

AGENDA

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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018

CBJ Assembly Chambers – 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item	Presenter	Action Requested
1. Call to Order	Chair, C. Mertl	
2. Agenda Changes		
3. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items		
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2018		Motion to approve
5. New Business - Airport Parkland - PRAC Elections	C. Mertl	
6. Unfinished Business - OHV Update - Dog-Free CBJ Trail - Member Projects/Priorities	J. Anderson T. Rutecki C. Mertl	
7. Directors Report - Aquatics Board Update - PRAC Development Plan - Director Transition Plan - P&R Master Plan Process - Special Committee Update	K. Duncan A. Pierce	
8. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports - Chair Report - Liaison to the Assembly Report - Liaisons: a) YAB b) Aquatic Facilities c) Jensen-Olson d) Lands e) 1% for art f) Treadwell - Other Partners: a) JNU Urban Forestry b) Eaglecrest c) TrailMix d) Park Foundation - Other Member Business	C. Mertl N. Gregory T. Rutecki T. Rutecki T. Gilmour C. Mertl J. Anderson VACANT C. Mertl VACANT VACANT C. Mertl	
9. Adjournment	Chair, C. Mertl	

AGENDA SYNOPSIS

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2017
CBJ Assembly Chambers – 6:00 p.m.

New Business—

- A. Airport Parkland:** Chris M. would like to discuss the Airports plan for submitting a grant to improve the area across from the parking lot which is Parkland.
- B. PRAC Elections:** New elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair for the next year.

Unfinished Business—

- A. OHV Update:** Josh will be giving an update on his OHV project and the launch of the new OHV webpage which is geared to providing OHV information to users and CBJ.
- B. Dog-Free CBJ Trail:** Tom will be providing a list of potential dog-free trails for the PRAC to review and discuss.
- C. Member Projects/Priorities:** Chris M. would like the PRAC to be thinking about their special projects and priorities. [Page 7-21]

Directors Report—

- A. Aquatics Board Update:** The Aquatics Board made a presentation to the Assembly Finance Committee on March 14th. The board outlined four options for going forward as the board will sunset on May 28, 2018 unless the Assembly takes some form of action. The four options were:
 1. Have the board sunset and the pools revert to the Parks and Recreation Department
 2. Continue as is with the semi-empowered board working with the Parks and Recreation Director
 3. Become an empowered board
 4. Contract pool operations to a nonprofit organization

I believe that the Assembly will extend the life of the Aquatics Board for one year to allow time for the Aquatics Board to fully develop their recommendation.

- B. PRAC Development Plan:** I have been the director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the past three years and 3 months. In that time, I have seen the need for fewer and more effective boards and committees. The P&R Department serves on the Aquatics Board, the Treadwell Advisory Board, The Youth Activities Board, the Juneau Convention and Visitors Board, the Jensen Olson Arboretum Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. It is my recommendation that the PRAC consider recommending the elimination of the Treadwell Board and the Aquatics Board. If PRAC determines that a dedicated seat for a user group is desirable that could be laid out in the PRAC recommendations. PRAC should dedicate time over the next few months to making PRAC into an effective board that represents all recreational interests in the Borough and making a recommendation to the Assembly concerning the Aquatics and Treadwell Boards.
- C. Director Transition Plan:** I am sure you have heard however in case you have not, George Schaaf has been selected to succeed me as the Parks and Recreation Director. I could not be more excited as George is extremely qualified and well respected in the recreation community. His

experience with Trail Mix, the Parks and Recreation Park Maintenance and Landscaping Division and the US Forest Service make him a great person to take over for me. George will start back with CBJ on April 30th and I will retire on May 11th, allowing a two-week transition. I plan to stay around Juneau, so George can call on me for historical information as needed.

D. P&R Master Plan Process: There will be a discussion of the master plan process which will wrap up in the fall of 2018. We will discuss what the PRAC's role will be in the adoption of the plan.

E. Special Committee Update: As you all know, George has been serving as Chair of the Master Plan Special Committee. We have asked the Clerk's office, and because this is a PRAC committee, its composition is your decision. We have two options:

1. Replace George as Chair of the Special Committee with another PRAC member.
2. Delegate oversight of the committee to George as Parks & Rec Director. Updates on the committee process will be included in the director's report.

We recommend option 2. The committee is functioning well, and we are about 70% complete. It would be confusing to bring a new Chair on board at this time. We will need to appoint a new committee chair from among the existing members. This entire committee has done an excellent job and we have a stronger product thanks to their efforts.

DRAFT MINUTES PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 6th, 2018
City Hall Chambers– 6 p.m.

I. Call to Order at 5:59 p.m. – C. Mertl, Chair

Present: J. Anderson, T. Gilmour, C. Mertl, E. Palmer, T. Rutecki, G. Schaaf

Absent: E. Carrillo, C. Prussing

Staff Present: Kirk Duncan (t), Director; Brent Fischer, Facilities Superintendent; Lauren Verrelli, Staff Liaison; Alix Pierce, Project Manager; Skye Stekoll, Engineering

II. Agenda Changes – T. Rutecki adds Dog-Free Trail discussion under Unfinished Business.

III. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items – None.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2018 – T. Gilmour moves to approve the minutes, no objection. *Minutes adopted.*

V. New Business –

A. Multi-Sport Pump Track

Elliot Matheis: A pump track is a course made up of bumps and banked turns used by bikes, rollerblades, scooters, etc. and are typically made out of dirt but that would not hold up in Juneau. I have been in contact with Velosolutions which makes asphalt coated pump tracks. Looking at creating it in front of the Fieldhouse where all the alders are near the bridge, it would be around 11,000 square feet.

A. Pierce: We have talked to Risk Management & CDD about permits and insurance, we don't think there will be many hurdles. This is a local user group that wants to add an asset to a city park and we're very supportive of that. This the most researched and well developed proposal we have seen.

E. Matheis: Velosolutions, its roughly \$25/sq foot which would be around \$250,000 total. They did mention there is various ways to cut costs by bringing up a limited staff and working with local companies. Talked to the Juneau Community Foundation but working on putting together on creating an official group and then begin fundraising money. It would be run similar to the skate park and it can be used by multiple users at one time.

B. Fisher: They would build it and then turn it over to the City to manage.

C. Mertl: I think it's a great idea but the only thing I would advocate for building it in Lemon Creek. Let us know how the PRAC can help out, we're in support of this.

B. Chairlift Benches

Sean Boily: I am here on behalf of the Downtown Business Association (DBA) and we're trying to connect downtown visitors with our winter activities. We have old chairlift chairs from Eaglecrest and would like to create them into benches for downtown to promote our winter activities to tourists in the summer. We would seek business sponsorships. The DBA has spoken with Docks & Harbor and Parks & Rec, with one bench going on the docks and the other in Gunakadeit Park (Pocket Park).

E. Palmer: What is your long term vision for downtown?

S. Boily: Planning on having one bench completed in the next two months. Our long term goal is to have 6-8 benches around downtown. I don't feel they will be forever elements of downtown, they will be removable. The opportunity would be to showcase what else you can do in Juneau.

C. Mertl: Would be a great way to promote Juneau and it would be a big photo opportunity for tourists. I do not see any objections or concerns, PRAC members are in support of this project to move forward. You can work with the Department on selecting the location once the benches are complete.

C. Engineering Update

S. Stekoll: *Overstreet Park*- Should be completed in May, on schedule as of now. *Arboretum Parking Lot*- Once weather clears up, they will be paving the parking lot. *Auke Lake*- will be working on creating a picnic area. *Riverside Rotary Park* – Bid has been awarded to Admiralty Construction, contractor portion complete in May. Volunteer effort should happen in June. *Chicken Yard Park* – PND will do structural analysis of wall; will be repairing the wall, replacing the fence and concrete. Still working on the driveway easement. *Capital Park* – retaining wall will cost \$250,000 to replace, waiting to get funds for the wall replacement and then will work on updating the rest of the park. *Adair Kennedy* – One of the biggest issues is the trees which is something we do have funding for now. This is the least expensive and most impactful part of the project now. School is concerned about the trees because they're hiding areas; near Loop Road and then near the baseball fields. We will be putting out a contract for thinning and clearing trees soon.

T. Gilmour: I went to the public meeting and haven't heard much since about Riverside Rotary Park. The people that attend the meeting would like to hear what the plan is for the park.

VI. Unfinished Business –

A. Dog-Free Trail

T. Rutecki: At our last meeting I brought up the idea of a dog-free trail since we do not have one. Let me know the next meeting why we shouldn't have a trail that is dog free.

C. Mertl: I think no one is opposed to the idea but this is your project. You should come up with some trails you think would work and bring it to the PRAC.

VII. Director's Report – K. Duncan –

A. Project Playground Update:

A. Pierce: Recently received the 90% drawings and engineering going over technical aspects of those. The project will be going out to bid in April and the contractor starting in June. The community build will be Augusts 8-12. The steering committee only needs to raise \$84k which would fund 100% of poured in place. If they sell all their pickets, they will have all the money they need.

B. Youth Sports Under ZGYC

K. Duncan: We have decided as a Department to move Youth Sports under ZGYC. It will have a more specialized emphasis on youth. Then the Adult Sports program can spend more time on potential expanded senior activities.

C. Aquatics Board Update

K. Duncan: They have held two public meetings and presented to other groups in town. The existing board will sunset on May 28th. They have been looking at four options and will be presenting to the Finance Committee on March 14th and making a recommendation. They would like to extend the current situation so they can do more research on option C & D. The Department will be recommending option A (allowing the Aquatics Board to sunset and bringing the pools back into Parks & Rec) which is not being considered by the Aquatics Board. This is the first conflict between the Director and the Aquatics Board.

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report— Welcome Emily Palmer & Kirsten Shelton to the PRAC.

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report— None.

C. Liaison Reports—

YAAB – T. Rutecki: YAAB held a meeting for the organizations who apply for the grants.

Aquatics – T. Rutecki:

Jensen-Olson Arboretum—T. Gilmour: Parking lot will be completed in the spring and construction of the sunroom will be completed soon. They're looking into composting toilets. Trail Mix is making a new trail from the parking lot to the Arboretum.

Lands – C. Mertl: Had two meetings on the Cornerstone property. They made 3 recommendations of the 6 that applied to move forward to the Assembly.

1% for Art— J. Anderson: None.

Treadwell Arena Board – VACANT

JNU Urban Forestry – C. Mertl: Getting ready for the Home Show.

Eaglecrest – VACANT

TrailMix— VACANT

Park Foundation— C. Mertl: Going before the finance committee April 11 about the \$50,000.

Other Member Business –

Adjournment – 7:45 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*

The Dog Task Force (DTF) was created in October 2003, with representation from the various organizations and members listed:

Capital Kennel Club, State Fish & Game 2 Public members, Juneau Parks & Recreation, Discovery Southeast US Forest Service, State Parks – Trailmix, Gastineau Humane Society.

The purpose of the task force was to facilitate a process that included designating some trails as no dog areas to represent all users. Auke Lake Trail was established as a dog free trail for those who wish to walk somewhere without encountering dogs.

During 2004 the DTF recommended that Auke Lake Trail be later designated as a trail that could be used by dogs resulting in no trail as dog free so the CBJ parks and recreation department would like to designate a CBJ trail as dog free from the following list of CBJ trails and create a new dog park as well.

EXISTING AND PROPOSED TRAIL REGULATIONS

Area/Trail	Comments	Current Regulation	Proposed Regulation	Management
Bonnie Brae Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Boy Scout Trail	No Change	Off Leash	Off Leash	CBJ/Boys Scouts
Breadline Bluff Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Bridget Cove Trails	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Capital Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Cathedral Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Chicken Yard Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Cope Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Dan Bishop Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Dimond Park	See Field Use Schedule	On Leash	On/Off Leash	CBJ P&R Schools
Dzantik'i Heeni School Fields	See Field Use Schedule	On Leash	On/Off Leash	CBJ P&R Schools
Dzantik'i Heeni Trail		On Leash	No Dogs	CBJ P&R
Eaglecrest Ski Area	Off leash summer. No dogs on groomed trails during ski season.	Off Leash No Dogs	Off Leash No Dogs	CBJ Eaglecrest
Evergreen Cemetery	No Change	No Dogs	No Dogs	CBJ P&R
False Outer Point Beach Access	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Favorite Channel Beach Access	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Fish Creek Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Fish Creek Park East Pond Dike Trail	Short trail – no dogs	On Leash	No Dogs	CBJ P&R
Fish Creek Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Five Mile Beach Access North Douglas	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Flume Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	AEL&P CBJ P&R
Glacier Valley School Fields	See Field Use Schedule	On Leash	On/Off Leash	CBJ P&R Schools
Gunakadeit Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Heinztleman Ridge Trail	No Change	Off Leash	Off Leash	CBJ USFS
Homestead Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Indian Point Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Jordan Creek Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei Hiking Trail		On Leash	Off Leash	CBJ P&R
Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei Horse Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Kaxdigoowu Heen Dei Paved Trail	On leash 8 am to closing; off leash before 8 am year round	On Leash	Off Leash - Before 8 am year round	CBJ P&R

*VC -- under competent voice control

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Area/Trail	Comments	Current Regulation	Proposed Regulation	Management
Lena Loop Park	See Field Use Schedule	On Leash	On/Off Leash	CBJ P&R
Lena Pt Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Marine Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Mendenhall River School Fields	See Field Use Schedule	On Leash	On/Off Leash	CBJ P&R Schools
Mendenhall Peninsula Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Mendenhall Peninsula Wetlands Access	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Mendenhaven Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Mine Camp Ruins Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Minnie Field Beach Access	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Montana Creek Trail – Kax Trail to Montana Cr Rd end	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Mt Jumbo Trail - Trailhead to end of meadow	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Mt Roberts Trail - Tram to Gold Ridge		Off Leash	On Leash, or VC*	State/CBJ
Ninemile Creek Wetlands Access	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Ninemile Creek Road Wetlands Access	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Ninemile North Douglas Beach Access	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
North Tee Harbor Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Outer Point Bluff Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Outer Point Loop Trail (if not commercially used)		On Leash	Off Leash	CBJ P&R
Pearl Harbor Beach Access	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Perseverance Trail (Mt. Juneau Trail to trail end)	VC*	On Leash	Off Leash, VC*	CBJ P&R
Police Station Trail		On Leash	No Dogs	CBJ P&R
Rainforest Trail (if commercially used)	On leash/VC* 4/1-9/30; off leash 10/1-3/31	On Leash	On/Off Leash	CBJ P&R
Red Mill Trail/AJ Glory Hole Overlook Trail	VC*	On Leash	Off Leash, VC*	CBJ P&R
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Area/Trail	Comments	Current Regulation	Proposed Regulation	Management
Riverside Rotary Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Savikko Park – Treadwell Mine Historic Trail and Picnic Area	VC*	On Leash	On Leash, or VC*	CBJ P&R
Savikko Park - Sandy Beach	Off leash below high tide line	On Leash	Off Leash, VC*	CBJ P&R
Savikko Park Fields	See Field Use Schedule	On Leash	On/Off Leash	CBJ P&R
Sigoowu Ye Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Situwan Park	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Smuggler's Cove Beach Access	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Sunshine Cove Trails	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Switzer Creek Park/Trails	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Switzer Creek Trail – Mountain Ave thru old clear cut		On Leash	Off Leash in clear cut area	CBJ P&R
Thunder Mountain Trail	No Change	Off Leash	Off Leash	CBJ USFS
Treadwell Ditch Trail - Eaglecrest Access Trail	Off leash summer. No dogs on groomed trails during ski season.	Off Leash No Dogs	Off Leash No Dogs	CBJ P&R Eaglecrest
Treadwell Ditch Trail - Bear Cr to Mt. Jumbo Trail	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Treadwell Ditch Trail - Gastineau Meadows Access	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Treadwell Mine Historic Trails	No Change	On Leash	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Twin Lakes Park - Parking lot to north end of large lawn area - Jupiter on the path	Current: No dogs July & August. Proposed: Dogs allowed year round on leash.	On Leash No Dogs	On Leash	CBJ P&R
Twin Lakes Park - North end of large lawn area to point where lakes meet	Dogs allowed year round. Off leash/VC* until 10am On leash 10am-8 pm	On Leash No Dogs	On/Off Leash, VC*	CBJ P&R
Twin Lakes Park - North of where lakes meet to trail end	Off leash/VC* until 10am, on leash 10am-8 pm	On Leash No Dogs	Off Leash, VC*	CBJ P&R
<i>*VC -- under competent voice control</i>				

According to Samantha Blakenship, Executive Director of Gastineau Humane Society, there are about 6,700 dogs in Juneau of which 60% are licensed (4,000) and 40% unlicensed resulting in 2,700 without rabies shots that pose a potential health risk to the community.

According to DTF about 60% of Juneau households have a dog and have 100% of CBJ trails available for their use. The 40% of households that pay same tax rates as those with dogs do not have a CBJ trail they can use without encountering dogs. Especially those that have not had rabies shots.

Ms. Blankenship stated that over the past year Gastineau Humane Society has made a concerted effort to step up our patrols near trailheads and would be able to enforce a dog-free trail designation.

CBJ Dog Task Force

<http://www.juneau.org/parkrec/dtf.php>

From: Tom Rutecki - NOAA Federal
To: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Subject: Fwd: "Dog Free" Trails in the CBJ
Date: Monday, April 02, 2018 9:02:07 AM
Attachments: [No Dog Trail PRAC 4.2.18.2.docx](#)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Samantha Blankenship** <admin@ghspets.org>
Date: Mon, Feb 19, 2018 at 6:10 PM
Subject: RE: "Dog Free" Trails in the CBJ
To: "tom.rutecki@noaa.gov" <tom.rutecki@noaa.gov>

Dear Tom,

I was forwarded your questions by Gastineau Humane Society Board Treasurer, Becky Monagle.

The Gastineau Humane Society does not have an opinion either way about the prospect of "dog free" trails.

As the entity who enforces animal control ordinances in Juneau, we feel it would be unfair for us to weigh in with an opinion either way on this matter.

We encourage members of the public who have a strong opinion on this matter to speak with their City representatives.

As the Animal Control and Protection agency for the City and Borough of Juneau, we will of course enforce any regulations that are passed.

- To answer your first question "What percentage dogs Juneau dogs are licensed?", based on national averages, we estimate that there are about 6700 dogs in the City and Borough of Juneau.

Of those dogs, approximately 60% (about 4000 dogs) are licensed annually.

- To answer your second question "What can Humane society due to give some real teeth to current dog regulation to keep dogs on leash on trails designated as such?", I'm afraid that we have a definitive answer for this.

Over the past year we have made a concerted effort to step up our patrols near trailheads.

We have also recently partnered with CBJ Parks to provide free leashes at trailheads in Juneau.

As always, we are continuously striving to improve compliance city-wide for all animal ordinances, both through education and enforcement.

Of course, we welcome any additional ideas on methods to improve leash compliance on our trails.

I hope that this helps to answer some of your questions.

If you have any further concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Regards,

Samantha Blankenship

Executive Director

Gastineau Humane Society

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Lauren,

Can you have this email and attached file sent or passed out on Tuesday to PRAC. Feel free to better format the MS Word docx

Thank You

Tom

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Tom Rutecki

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"Alaska's destiny will always be tied to that of our oceans".
Alaska Senator Ted Stevens

From: ACO Wood
To: [Parks Rec](#); [Kirk Duncan](#); [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Cc: [Samantha Blankenship](#)
Subject: No Dog Trail proposal
Date: Thursday, February 08, 2018 10:28:09 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

To Whom it May Concern,

Good morning. This is Officer Karen Wood, the Director of Juneau Animal Control & Protection. It has just come to my attention that a proposal has been made to designate a new area in the CBJ as a No-Dog trail. I am surprised and confused about why Animal Control has not been consulted on this nor have we been invited to any of the PRAC meetings or discussions regarding this proposal. We currently have 3 Animal Control Officers, including myself, working to enforce Title VIII ordinances in the CBJ. Although we agree this is a good idea, we absolutely need to be consulted and involved in these discussions as it is our agency that will be patrolling and monitoring the trail, and citing offenders if the No-Dog trail proposal becomes a reality.

I will need to determine how we can find the time & staff to be able to respond to the many calls we will undoubtedly receive regarding dogs on that trail if this becomes a reality. We already have difficulty enforcing the leash law on leash required trails because of the amount of time it takes to patrol these areas on foot. There are usually two officers on duty each weekday and one officer on the weekends. We deal with a myriad of animal control issues such as licensing and rabies vaccination requirements, cruelty and neglect investigations, Dangerous Dog compliance, responding to animal bites/aggressive animals, barking complaints, neighbor disputes, dogs at large and in traffic, injured and deceased animals, etc. You may be able to see how time & staffing constraints could make enforcing the No-Dog trail difficult. I would appreciate it if someone working on this project contact me as soon as possible so that I can be in the loop as this issue progresses.

Thank you,

Officer Karen Wood
Director of Juneau Animal Control and Protection
7705 Glacier Hwy.
Juneau, AK 99801
Ph. (907) 789-6997
Fax (907) 789-1795

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From: [Parks Rec](#)
To: [Kirk Duncan](#); [Lindsey Foster](#)
Cc: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Subject: FW: Auke Lake Trail
Date: Monday, February 12, 2018 10:59:35 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Passing this along. ☺

Ana Corcoran

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<http://www.juneau.org/parkrec/>



From: Fred Felkl [mailto:fredfelkl74@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2018 3:59 PM

To: Parks Rec

Subject: Auke Lake Trail

I heard a rumor that Auke Lake will be closed for walking dogs. I ben walking the trail for 9/half years Daily, I never missed a day in all those years, except when I am out of town. I been cleaning the trail every day

I have two older dogs, and I clean not only after them , but after some people who don't clean after There dogs. I pick up all the garbage what people leave, especially in der summer, when there is nice weather

Sometimes I bring out 2 shopping bags full. Over the years I cleared the trail of 9 trees which fell across

The trail. In the winter if get a cold spell, like now, a glacier form across the trail, by the highest bank, it flows down the bank, it's a very dangerous place to cross, I put up a rope , so people can hang on to it.

I do not mind doing this, its something I feel to give back to the community, its my volunteer work.

There was a article in the paper, and I received a citizen a ward from a none profit organization.

Nobody ever complained about my dogs. If I cannot walk my dogs on the trail, Parks and Rec needs to take care of it. If things don't change, you don't have to worry about this trail.

Sincerely

Fred Felkl

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Fred Felkl
To: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Subject: Auke Bay trail
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2018 4:20:55 PM

I understand someone whants to make Auke Lake trail dog free.I like to know why?
How many complaints about dogs where there . Was there complaints about dog poop on the trail.

I can tell you , you will not find dog poop on that trail. Auke Lake trail is probably the cleanest trail in Juneau. This is why.

I been walking this trail every morning since May one 2008, never missed yet, except if I am out

of town.I walk my two dogs, I clean up after them and I clean not only theirs, but every other one I

see. I clean all the garbage up after a nice summer weekend, sometimes up to two grocery bags.

I keep the trail safe in the winter, there is a bad spot, where in cold weather, it forms a mini glacier. I clear the trail, if a tree falls across. This is my volunteer work , giving back to the town.

I never encountered a bad dog on this trail, for all those year's.

If I can not walk my dogs on the trail, I will give up my volunteer work.

I would like a answer to my two questions on the beginning of this letter.

Sincerely
Fred Felkl

907 -789 2843

From: [Parks Rec](#)
To: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Subject: FW: Auke Lake Trail
Date: Monday, March 05, 2018 2:46:50 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Passing this along

Ana Corcoran

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From: Michelle Kaelke [mailto:flyfish@ak.net]
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 2:43 PM
To: Parks Rec; Michelle Kaelke
Subject: Auke Lake Trail

I learned that Parks and Rec may be considering closing the Auke lake trail off to dogs as someone has complained about dogs.

To me, this is an unfortunate idea as many dog owners like myself, enjoy this trail with our dogs. I walk my dogs at least 1-2 times a week on this trail in the early morning hours. This trail in the upper Mendenhall Valley is safer to walk in the winter as the trees cover the trail and less snow/ice accumulate on the trail.

I don't know the reasoning behind the complaint, but ask Parks and Rec to consider not closing the trail to dogs.

If needed one idea is to have set times that dogs are not allowed on the trail.

I would very much appreciate an update on the trail.

Thank you,
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From: [Parks Rec](#)
To: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Subject: FW: CBJ CONSIDERING PROPOSAL TO CLOSE A TRAIL TO DOGS
Date: Monday, April 02, 2018 9:13:32 AM
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From: Kirsten Faulkner [mailto:kirsten.faulkner94@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 1, 2018 4:23 PM

To: Parks Rec

Subject: CBJ CONSIDERING PROPOSAL TO CLOSE A TRAIL TO DOGS

I was recently informed of the boards consideration to closing a trail to dogs. This is about as ridiculous sounding as closing a trail to people without dogs. Just because someone does not wish to "encounter" a dog does not make it okay to close a trail off to responsible dog owners. The more feasible option would be to close a trail to "off leash dogs" this including dogs under voice control as well. The argument will then be "we have leash only trails and they don't work," the solution here would then be to find a way to inforce the leash rules. However, segregating a huge section of the community because of others "preferences" is outrageous and straight up wrong. We have a right as responsible dog owners to enjoy hiking and trail walking just as much as anyone else in the community. For me personally my dogs provides me with a sense of security and help with the anxiety I would otherwise face hiking or trail walking alone as a woman and a non native Alaskan. If we are considering banning dogs from trails based on others preferences then let's make women only trails so I don't feel the need to have my dogs with me. We won't do that though because that would be ridiculous and again would be segregation. Please consider these views as you further consider the ridiculous idea of closing off a trail to those of us who exercise our freedom to own and walk our dogs responsibly in our community.

Thank you for the consideration,
Kirsten Faulkner

From: [Parks Rec](#)
To: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Subject: FW: Dog trail restrictions
Date: Monday, April 02, 2018 9:54:48 AM

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From: Cindy Smith [<mailto:2cindysmith@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 9:34 AM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Dog trail restrictions

I understand there will be a discussion about selecting a trail to make off limits to dogs.

I am a long-time dog owner in Juneau, and want to say that I have no particular issue with this idea. It seems reasonable to have a trail or two that people can hike without running into dogs, though I don't know how you would enforce such a thing.

It would be good, when evaluating the trails under consideration, to think about what options exist in that area. For instance, perhaps a trail on North Douglas might be a good option since there are several there that are roughly similar walks with similar destinations. I think dog owners would be more likely to honor an off limits trail in an area if there were other options.

I also think the Glacier trails should be closed to dogs in bear season, because of the tensions of multiple users plus, you know, bears. I won't take my dog there in the summer, but am always and often unpleasantly surprised by the number of people who do.

Seasonal restrictions are more apt to be honored than total closures. Many trails I walk with my dog in the summer are well used, but during the rest of the year, I am often the only one there, or I only see one or two other people.

I appreciate the opportunity for input. I will not be able to attend the meeting.

Cindy Smith
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Sent from my iPad

From: [Parks Rec](#)
To: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Subject: FW: CBJ CONSIDERING PROPOSAL TO CLOSE A TRAIL TO DOGS
Date: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 8:14:13 AM
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From: Kristin Brown [mailto:kristin.brown@alaska.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 7:18 PM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: CBJ CONSIDERING PROPOSAL TO CLOSE A TRAIL TO DOGS
 To Whom It May Concern,

It's recently come to my attention that the CBJ is considering proposals that would close a local trail to dogs. I'd like to share my opinion on the matter.

I feel this proposal is highly discriminatory. Trails are and should remain public use for all. Despite my dog being friendly and well-behaved, I actually make a conscious effort to choose times and trails in which my dog and I will encounter few (if any) others. On days when we do want to interact with others, I choose times and trails that I know will have other like-minded people walking their dogs. Simple as that. I also choose to walk my dog off-leash and avoid leash-only trails. Thereby, I am already limited in the trails I can choose to walk my dog at if I want my dog to have the adequate exercise she requires. She is a large dog; she needs space to run around and not be tethered by a leash at my hip the whole time.

Completely closing a trail to dogs would discriminate against me and many others for choosing to have a pet(s) and being responsible in said pet-ownership by actually exercising our animals. My dog is my child. I choose to have a dog, just as other people choose to have kids. I dislike human children (hence why I choose to have a dog instead). I do not wish to "encounter" other people's human children on trails. Yet, people would think me absolutely ridiculous if I were to propose closing a trail to children simply because of my personal preferences.

Loads of people in this town own dogs. I agree that there is a problem in people *picking up* after their dogs in particular, but that is a whole different issue. I see Juneau as a very dog-friendly town. Let's please keep it that way.

Thank you for hearing my concerns. Please contact me with any questions or for further testimony regarding this subject.

Kindest regards,

Kristin

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From: [Parks Rec](#)
To: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Subject: FW: Closing trails
Date: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 8:14:36 AM

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From: Joann Flora [<mailto:bombeck53@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 10:41 PM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Closing trails

I recommend that you do not close trails to dogs. First, they have been open far too long and I can't see the public cooperating. Second, it will add resentment among a group that already feels minimized over the intrusiveness of fireworks. Third, CBJ doesn't have the capacity to enforce it which will result in further divisiveness among residents. Find another option: a new dog park offering off leash socialization; create a new trail for pedestrians that has no history of dog use; try regulating hours where a given trail is open to dogs on a schedule and restricted to pedestrians during other hours. Time-share a trail.

Thanks

Joann Flora
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From: [Parks Rec](#)
To: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Subject: FW: I am against a dog free trail
Date: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 8:14:25 AM

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From: Salmon Thompson [<mailto:flyingfishman@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 8:39 PM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: I am against a dog free trail

Hello there,

I would like to voice my opinion on the idea of a dog free trail in Juneau. I am very much against it. I own a dog and walk it on various trails through out Juneau. I probably have six or seven usual trails that I cycle through, including the Auke Lake trail that was brought up as a possible example, that I use to walk my dog. I enjoy having a range of trails to choose from that are close to where I live to walk my dog. A large majority of people that I see walking on any trail (that are not tourists) have a dog with them, all the trails in Juneau are used and loved by dog owners. While I would still have other trails to choose from with the loss of one, I would feel that loss. Many trails in Juneau are unique and special from each other. Sometimes I choose a specific trail because of the weather or trail conditions. Other people I know, walk their dog every day on the same trail. Usually one very close to where they live or work. A closure of a trail like that, would have an outsized impact on certain residents of Juneau with very little benefit. It was mentioned in the minutes that a low to medium use trail should be chosen. If that is the case, and you ban dogs from that trail, I do not see how the usage of that trail would increase. I believe it it would decrease, and dramatically. That would only be a waste. I understand that some people may not like dogs, and that is unfortunate. But I do not believe that banning them is a reasonable or smart way to deal with that. A vast majority of problems I run into on trails involve people's children. But I would never think that they should be banned. Even when they throw things at me or my dog, scream and yell bloody murder running all around or some other nonsense. Kids are kids, and dogs are dogs. Reasonable understanding of situations and circumstances is always needed. And that does not involve banning dogs from a trail. Thank you for your time

Salmon Thompson