



MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 – 6PM
CITY HALL CHAMBERS

I. Call to Order at 6:06 p.m. – W. Muldoon, 2nd Vice-Chair

Present: J. Anderson (t), E. Carrillo, K. Duncan, W. Muldoon, E. Palmer, T. Rutecki, K. Shelton

Absent: C. Mertl, J. Gellings

Staff Present: George Schaaf, Director; Michele Elfers, Deputy Director; Ana Corcoran, Staff Liaison; Laura Boyce, Senior Planner CDD; Lauren Anderson, Treadwell Arena Manager

II. Agenda Changes – None

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2019 – E. Palmer moves to approve the minutes; no objection. *Minutes adopted.*

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None

V. New Business –

A. Twin Lakes Park Totem Pole

G. Schaaf: The Department received a proposal from AWARE to erect a “healing” totem pole and small plaza in Twin Lakes Park. Parks & Rec staff and AWARE have found a location near the floating docks. We have offered in-kind support for the project, including assistance clearing the site. AWARE is requesting that the PRAC support a request to the Assembly to provide a grant of \$22,667 in partial funding for the totem pole and screens.

K. Duncan: I move the PRAC recommends that the Department approve the proposal from AWARE to install a totem pole and associated plaza at Twin Lakes Park.

*No objection; **motion approved.***

K. Duncan: I move the PRAC recommends that the Assembly appropriate \$22,667 to AWARE as partial funding for a “healing” totem pole and screens, to be installed at Twin Lakes Park.

*No objection; **motion approved.***

B. CIP Transfer (Under Thunder Pathway)

M. Elfers: We’re working with Trail Mix to come up with a draft summer work plan. Some of the projects we’re looking at for this summer are beaver maintenance at False Outer Point, creating the Eagle Valley Center access trail to the public use cabin, finishing the Horsetram Trail, replace the Amalga Bridge at the EVC and lastly, Switzer Connection Loop improvements. We have \$100,000 voter approved money meant for the Auke Lake Trail - Montana Creek connection that we can’t move forward with because it crosses UAS land and they’re not willing to give us access at this time. We’re asking PRAC to approve use of that money for our summer trails work plan.

In another fund, a CIP that was intended to connect the Under Thunder Trail to Glacier Highway (last section) goes through private property and the property owner will not allow us to go through their property. We're asking to transfer this funding to the Trail Improvements CIP and to use that funding for the priority trail list for the Trail Mix draft summer work plan. Finally, we have requested \$100,000 for trail improvements in the CIP, if that is approved by the Assembly we would use that money for this trail work. We are asking the PRAC support the use of temporary sales tax funding for the Trail Mix work plan and second, the PRAC support the transfer of temporary sales tax funding from the Under Thunder trial CIP to the Trail Improvement CIP.

K. Duncan: At the Outer Point trail, is there a way to knock down the dam?

M. Elfers: The beaver patrol folks are going to work with us on continual maintenance.

E. Palmer: I move the PRAC support the use of temporary sales tax funding for Trail Mix work.

No objection; motion approved.

E. Palmer: I will move the PRAC support the transfer of area wide and temporary sales tax funds from the Under Thunder Trail CIP to Trail Improvement CIP and ask for unanimous consent.

No objection; motion approved.

C. PRAC Meeting Start Time

K. Duncan: I propose that the start time for PRAC meetings change to a 5:30pm start time. I move the PRAC move their start time from 6:00pm to 5:30pm and ask for unanimous consent.

No objection; motion approved.

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. Department Information Items –

A. Blueprint Downtown Juneau:

Laura Boyce: Blueprint Downtown is the downtown area plan; the mission is to create unifying big picture of the downtown area for the next 20 years. The downtown area is unique; it has 32 studies of the area and our goal is to go through all these studies and link them to make them cohesive, unifying vision for downtown. We hope to have the plan adopted in 2020.

B. Treadwell Arena:

Lauren Anderson: Treadwell Arena was spearheaded by the Douglas 4th of July Committee in 1998, broke ground in 2001 and opened in 2003. In 2015 due to mandatory budget reductions, staffing was reduced and the facility is closed in the summer. Currently Treadwell is open 36 weeks with ice and closed for 16 weeks in the summer. Treadwell's main user groups (JDIA, JSC, JAHA) have rented over \$281,000 in ice time this year. The user growth is evident in facility rental revenue which has exceeded over \$400,000 the past three years. The cost recovery is steady at 60% which has reduced the need for general fund support. Advertising revenue through dasher board sales, in-ice logos and community partners helps keep the ice time affordable for users. The goal is to extend the ice season from 36 weeks to 40 weeks and offer 6 weeks of summer activities without ice. To implement this, Phase One would add two weeks of

ice in April 2020 and offer six weeks of summer programming without ice in May/June. Phase Two would add two weeks of ice in July 2020 and continue to offer the six weeks of summer programming in 2021. If we can, then Phase Three would offer summer camp and programming for youth 3-6 year olds. We estimate it would cost an additional \$10,000 in personnel cost to extend the season with staff increasing from 2 to 5 during the summer months. Summer operational costs would be absorbed in winter revenues and yearly cost recoveries will stay above 50%. For the summer programming, we would hold Friday Night Disco roller skating, roller derby, youth floorball, pickleball and private rentals. The community as a whole will benefit from extending the ice season and this would also allow us to offer another recreational opportunity for seasonal and crew workers.

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report— None.

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report— Assembly discussed dockless vehicles. Approved the Pocket Park lease for Deckhand Dave's and changed the resolution to allow alcohol sales.

C. Liaison Reports—

Aquatics – W. Muldoon: 5 board members will be leaving the board; at the RFP stage for the AGB design.

YAB – T. Rutecki: All the grants have been scored.

Eaglecrest – E. Palmer: None.

Jensen-Olson Arboretum— E. Carrillo: None.

JNU Urban Forestry – J. Gellings: None.

Lands – C. Mertl: None.

Park Foundation— C. Mertl: None.

Treadwell Arena Board – K. Duncan: None.

TrailMix— K. Shelton: None.

1% for Art— J. Anderson: None.

Other Member Business – None.

Adjournment – 7:15 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Verrelli, P&R Administrative Assistant II, 5/2/2019