



MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019 – 5:30 PM
CITY HALL CHAMBERS

I. Call to Order at 5:31 p.m. – J. Anderson, Co-Chair

Present: Josh Anderson, Kirk Duncan, Jon Gellings, Chris Mertl, Will Muldoon (t), Emily Palmer, Tom Rutecki, Kirsten Shelton

Absent: E. Carrillo

Staff Present: Michele Elfers, Deputy Director; Lauren Verrelli, Staff Liaison

II. Agenda Changes – None

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2019 – E. Palmer moves to approve the minutes; no objection. *Minutes adopted.*

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None

V. New Business –

A. Invasive Plants on CBJ Parkland Presentation

M. Elfers: John Hudson is a restoration biologist with Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition and has worked with the City for many years on a multitude of projects.

John Hudson: Recently, we were working in Switzer Creek to clean up, build a bridge and improve the habitat for fish passage. Invasive plants are plants that are non-native (or alien) to an area and whose introduction can cause economic or environmental harm to human health. Juneau has over 180 invasive plants with the top four being European mountain ash, reed canary grass, European bird cherry, and bohemian knotweed (highest ranking invasive plant in southeast). I have been working with the Department to extradite invasive species on parkland such as Twin Lakes and along the Kax Trail.

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. Department Information Items –

A. CIP Update:

M. Elfers: Parks & Recreation receives about \$275,000 a year that goes into the Parks & Playground CIP; we have a priority list that we work through. In the next year, the following parks and trails are scheduled for design and construction:

- Auke Lake Wayside: Rotary is planning on purchasing a shelter and installing it this summer; we will also harden the trail, improve signage and landscaping.

- Kaxdigoowu Trail: we're waiting on an Army Corps of Engineers permit for the reroute of the eroded section of the trail. We also received the TAPs grant that will repair and

replace the remainder of the trail in the coming years.

- Christopher Trail: the steep section of the trail at Cope Park from the flume is eroding and is currently in design for repair and potential reroute.

- Chicken Yard Park: design work will begin this fall which will involve a community wide public outreach phase. Construction is planned for spring 2020.

- Adair Kennedy Phase I Demo: we have remaining bond funding to remove unsafe elements in the plaza area including the rock climbing wall and raised planters soon.

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report— The Juneau Park Foundation (JPF) had their Kick Off event and raised \$2,000.

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report— Trail Mix transfer of funds; finalized funding for Under Thunder Trail; Mr. Brysen will be putting on a Mendenhall River float to see the Kax Trail erosion from the water, more info to come.

C. Liaison Reports—

Aquatics – W. Muldoon: Tom is Chair; DPAC is closed for annual maintenance; the new board will be seated July 5 with two additional seats

YAB – T. Rutecki: Met with the Finance committee to go over the FY20 grant funding; the grant used to be \$350,000 but some time ago, 5% was cut but they requested to have the money restored. Around 11,000 Juneau youth benefit from the YAB grants.

Eaglecrest – E. Palmer: They had a successful season.

Jensen-Olson Arboretum— E. Carrillo: None.

JNU Urban Forestry – J. Gellings: None.

Lands – C. Mertl: Received a presentation on parking; City is looking at the property by the Coast Guard for potential purchase.

Park Foundation— C. Mertl: Had a successful Kick Off event for JPF.

Treadwell Arena Board – K. Duncan: Submitting annual report.

TrailMix— K. Shelton: None.

1% for Art— J. Anderson: None.

Other Member Business –

Adjournment – 6:36 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Verrelli, P&R Administrative Assistant II, 6/2/2019