

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

Present: J. Anderson, E. Carrillo, B. Farrell, T. Gilmour, C. Mertl, E. Ouderkirk, C. Prussing, T. Rutecki, G. Schaaf (t)

Staff Present: Brent Fischer, Facilities Superintendent; Lauren Verrelli, Staff Liaison

II. Agenda Changes – None.

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

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 2nd, 2018 – B. Farrell moves to approve the minutes, no objection. *Minutes adopted.*

V. New Business –

A. 2017 Annual Report:

C. Mertl: In the packet for the Boards review is the 2017 PRAC Annual Report which will be discussed at the March 5th HRC meeting.

2017 Annual Report approved by the board with no changes.

B. Dog Free Trail:

T. Rutecki: We should have a discussion on designating a dog free trail. The Auke Lake Trail used to be a dog free trail at one point. The Board should come up with some recommendations for a dog free trail and designating another dog park. The north end of Twin Lakes could be a potential area for a dog park. We could use PlaceSpeak for public comment on designation of a trail. I'm only suggesting one out of 120 trails to be designated as dog free.

C. Prussing: There's no enforcement for leash trails. Twin Lakes would be perfect for a dog park like Cope Parks Dog Park.

C. Mertl: The trail that is picked should be a low to medium use trail.

G. Schaaf: There might be 120 trails in Juneau, but CBJ does not maintain or manage a majority of these trails. A good portion of these trails are managed by the Forest Service or State.

Deborah Behr (1970 Glacier Ave.): I am a member of Grateful Dogs of Juneau, an organization designed for advocacy and education for responsible dog ownership. We have been in Juneau for over 20 years and we would like to be involved in this process. We have members that were on the original Dog Task Force. One of the suggestions I have is that banning dogs from a certain trail is extreme when you have other options. Increased enforcement, time restrictions (most dog owners use them in the morning and evening, why do you have to ban them completely?) and season restrictions. When I'm walking my dogs on the trails, 95% of the people I pass are others with dogs. When you're banning the use of trails, you're banning use totally. We love the dog park idea discussion; they're a safe place to exercise your dog.

T. Rutecki: If we recommend a trail, it would have to be a CBJ trail only.

C. Mertl: Board members should come up with some ideas for the next meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business – None.

VII. Director's Report – K. Duncan – None.

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report— Thank you both Brett & Eric for serving on the PRAC.

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report— None.

C. Liaison Reports—

YAAB – T. Rutecki: Changes were made for the scoring criteria for YAB grants.

Aquatics – T. Rutecki: A series of public meetings are coming up on the future of the pools & Board in regards to the 4 options they're considering.

Jensen-Olson Arboretum—T. Gilmour: None.

Lands – C. Mertl: Two issues currently going through lands, the Cornerstone property and the Indian Point Land. The Lands Committee would like to have a joint meeting with PRAC to discuss the Indian Point transfer and they're looking for public testimony.

T. Rutecki: Could we swap land for the property to find a place for ORV?

C. Mertl: At this point they're doing analysis but we can discuss it.

1% for Art— J. Anderson: None.

Treadwell Arena Board – VACANT

JNU Urban Forestry – C. Mertl: None.

Eaglecrest – VACANT

TrailMix—B. Farrell: None.

Park Foundation— C. Mertl: Mr. Watt wrote a letter to the Finance Committee recommending the \$50,000 be given to the Juneau Community Foundation on behalf of the Juneau Park Foundation.

Other Member Business –

T. Gilmour: The JSA Executive Director stepped down so we're looking for someone. JSA is looking to possibly selling permanent advertisements for the season to be posted at the field. Does the City have an advertising policy in writing?

B. Fisher: We do not have a written policy on parks. As far as temporary, you're welcome to put temporary signs up, just have to bring them down. We can bring the Board more info.

Adjournment – 6:50 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Verrelli, P&R Administrative Assistant II, 2/7/2018