooms are all the way back by the shelters. I suspect many players won't bother making the hike, and we all know what that means.

Cope Park came up as an alternative site. Has that been explored? If the goal is just a putting course, it seems a park like Cope would be more suitable.

I hope P&R will not allow the Treadwell trails to be used as a disc golf course.

Thank you,
Britt Watters
Douglas, AK

Lauren Verrelli

From: Baby Blu Official <cainramsey524@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 10:23 AM

To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>

Subject: Treadwell Disc Golf Course

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Hello, my name is Cain Ramsey.

I am sending this email today to express my overwhelming support for the course proposal on Douglas island. I have worked with parks and rec in the past regarding the pipeline skatepark renovations and believe wholeheartedly that this course gives not only more attention to disc golf in which wouldn't be reached for those who live downtown or on Douglas. It would also give gastineau students the chance to learn the sport as it is slowly becoming much bigger and is only growing.

The sport has helped me not only cope through various issues in my life but has given me something to look forward to everyday. It gets me outside and walking around and allows me to hang out with friends outside of their homes. It is also not possible for every kid on Douglas or downtown to make their way all the way out to UAS or out the road to the current courses so I genuinely think that it would assist in not only giving children something outside to do but would also introduce them into a healthy active lifestyle outside of their phones. It would also help introduce them to an amazing community of disc golfers and could potentially allow them to be a part of something much bigger than themselves.

I support the proposal for numerous reasons and wanted to show that. Thank you very much.

Sincerely, a caring Juneau resident - Cain Ramsey.

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Concerns about disc golf at Sandy/Treadwell

From: Carl Brodersen <carlhcb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Concerns about disc golf at Sandy/Treadwell

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To the Good Folks at Parks and Recreation,
I strongly support outdoor activities, disc golf, and projects that create recreation opportunities in our community. However, I'm concerned about placing a course in a popular walking area. Those frisbees can cause real damage at any throwing speed (I look at the scratches and dents all over mine and think what those came from hitting a person). I very much want a disc golf course "in my back yard," but urge the Committee to find a safer place to install it - one that is not already a heavily used walking path with limited visibility.
Thank you,
-Carl Brodersen, Downtown.

Lauren Verrelli

From: Ed Kulack <edkulack@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 10:07 AM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Support for the Treadwell Disc Golf Course

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Greetings,

I'm a Juneau resident and would like to express my vote of support for the temporary Treadwell Disc Golf Course.

This course will be very beginner friendly as a short course that is easily accessible to a part of Juneau that currently does not have easy access since the only courses currently are near Auke Bay.

A lot of thought has gone into this idea by some wonderful members of the Juneau Disc Golf Club to manage some of the multi-use concerns.

Disc golf courses co-exist across the country with multi-uses and I believe we can all share and respect the space with others.

I'd remind the committee that the course is temporary and the layout can be changed for more ideal use.

A temporary course allows the committee an out if for some reason too much conflict arises.

I hope you all will give it a chance.

Thank you kindly,
Ed Kulack

Lauren Verrelli

From: Eli Barsy <ebarsy14@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 7:36 PM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Treadwell/Savikko Proposed Disc Golf Course

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

To Whom It May Concern,

I'd like to voice my opposition to the disc golf course at the Treadwell Mine as it is currently proposed. I play disc golf and am supportive of a disc golf course in a more convenient/accessible location (even, potentially, based around the Treadwell Mine), but the proposed course really does seem like a mistake to me. For starters, several of holes requires players to throw across/toward heavily trafficked trails. This is asking for trouble. At some point, someone (or their dog) is going to get hit w/ a disc, and it will will cause problems. In addition, if current park users start having to be on high alert in order to avoid flying discs, it's going to discourage use. As one of the most popular and accessible to a wide array of users, this would be a shame. I get wanting to encourage different user groups to make use of our parks, but we should not not displacing existing users from their favorite places. I know that the plan is for players to only use putting discs, announce when a throw is coming, and that they be cognizant of other users, but this is, frankly, naive. First of all, it's un-inforceable. There is no realistic way to monitor these rules, let alone dole out punishment for breaking it. Players will use whatever disc they feel gives them the best chance for the best score, regardless of what the rules state, and there's virtually nothing that can be done to or text misuse. Second of all, there are going to be inexperienced players trying their hand at this course, and they won't be able to control where their disc(s) go, even if they're trying to be responsible. Less popular parks/trails can probably get away with this, since the potential for conflict is much lower. But for, arguably, Juneau's most popular park it's not just naive, but borderline irresponsible to expose park-goers to this type of hazard/conflict.

Please continue looking into ways to make disc golf more convenient for Juneauites, but don't move forward w/ this proposal as it currently stands. It's going to cause more harm than good. We can create a better course that won't come with nearly the same risks.

-Eli Barsy-
4770 N. Douglas Hwy.

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Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 3:53 PM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Treadwell Disc Golf Course

From: Jonas Lamb <jonaslamb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 2:24 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Treadwell Disc Golf Course

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Hey folks,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I'm a disc golfer and have recently been playing a lot with my sons (10 & 15) at the UAS course now that I'm off crutches (yay!). I love the idea of a new course in town but do agree that there are some potential concerns that would come to the Treadwell area which is heavily used by a variety of people in the community. I suggest considering a different placement or at least if there's strong support for a course at this location consider designating an area within the trail system that has lower usage and install a few baskets that can be used for practice putting while not introducing the dangers of flying discs to runners, dog walkers and others recreating in the area.

Jonas Lamb
638 Gold Street

Lauren Verrelli

From: Amanda Babin
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 8:47 AM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Treadwell disc golf course

-----Original Message-----

From: Kari Hester <kari.johnson0221@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 9:42 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Treadwell disc golf course

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To whom this may concern,

I fully support the pop-up disc golf course at Treadwell!

Thanks,
Kari Hester

Sent from my iPhone

Lauren Verrelli

From: Lanie McCarry <laniebarsy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 8:51 PM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Douglas Disk Golf Course

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Hello,

I am writing in for the public comment on the Treadwell Mine disc golf course on Douglas.

I enjoy disk golf, and it would be nice to have one close by, however the location isn't well thought out. So many people use this trail every day, people of all ages that are going to get hurt by a disc.

I know they said that only putters, and soft throws were allowed and yelling "fore" before throwing your discs, but who is going to police that? It's not going to happen. I have never heard anyone say that when playing, and the majority of people playing are not going to abide by these rules.

I'm also not a fan of destroying the plant growth for this course, all of the salmon berries will be destroyed as well as homes for all the animals in this area. I love walking this path and being in the woods, surrounded by nature. Mowing it down is heartbreaking.

There is a better place for this idea in this area, it needs to be on the less beaten path. Someone will get hurt.

Please do not build a disc golf course in this spot.

Lane McCarry

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www.laniemccarryart.com

Lauren Verrelli

From: max Schoenfeld <mschoenfeld1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:31 PM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Disc golf

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Please do not build a disc golf course at the lower tredwell area. There are far too many users here already. This will likely cause injury, conflict, and folks avoiding the area if it is built. There are other locations, possibly even past the gate or cave in area that could be used for disc golf. I also enjoy throwing discs, but this not the place to do so. If anything sandy beach/tredwell could use a horse shoe pit.

Thanks for listening
Max Schoenfeld

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Treadwell Frisbee Comment (for PRAC)

From: M Boyer <mboyer.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 12:34 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Cc: George Schaaf <George.Schaaf@juneau.org>
Subject: Treadwell Frisbee Comment (for PRAC)

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PRAC:

The frisbee golf course on the Treadwell Trail is a novel idea but it does have a Gary Larson *Far Side* quality...

That is, on any evening you will find dozens of off leash dogs on the trails (I know, because I have to lift my scared, leashed Chihuahua up or hide it in my shirt several times each walk). Oh, and many of these dogs are Lab/Lab mix or Shepherd variety breeds that are bred and even trained to retrieve projectiles flying through the air!

What could go wrong.... every sunny evening.....

This is reminiscent of Larson's witty *Far Side* comics that juxtapose radically competing land uses—like placing a retired racing Greyhound facility next to a rabbit farm or some such trope. He had many variations on this theme. And Juneau may have found one here by placing the frisbee golf course on the loose retriever dog trails could fit the *Far Side* comics theme.

For the record, I am neutral on frisbee golf and pro-leash for this area, and I just wanted to point this situation out so potential conflicts could be avoided (by a strict leash rule near the course trail or by segregating dogs from the course), or if the proposal sails through as is (pun intended), I would simply remind people to bring the popcorn to watch the angry frisbee golfers chasing Labradors across Treadwell trails and the Sandy Beach area. It should be more entertaining than anything on television.

Thanks,

Mike Boyer
 128 Troy
 Juneau AK

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 4:11 PM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Treadwell Mine Historic Site and Trail

From: Molly Kiesel <kieselmolly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Treadwell Mine Historic Site and Trail

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

Hello Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee,

I just read the KTOO article regarding a disc golf course being proposed at the Treadwell Mine Historic Site and Trail. I write in opposition to this idea.

I am a proponent of outdoor activities in Juneau for all ages and abilities, and even have disc golfers in my family, however with two courses already in town, I question if a third is really necessary. If so, it should certainly be located elsewhere.

Within the last few years, educational signage has been posted around the Treadwell area enlightening visitors about its historical significance; having to dodge disc golfers while strolling these grounds seems ill-advised and potentially dangerous. If I saw a disc golf game happening while walking with our grandchildren and dogs, I would certainly avoid the area.

Treadwell offers wide, relatively flat, trails for users who may not be able to explore the more rugged, vertical trails around town (families with children and pets, older folks with mobility issues, etc.). This historic area allows folks to experience nature, while just a short walk from their vehicle.

Eaglecrest would be a far more appropriate home for a potential disc golf course. It is already a recreational area with ample room to roam.

The Treadwell Mine Historic Site and Trail is a tranquil, historic escape – I encourage you to please keep it that way.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Molly Kiesel
4443 Mountainside Drive, Juneau
907-419-8993

Lauren Verrelli

From: Niko Sanguinetti <sanguinettiniko@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Disc Golf at Treadwell

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

Good afternoon Parks & Rec Advisory Committee members,

I am a Juneau resident who uses Sandy Beach and the Treadwell recreation area frequently with my dog and I **support** the development of a disc golf course at Treadwell.

I have played disco golf with the Juneau Disc Golf Club at their course at Aant'ieik Park on several occasions as well as participated in various events and workshops they have organized. I have always been treated with kindness and have noted how players treat the course and those on it with respect. I have no doubt that they will continue to use good judgement and manners if a new course is developed at Treadwell.

I am also aware that the Disc Golf Club has gone through extreme efforts to create a course that minimally impacts current usage of the park and aims to exist cohesively with current users instead of trying to take space away from current activities at Treadwell. Their goal of creating a beginners course which allows for people not yet ready to play at the more technical Aant'ieik Park is a great opportunity for our community to try something new and perhaps start a new activity.

I would also like to note that as a beginner, I cannot throw a disc very hard or very far. The fact that this will be a putting course means that I won't have to. More experienced players will have no cause to throw discs at a high velocity and will know they don't have to.

Of course, there will always be people that act in ways that are against the rules and put others in danger but that could be said for anyone playing frisbee on the beach, climbing over rusty metal ruins, or trudging through the brush at Treadwell. I do not think that adding a disc golf course will add any additional hazards that don't already exist at Treadwell. And most of the people using the course will be doing so with the knowledge of how to coexist peacefully with those walking around the area.

It is my sincere hope that you will support the development of a putting disc golf course at Treadwell for the good of our community.

Sincerely,
Niko Sanguinetti

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:38 PM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Opposition to proposed disc golf course

From: Rosemary Walling <rosemarywalling@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:28 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Opposition to proposed disc golf course

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

I am voicing my opinion in regard to the proposed disc golf course on the Treadwell Mine Historic Trail. I am strongly opposed. A couple months ago my husband was very nearly hit by one of their discs while he was walking the trail. This is not a good dual use for a hiking area that everyday people use. If approved, the city will expose itself to considerable liability risk. People can and will get injured.

Thank you
Rosemary Walling
18383 Tee Way
Juneau, AK 99801
907-723-0692

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Comment: re Proposed disc golf on the Treadwell walking trails.

From: Ross Writer <rosswriter@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Comment: re Proposed disc golf on the Treadwell walking trails.

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We are an elderly couple, with modest physical limitations
We beg you not to add a disc golf course along the Treadwell walking trails.
We are regular users of the treadwell walking trails for walking.
There are many people like us. Old people and middle-aged walkers.
Treadwell is one of two moderate nature trails available to us at this end of the borough.
(there is the nice trail on North Douglas, the one out to Shaman Island, not nearly as convenient and limited parking)
There is an eagle nesting tree along the treadwell trails. I believe they are incubating.
There are already some conflicts:
Tourist groups blocking the trail.
And the high school who uses treadwell to practice running (in addition to the races... you may not know this).
We have been bumped into and literally forced off the trail into the bushes by these young runners (not during a race.... during their practice)
Disc golfing is an activity of flying objects.
And is an activity that often brings associated other recreational behaviors such as adult beverages and smoke.
So we are concerned about rowdy behavior, noise (yelling), and physical hazards of flying discs.
Thank you for any consideration,
Respectfully,
Ross and Devita Writer
Douglas

Lauren Verrelli

From: r_sandstrom@rocketmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 11:24 AM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Support for Proposed Treadwell Disc Golf Course

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I have played Disc Golf for 20 years, beginning at the former Juneau Dimond Park 9- hole course. I was also part of the small group of volunteers that developed and installed the Aant'iyek Park DG course.

I have been active in recreational and tournament-level play over that time.

I have played extensively at many DG courses around Alaska, the Northwest states, California, Hawaii, British Columbia, and elsewhere.

I appreciate the fact that to some people, possibly not that familiar with the sport, may see a conflict between playing DG in areas/parks frequented by other users (walkers, hikers, bikers, dogwalkers, etc.).

I have now played at dozens of DG courses installed at municipal, state and county parks (where multiple field, trail and other activities occur). This has included recreational-type play, as well as pro- tournament events. I have never personally seen, nor heard of, any non- disc golf park user injured by a disc. My experience has always been that the DGers were keenly respectful and conscientious of other park users, and always adjusted their play to wait till other users were well clear and safe before resuming play.

The Treadwell course proposal is for a short- distance, beginner type course. Or one often referred to as a "Pitch and Putt" course. And designed where the throws from the Tee pads to the baskets DO NOT require big powerful throws, even for beginners. A "similar example" DG course I've played,(in place for many years now), is at the Westchester Lagoon Park near downtown Anchorage. Again, I noticed there the DGers co-existed, with the many other park users, in a safe, compatible and friendly manner. I should stress this type of course would be very appropriate for young beginners, Seniors and others physically- challenged that could not play a course like at Aant'iyek.

I would also point to the example of the Idaho State Parks Department, which has been supportive and active for many years in the installation of DG courses at State Parks throughout the State. And these DG courses are not just off in some remote corner of the Park. Many I've played on are nicely blended into areas near parking, bathroom facilities, picnic areas, trails, etc. And again, designed to allow harmonious, thoughtfully designed recreation opportunity for all park users.

In summary, I think the same compatible-use opportunities can be done with the Treadwell DG course proposal. I strongly urge Parks and Rec to allow and monitor a "Trial Run" for this activity this summer. And they can then, based on this experience, evaluate objectively the issues, (or lack thereof), and compatibility of uses. To the benefit of ALL Juneau Parks users.

Sincerely,
 Russell Sandstrom
 9163 Skywood Lane, Juneau
 (808) 264-7570

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 3:54 PM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Proposed disc golf plan

From: sharfox@gci.net <sharfox@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 3:10 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: Proposed disc golf plan

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

Dear CBJ Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members, Director Schaaf, Deputy Director Elfers, Manager Watt, and CBJ Assembly Members,

Like many other users of the Treadwell Trail, I consider that area to be very special, for many reasons.

My husband and I enjoy the various creative projects that occur in the renovated Treadwell Office Building. It's also a wonderful place to sing, or get out of a downpour!
 We often bring visitors there to explore that part of the history of Juneau.

Sometimes I go there with the laughter of my grandsons running ahead of me.

Other days I walk slowly thru the quiet of the trees to heal my grief.

I enjoy witnessing the change of seasons.

I wander alone into the brush to photograph tiny beginning signs of Spring.

I collect cottonwood buds to make salve to give to family and friends.

I gather salmon berries to enjoy on the spot.

I was grateful to slowly walk that trail when recovering from knee surgery.

When a friend needs to catch up or talk thru some struggles, we often choose walking on that trail, because we feel safe there.

There are many others using the trail for their own purposes. It's fun seeing families let their kiddos run free on the trails, and wildly thru the woods. Everyone has a deep need to be out in Nature, especially these days.

We pass one another with greetings, or silence, respecting one another's space.

During these last two years, sometimes I encounter unexpected friends who I haven't seen in ages, relieved to let our guard down, we spontaneously stop to spill out our stories.

As it is now....

Everyone can comfortably walk, run or simply be, at their own pace. There is a general sense of respect of shared space.

As it is now, the multi-use is compatible.

When I imagine disc golf happening in all those situations I just mentioned....well, sadly I wouldn't even want to go there anymore. I don't want to have to be hyper aware of a competitive activity going on around me. I don't want to see the beautiful natural vegetation destroyed to create a man-made course that could be better suited in a more developed, less populated area. Many other users who depend on the ease and safety of that area would be pushed out for this one select group. There is nowhere else that is still wildly beautiful, not too developed and also easily accessible for the many folks and families depending that combination now.

I support disc golf and competitive sports. However, I also strongly believe this is an inappropriate location. The Pioneer Road out north Douglas might be more suitable all around.

Thank you for re-considering the location of this great plan. I hope a much better place will be created that suits all users. I don't imagine it would be much fun for the disc golf players to be constantly on the lookout for children, dogs, etc. It seems a location that is not in conflict with the freedom of movement that is part of the pleasure of that sport would be much more suitable for the Juneau Disc Golf Club.

Thank you~ Shar Fox Juneau, Alaska

Lauren Verrelli

From: Tommy Stevens <tommystevens1717@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 9:18 AM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Juneau Disc Golf Club Proposed Temporary Course

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

To the Members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee:

This temporary course poses no more threat to park users than any other activity conducted in the park. As one of the more accessible parks in the Juneau/Douglas area, this will allow those with limited mobility to be able to play disc golf, as the two currently established courses are physically challenging, even for those without mobility issues.

The Juneau Disc Golf Club has taken the layout of the trails into consideration for each hole of the temporary course, looking to eliminate the possibility of throwing directly at the trails. They have spent hours walking the course, so that there are no blind spots for either the disc golfer or other park users, working to eliminate the possibility of danger to other park users. Even with all of the due diligence that the JDGC has done, there is no way to remove all of the danger for all of the park users, as all other park users are just as likely to pose a threat to those playing this proposed course, especially those that feel like they have dominion over the park.

The discs used to play catch with your friends or that you throw for your dog, are much heavier and harder than the discs used in disc golf. Those discs range in weight from 185g to 200g and are thrown with much less skill than your average disc golfer possesses, posing a greater threat to those around them. The JDGC calling for a putter only designation will ensure that slower, more accurate discs are used, as this course's layout does not necessitate the use of faster, more aerodynamic discs.

There is an assumption that has been propagated that users of this temporary course will ignore the designation, however, the ignoring of designations is already prevalent in and around Sandy Beach and Savikko Park, as most dog owners let their dogs run off leash in these area, even though these are posted on leash areas. This was seen on the walkthrough conducted on May 24th by the JDGC.

The JDGC has been working closely with the CBJ Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and personnel from the Dept. of Parks & Recreation on this proposal. They have strived to make the sport accessible to all and mitigate the potential for injury in and around the proposed temporary course. The JDGC is not purposefully looking to create conflict with any other users of the park, it is quite the contrary, they are looking to add another activity to the long list of activities already enjoyed by users of the park.

This temporary course will be the first introduction to the sport for much of the community. The JDGC merely wants to give the community an opportunity to play disc golf in a manner that is conducive to growing the sport, as the flagship course here in Juneau, Aant'ieik, can be quite intimidating for new players, especially those introduced to the sport by Uplay, and discourage them from playing. The temporary course at Treadwell will also mean that those who use public transportation will be able to play disc golf, due to no public transportation being offered out the road where Aant'ieik is, and it is far more dangerous to walk from Auke Bay out to Aant'ieik, than playing at Treadwell would be.

It is requested that the committee move forward with allowing this temporary installation.

Thank you,
 Tommy Stevens
 JDGC Merchandise Manager

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 3:54 PM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: In Support of the Proposed Treadwell Disc Golf Course

From: Veronica Bunes <veronicabunes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 3:25 PM
To: Parks Rec <Parks.Rec@juneau.org>
Subject: In Support of the Proposed Treadwell Disc Golf Course

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my support for the temporary disc golf course at the Treadwell Historic Mine Site. I believe the proposed course is not a hazard to other park users, will bring more users to the park, and make disc golf accessible to more Juneauites.

I am an amateur disc golfer with growing interest in the sport. I have been playing for about 5 years, but have only been able to make any lasting improvement to my skills this year, largely because I have had the opportunity to play every week. As a resident of Downtown Juneau who does not drive, the Eureka Course at UAS takes at least an hour to get to via bus, and the Aant'Iyeik Course is essentially unreachable without a car. Having a small course, within reasonable distance to take the bus to, would vastly improve my own enjoyment of the sport. I would definitely spend more time at the park enjoying the other attractions as well, with the draw of a disc golf course.

The proposed Treadwell Course would also be more accessible to those new to the sport, or those with more limited mobility. The Aant'Iyeik and Eureka courses involve navigating steep hills, with and without trail stairs, as well as rocky patches. The wide flat trails connecting the holes will make it a more enjoyable game for those who aren't up for the hiking involved at Juneau's other courses.

I have read concerns for the safety of other park users, and I believe these to be exaggerated. With the course that has been designed (and thoughtfully redesigned!) by the JDGC, the chances of being hit by a wayward disc is fairly low, and the chances of a disc moving far and fast enough to cause any harm is even lower. It is easy for a beginner to send their discs in the wrong direction, but they also won't be putting much power behind those throws at this course.

I believe there is an initiative by a local disc golfer and frequent walker on the Treadwell trails, to move some or all of the holes farther from the heavily trafficked paths. I think this would be a reasonable compromise, and much better for the community than an outright denial to the proposed course.

All in all, this is a temporary course to see if it is feasible to incorporate a course at Treadwell. I think that the concerns against this course are outweighed by the benefits it would offer, at least enough to move forward with the temporary course for this summer season.

Thank you,
 Veronica Bunes
 Juneau resident

Lauren Verrelli

From: Parks Rec
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 2:50 PM
To: Lauren Verrelli
Subject: FW: Treadwell Disc Golf Course

From: Shannon Crossley
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 12:55 PM
To: Parks Rec
Cc: juneaudiscgolfclub@gmail.com; James Houck
Subject: Treadwell Disc Golf Course

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Esteemed Parks and Rec Advisory Committee Members:

My name is Shannon Crossley, I've been trying to disc golf for 11 years, and I've been succeeding for the past two years. I know what it's like to be a recreational player, with max distance at about 100 feet. Almost two years ago, I decided to teach myself how to get better distance- I was good enough going shorter distances but I wanted to compete with my husband and our friends, and my two throws for every one of theirs just wasn't cutting it at Aant'iyek. With some hard work and coaching from Zoe Andyke at UplayDG, I was able to double my distance, and because it was so easy, I decided I needed to teach everybody I could how to play with proper form. I personally started my coaching career by teaching other women how to play in May of 2021, less than 6 months after I had decided to get better. At my first women's workshop, we had over 20 participants, and a third of them were retired ladies looking for something new to do with their friends. After the success of the first workshop, it was clear JDGC needed to teach more people in Juneau how to play, especially our youth, but I needed help.

Fast forward to August of 2021, when Uplay came to Juneau for the first time. Zoe had lived in Anchorage 10 years previous, and coming back to this state was very exciting for her. She is a trained gym teacher, public speaker, and motivator- her energy and passion for disc golf is incredible. She has been traveling the United States for the past couple years teaching clinics to children in their schools, leaving behind discs and targets so they keep practicing, and making sure teachers are listening to her catch phrases and lessons so they can continue on after she is gone. She is- quite frankly- stepping up to teach disc golf to our next generation in ways we've never seen before. Someday, we will look back on this pioneer's career and be honored she came to Southeast Alaska to help JDGC with their vision of getting disc golf into every high school we could. She plays professionally as well, and was the world putting champion in 2018. She brought Ella Hansen with her in the fall, who is currently the MVP for female players in America. These ladies are amazing.

Zoe and her team taught at Auke Bay Elementary and Juneau Douglas High School in August of 2021. JDGC flew in teachers from Hoonah and Wrangell to observe, and she sent them equipment to their schools afterward. We quickly realized that we needed to get Zoe to the villages and southeast Alaskan towns, so she could energize the students and give them the tools they needed to be successful. It is JDGC's wish to create teams to compete with each other from the

neighboring towns, just like they do for other sports. Disc golf clubs and teams are popping up in universities and high schools around the country- giving teenagers of all economic backgrounds and varied degrees of athleticism a chance to play a sport when they might not have been traditionally drawn to them. Quite simply, disc golf engages all types of people, not just those who are drawn to group competitive athletics. I myself am a former choir geek, I went to all-state and represented JDHS in 2004 and sung a command performance in the Southeast Alaska Music Festival. I have never excelled at a sport in my life, until I found disc golf. After teaching at the high school and seeing almost 100% engagement with these kids in gym class, a class I personally loathed, I realized how important this work is. We need to give kids another activity to engage in- both by themselves and with friends and family. And all they needed was one disc.

Zoe and her team returned in May of 2022, and taught at DZ middle school and Thunder Mountain High School. Now that we've put disc golf targets and discs into the gym classes at both high schools, we are ready to start teams in the fall. We realized pretty quickly that JDGC had made an error in teaching 1000 students how to play disc golf in one year- because we didn't have a great place for them to play. When a new player starts off, they usually start at the local municipal park course. I started off playing at Alton Baker Park in Eugene, a lovely disc golf course that weaves in and out of walking trails and roadways. I learned quickly to only throw my disc in certain areas, otherwise I'd get a stroke penalty. In all disc golf parks, paths and roads are out of bounds, or OB. These courses usually have plenty of open space for a beginner to try out new things, and ultimately make the disc go forward. We always tell new players, don't try to throw it as hard as you can, throw it as straight as you can. Usually, that means 50% power so you learn not to grip lock the disc and it flies straight. Nobody is going to keep playing a sport if they don't move forward toward a goal. If someone can't get the hang of a disc golf course, it's common to go to an open field and try it out. We teach our workshops in such conditions so we can teach how to aim as well as throw. With all of these courses with trails through them, if the disc golfer can see anybody on the trail within the distance of their throw, they wait. Disc golfers are quite adept to waiting, this is a universal rule, do not throw if anybody is in front of you. I learned at the very beginning the general rules of play, and they are typically posted somewhere close to the disc golf park for new players. We would be more than happy as a club to print a metal sign at the start of the St. Ann's trail and Treadwell Trail stating these rules.

Since I started disc golfing, I have played courses all over the country, with the majority being in public parks around playground equipment, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and walking trails. These courses are designed in public parks because that's where the various cities have built their amenities, such as parking, bathrooms, water fountains and tables/benches. I have not seen anybody being hit with a disc, nor have I been struck with a disc, in over a decade of consistent playing. I'm not implying accidents don't happen, there are risks of rolled ankles on trails from uneven terrain and there are risks of foul balls near baseball diamonds, but the number one rule of disc golf keeps many accidents from happening. If someone is hit, there have been studies done by Minichelli and colleagues that conclude the likelihood of a disc causing severe internal head injury is minimal. Disc strikes can cause pain and potential serious harm to skin or vulnerable spots like eyes, but disc golf frisbees pose a lower risk than other types of sports equipment. This is not my personal opinion, this is science.

I hope the Parks and Rec Advisory Committee sees the value in our proposal, especially the temporary nature of this summer's course. If we come together in the fall and decide this experiment was a failure, we will pull our baskets and look for tens of thousands in grants and donations to try and put together some assemblance of what we propose at Treadwell, but this could take years to accomplish. I hope we can agree the 71 acre Treadwell Historic Site is large enough to engage another type of user and bring joy to many more Juneauite's than we can access at Aanti'yiek. Thank you so much for your time.

Shannon



TO: Rorie Watt, City Manager
Katie Koester, Engineering & Public Works Director

FROM: George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director

DATE: June 3, 2022

RE: Parks & Recreation Proposal – Temporary 1% Sales Tax Extension

The Parks & Recreation Department proposes the following projects be funded with Temporary 1% Sales Tax (2023-28), subject to voter approval. The Parks & Recreation Department relies on the Temporary 1% Sales Tax to fund critical maintenance and improvements to municipal parks and facilities. Historically, 10% to 12% of revenues from the Temporary 1% Sales Tax have been allocated to Parks & Recreation projects. Based on projected revenues of approximately \$60 million over the next five years, maintaining this historical allocation would provide approximately \$7 million to \$8 million for Parks & Recreation projects. Given rapidly escalating costs, this level of funding is necessary to maintain what we have.

This list reflects projects and priorities from the Department's Six-Year Capital Improvement Program, which has been reviewed and vetted by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and Planning Commission.

2023-28 Temporary 1% Sales Tax Parks & Recreation Projects		
	Areawide Park Deferred Maintenance	\$500,000
2	Areawide Trail & Bridge Repairs <i>Perseverance Trail</i> \$750,000 <i>General Trail Repairs</i> \$250,000	\$1,000,000
3	Areawide Parking Lot Paving & Drainage - Melvin Park \$700,000 - Twin Lakes Park \$650,000 - River Road Trailhead \$450,000 - Treadwell Arena \$300,000 - Cope Park \$200,000	\$2,300,000
4	Renninger Park & Pipeline Skatepark Improvements	\$2,000,000
5	Arboretum & Eagle Valley Center Road Repairs & Drainage	\$300,000
6	Park & Trail Signage	\$250,000
7	Fish Creek Park ADA Access Improvements	\$500,000
8	Riverside Rotary Park Lighting Replacement	\$500,000
9	Valley Parks & Landscape Operations Equipment Storage & Lighting	\$800,000
5-Year TOTAL		\$8,150,000



TO: Chris Mertl, Chair Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
FROM: Michele Elfers, Deputy Director
DATE: December 2, 2021
RE: FY 23 and 6 Year CIP Request

Please find attached the FY 23 and 6 year CIP request from the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Department. The following is some background information to keep in mind as you review the CIP.

1. P&R annually receives an appropriation into three funds, the Park and Playground, Sportsfield Repair, and Trail Improvements CIP. The department allocates these funds based on deferred maintenance needs, community interest and requests, and the availability of matching or donated funds for a project. The priority project list is updated each year based on an assessment of these factors.
2. P&R will request funds for other projects that may be larger capital improvements, have other funding sources such as bonds or grants, or fall outside of the park, trail and sportsfield categories.
3. The CIP funding source is primarily sales tax and the CIP projects that are funded each year are based on available sales tax funds projected for the next fiscal year and other community needs and department requests.

FY23 Request

In this year's request, P&R is requesting increased funding for trail projects because the Trails Plan is being developed and will be finalized through public process in 2022. Bond funding and donated funds are supporting park projects for the coming year including Savikko Park, Capitol Park, Hank Harmon Rifle Range, Eagle's Edge Park, Eagle Valley Center and Treadwell Roof. Bond funding and sales tax are supporting sportsfield improvements including Melvin Field Lighting and Savikko Ballfield Turf projects in 2022 as well.

P&R is working on a master plan for the Montana Creek Recreation Area with the US Forest Service and Alaska Department of Natural Resources. Initial feedback from the community survey and stakeholder meetings has confirmed a need for additional parking along Montana Creek Road. In the winter, the recreation area is popular for skiers, snowshoers, and motorized users and it is common to see many cars parked along either side of the road. With winter road conditions, poor site lines for vehicles, and pedestrian activity, the parking situation is dangerous and needs to be improved. This funding will support the planning, design and construction of a new parking lot.

The Neighborhood Challenge Grant request is the second year of this program that funds community outreach and fundraising by the Park Foundation to perform small improvements in local parks. The Park Foundation is working on their first project for this spring with funding from the FY22 CIP.

The four projects on the CIP request labeled "unscheduled" represent potential grant funding. The Mt. Jumbo Treadwell Access Trail grant was awarded to CBJ by the Federal Lands Access Program, the funds have not been

appropriated by the Assembly yet. This trail access will replace the 5th Street trailhead and move the trailhead to Savikko Park for better parking and a connection to the existing Treadwell Trail system. Bond funding supporting the Hank Harmon Public Range will provide match to apply for the Hunter Access Grant Program (Pittman-Robertson Act funds) for range improvements. The bond funding for the Eagle Valley Center Energy Efficiency Upgrades will provide match for an application for grant funding to install a heat pump and additional energy upgrades.

Parks and Recreation also manages the Facility Maintenance Division and works with the Engineering Department to prioritize Deferred Maintenance projects. In addition to the annual request for the CIP, Treadwell Arena is requesting funds to upgrade the HVAC controls system in the facility.

The Parks and Recreation Department requests that the committee make a motion to approve the FY 23 CIP request.

Recommended Motion:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approves the FY23 Parks and Recreation CIP request and recommends that it be forwarded to the Public Works and Facility Committee for consideration.

FY 23 DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN DEPARTMENT PRIORITY PROJECTS

Department- Parks & Recreation

Date: 11/18/2021

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PRIORITY	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT COST	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Funding Source (if specific funds are identified) otherwise leave blank	Sustainability Element of Project	PROJECT LOCATION- specific parcel number (parcel viewer), or street segment	Project Area- DT, LC, Valley, Douglas, ND, Out the road, Area-wide
1	Deferred Building Maintenance	\$2,500,000	This fund supports annual deferred maintenance and repair of municipal buildings, facilities, and infrastructure. The current need for deferred maintenance on municipal facilities is approximately \$10M. Projects are prioritized based on factors such as energy savings, life safety, code deficiency, protection of structures, and emergency. Priority projects include upgrading HVAC systems, control systems, repairing rot, improving building exterior sheels, lighting upgrades, and roof system improvements.		Aging facilities are inefficient energy users and contributors to greenhouse gases. Deferred maintenance projects include control system upgrades, thermal improvements to buildings such as exterior windows, siding, and more efficient heating and HVAC systems. Facility Maintenance will begin tracking energy use across municipal facilities with new tracking software.		Area-wide
2	General Trail Repairs and Improvements	\$350,000	This fund supports trail work, connections between existing trail infrastructure, signage, repair and/or replacement of structures and tread (bridges, culverts, etc.), and other trail improvements. Funding priorities include Perseverance Trail and Christopher Trail Extension, public use cabin access trail, Outer Point Trail, Breadline Bluff Trail, Mt. Jumbo Treadwell Ditch Access, Pt. Caroline Trail, Bonnie Brae Trail.		Maintaining trails provides for alternative, carbon free transportation opportunities and improved health and wellness for the community. Trail projects that provide community connections, loops and access to neighborhoods are prioritized.		Area-wide
3	Park & Playground Maintenance & Improvements	\$100,000	This CP funds maintenance and improvements of parks, playgrounds, and athletic facilities throughout Juneau, including playground equipment, restrooms, safety surfacing, accessibility, lighting, drainage, sidewalks, parking areas, landscaping, public use cabins and other infrastructure. Funding priorities include an additional public use cabin, Steeplehead Park, 5th Tanager Park, Sigou wu Ye Park, Bonnie Brae Park, Benninger Park, Cathedral Park.		Maintaining parks provides for health and wellness of the community and outdoor recreation opportunities in facilities that require minimal carbon based fuel input. Green infrastructure such as trees, other landscaping, natural drainage, riparian protection to waterbodies, and wetland preservation reduce green house gases.		Area-wide
4	Sports Field Repairs and Improvements	\$100,000	This CP supports the repair and replacement of athletic fields, courts, and related facilities throughout Juneau, including those for basketball, tennis, softball, baseball, soccer, and football. Funding priorities include Dimond Park 1 Resurfacing and Field Dirt Procurement, Duwitski Heeni Resurfacing, Mendenhall River Resurfacing and Drainage, Adair-Kennedy Baseball Resurfacing.		Providing outdoor exercise and recreation opportunities for the community promotes health and wellness. These activities require minimal carbon fuel input.		Area-wide
5	Montana Creek Recreation Area Parking	\$350,000	The request supports a priority need identified in the Montana Creek Master plan community survey and public outreach for additional parking to support skiing, ORV use, and trail use in the Montana Creek Recreational Area. Increased use of the area is causing a safety hazard with many cars parked along the narrow road in winter conditions.		This parking area supports health and wellness activities for the community. The parking area will support one of the longest trails in the community, Montana Creek to Windfall Lake, and future planned trail networks.	4B2901420010	Valley
6	Public Use Cabin	\$150,000	This request supports funding match for a public use cabin. The recent Amalgam Meadows Cabin has been rented almost every night since its opening in January of 2021 and there is continued public request for additional public use overnight cabins. This funding will provide match for grants and donations for a additional cabin on parkland.		Recreational stays at cabins offer experiences for the residents that are low carbon input and promote health and wellness. The cabins are built for durability with local lumber and require minimal energy input for use.		Area-wide
7	Neighborhood Park Challenge Grant Matching Funds (JPF)	\$15,000	This project will fund small community challenge grants (\$5,000 maximum) to replace playground equipment, park furnishings, and make other capital improvements to municipal parks. To be eligible for matching funds, projects must demonstrate not less than a 1:1 private match. This project is based on similar programs, such as the Anchorage Park Foundation's Neighborhood Challenge Grant. The intent is to leverage limited city funds with private support to complete urgently needed repairs and other improvements in Juneau's parks. Use of funds will conform to CBI procurement requirements.	Grant Matching Funds (JPF Grants)	This funding will support health and wellness activities that are community supported. Parks and their use typically require minimal carbon input and include landscaping and greenspace that reduces green houses gases.		Area-wide
8	Treadwell Arena Controls Upgrade	\$315,000	This project will fund the replacement of the HVAC control system at the Treadwell Arena. The design work is complete and the requested funding is for construction only. This project is envisioned to combine three controls upgrade projects, the Douglas Library/Fire Station, the Consolidated Streets Facility, and the Treadwell Arena for efficiencies in bidding and construction management and to reduce costs.		This project will replace an outdated control system for HVAC in the Treadwell Arena. New control technology will allow for improved real time management of building systems using real time monitoring and alarm systems so that problems can be detected immediately to minimize energy inefficiencies.	2D0407320072	Area-wide
9	Mt. Jumbo Treadwell Access Trail FLAP grant (unscheduled)	\$265,000	The Federal Lands Access Program awarded CBI grant funding to improve the trail access at the terminus of the Treadwell Ditch trail in South Douglas. Upon signing the grant agreement, the Assembly will consider appropriating the grant funding and design and construction will occur in 2022 and 2023. The work will be completed by Trail Mix and match will be provided through the Trail Improvements CIP and volunteer labor.	Federal Lands Access Program	Maintaining trails provides for alternative, carbon free transportation opportunities and improved health and wellness for the community. This trail is the southern access to Juneau's longest and highest priority trail project.	2D0301020061	Douglas
10	Hank Harmon Public Range Hunter Safety Access Grant (unscheduled)	\$600,000	This project is funded by GO bonds and will include improvements to the shooting range including fill in the range areas, rebuilding the separation wall between the pistol and rifle range, drainage improvements and other upgrades. The bond funding will be leveraged as match for a grant application to the state Hunter Access Program (Pittman-Robertson Act).		This project will replace an outdated control system for HVAC in the Treadwell Arena. New control technology will allow for improved real time management of building systems using real time monitoring and alarm systems so that problems can be detected immediately to minimize energy inefficiencies.	4B2901420010	Area-wide
11	Eagle Valley Center Heat Pump and Energy Efficiency (unscheduled)	\$300,000	This project is funded by GO bonds and will include additional energy efficiency upgrades such as a heat pump and thermal improvements. The bond funding will be leveraged as match for a grant application.		Grant funding will allow for increased energy efficiency upgrades to the Eagle Valley Center including a ground source well heat pump, piping to the house, electric hot water heater, and drainage improvements to reduce moisture in the building.	3B4201000010	Area-wide
12	Centennial Hall Fiberoptics Cable connection to KTOO	\$50,000	Running a fiber optic line from Centennial Hall to KTOO to allow for more event flexibility for clients that would like hybrid or televised events. Some of the large conventions and events that happen at Centennial Hall, such as Celebration, JEDC Innovation Summit, among many others rely on KTOO to support them with quality streaming, television and AV support. Without the fiber connection we can't offer our clients who need the extra support of KTOO the same quality of service that the other rental venues in the Aak'w Village area can. Covid-19 has also increased the demand for hybrid events, most of which are currently supported by KTOO.				Downtown
TOTAL REQUEST		\$5,095,000					

DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 YEAR PRIORITIES

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Project	Priority	estimated project cost (nearest thousand dollars)						
		FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	Future
Deferred Building Maintenance	1	\$2,500,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,800,000
General Trail Repairs and Improvements	2	\$350,000	\$260,000	\$265,000	\$270,000	\$275,000	\$280,000	\$285,000
Park & Playground Maintenance & Improvements	3	\$100,000	\$420,000	\$430,000	\$440,000	\$450,000	\$460,000	\$460,000
Sports Field Repairs and Improvements	4	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$260,000	\$270,000	\$280,000	\$290,000	\$300,000
Montana Creek Recreation Area Parking	5	\$350,000						
Public Use Cabin	6	\$150,000						
Neighborhood Park Challenge Grant Matching Funds (JPF)	7	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Treadwell Arena Controls Upgrade	8	\$315,000						
Mt. Jumbo Treadwell Access Trail FLAP grant (unscheduled)	9	\$265,000						
Hank Harmon Public Range Hunter Safety Access Grant (unscheduled)	10	\$600,000						
Eagle Valley Center Heat Pump and Energy Efficiency (unscheduled)	11	\$300,000						
Centennial Hall Fiberoptics Cable connection to KTOO	12	\$50,000						
Elevator for Dimond Park Field House	13		\$450,000					
Adair-Kennedy Track Repair	14		\$350,000					
Montana Creek Recreation Area Trails	15		\$300,000					
Jackie Renninger Skate Park Building Safety, Drainage, Parking Lot Repairs, Lighting	16		\$200,000	\$1,500,000				
Valley Park Operations Storage and Lighting	17		\$250,000					
Centennial Hall - New Security System	18		\$29,200					
Centennial Hall - Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades	19		\$1,640,100					
City Hall Repairs	20		\$8,000,000					
Fish Creek Park ADA Fishing, Camping and Access Improvements	21		\$250,000					
Aquatic Facilities Security Cameras	22		\$50,000					
Augustus Brown Pool - Parking Lot Repairs & Security Lighting	23		\$500,000					
Centennial Hall - Lobby Expansion and New Meeting Rooms	24			\$3,997,300				
Centennial Hall - Meeting Room Wing Renovation	25			\$1,860,100				
Lemon Creek Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity Planning	26			\$100,000				
Treadwell Ice Arena - Parking Lot Paving	27			\$280,000				
Riverside Rotary Park Parking Lot & Pathway Repairs, Lighting	28			\$300,000	\$350,000			
Treadwell Ice Arena - Custom Bleachers/Storage Unit	29			\$90,000				
Sunshine Cove Vault Toilet	30					\$75,000		
Cope Park Paving, ADA Paths, & Drainage	31					\$650,000		
Adair-Kennedy Park Repair and Replacement	32					\$1,800,000	\$800,000	
Auke Lake Trail - Montana Creek Trail Corridor and Brotherhood Park Consolidation (Grant)	33					\$2,000,000		
Treadwell Ice Arena - Refrigeration System Replacement	34				\$1,650,000			
Evergreen Cemetery Headstone and Landscape Restoration	35				\$250,000			\$250,000
Auke Lake Wayside Restrooms and Dock	36				\$500,000			
Outer Point Waterfront	37				\$210,000			
Centennial Hall - Office, Entry, Greenroom and Exterior Wall Upgrades	38				\$4,063,900			
Landscape Operations Greenhouse Replacement	39					\$500,000		
Savikko Park Restroom #1 Replacement (LWCF project with D&H)	40					\$650,000		

Savikko Park (Sandy Beach) Restroom Replacement	41					\$650,000		
Riverside Rotary Park Restroom	42					\$600,000		
Centennial Hall - Restroom, Kitchen and Ballroom Entrance Renovation	43					\$456,600		
Treadwell Ice Arena - Concession Area Upgrade	44						\$30,000	
Savikko Park Gold Rush Days Plaza Improvements	45						\$650,000	
West Mendenhall Valley Wetlands	46						\$480,000	
Centennial Hall - Site and Civil Improvements	47						\$3,080,000	
Marine Parking Garage Vehicle Barrier Replacement	48							\$500,000
Twin Lakes ADA Dock Replacement	49							\$100,000
Twin Lakes Ice Skating Lights	50							\$150,000
Consolidated Facilities & Park Maintenance Shop	51							\$5,500,000
Treadwell Ice Arena - Electric Ice Resurfacer Charging Station	52							\$775,000
Douglas Shop - Indoor Gym Conversion	53							\$750,000
North Bridget Cove	54							\$540,000

Totals: \$5,095,000 \$14,514,300 \$10,697,400 \$9,668,900 \$10,101,600 \$7,835,000 \$11,425,000

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