

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017
City Hall Room 224– 6 p.m.

I. Call to Order at 6:04 p.m. – G. Schaaf, Vice-Chair

Present: E. Carrillo, T. Gilmour, C. Mertl, E. Ouderkirk, T. Rutecki, G. Schaaf

Absent: J. Anderson, B. Farrell, C. Prussing

Staff Present: Kirk Duncan, P&R Director; Brent Fischer, Facilities, Parks and Landscape Superintendent; Lauren Verrelli, Staff Liaison; Alix Pierce, Project Manager

II. Agenda Changes – Approved.

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

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 5th, 2017 – T. Gilmour moves to approve the minutes, no objection. *Minutes adopted.*

V. Unfinished Business –

A. Master Plan Update:

A. Pierce: Kirk will be presenting to the COW on October 23rd. The top ten highlights that will be presented are:

1. Important to have a guiding document which is easily updatable
2. Created the *What We Heard* document from the telephone survey, online engagement and public meetings
3. Survey highlights that were high or very high priority were trails, parks, DPAC, Treadwell, AGB and ZGYC. Other key priorities are trails, youth services, senior services and affordability. Will be putting out a survey on youth & senior activities soon.
4. P&R as the ounce of prevention and support for underserved residents (youth)
5. Condition assessments of facilities, parks (park inventory) and trails (multi-agency trails plan)
6. Recommendations are to maintain what we have, continue to develop asset management and as resources become available, add a drop in facility in the valley (priority 1) and/or Lemon Creek (priority 2)
7. Land disposal, selection and disposal process
8. Fees and charges, why we charge what we charge
9. Work with partners to develop sustainable/manageable programs
10. Multi-agency trail plan; trails are outside the master plan scope because of need for coordination with other managing agencies (State, USFS, Trail Mix)

B. Healing Project:

B.Fischer: I met with the Project Manager for Goldbelt Heritage and asked for a timeline; the target right now for the dedication of the totem pole at Savikko is May 2018. They're carving the 30 foot totem pole at Harborview School with some of the students helping with the carving. Mertl is the architect for the project.

C. Mertl: I haven't really heard anything from Goldbelt Heritage.

VI. Director's Report – K. Duncan

A. Downtown Signage Plan Update

A. Pierce: Engineering is reviewing the signage downtown; we will follow their lead since they're putting together the RFP scope of work which is in the early phases. They have collected info from various groups downtown and come up with a mission to provide directional signage & interpretive signage for pedestrians. As they roll this out, P&R will be looking at using the same form and characters.

B. Cope Park Parking Issues

K. Duncan: We had some people camping in their cars at Cope Park so we put up no overnight parking where we discovered residents on Calhoun park there overnight. We're only enforcing no overnight parking if someone is sleeping in their car.

C. Front Office Tour

K. Duncan: The front office staff took a half day and toured Outer Point Trail, Treadwell Historic District and the Eagle Valley Center. In the spring we will do a facility tour.

D. Snow Removal on Seawalk

K. Duncan: Our portion of the Seawalk, Gold Creek to Overstreet Park, will be a low priority snow removal for us. We will use a snow blower so it will be accessible for people in the wintertime.

E. Savikko Restrooms:

K. Duncan: The restrooms by the new bus stop have been closed for budget reasons will be back open next spring.

F. Possible Use of Pioneer Rd. for Cross Country Skiing

K. Duncan: The Nordic Club asked to set track on the new West Douglas road.

G. Codes, Ordinances, Regulations & Resolutions

K. Duncan: Lauren is putting together all the codes, resolutions, regulations and ordinances into a document so P&R know's what we can & cannot do.

H. Treadwell Arena Hours/Budget Issues

K. Duncan: We cut the Treadwell budget by \$19,000 which changed the hours at the rink by eliminating the low use hours. This was part of the priority based budget process.

I. Flowers in Egan Median

K. Duncan: We will no longer be planting flowers in the median starting next year.

T. Gilmour: Keeping with the whale theme, put in whale tails in the median. Better than concrete and wouldn't have to maintain it.

J. Docks & Harbor Marine Park Plan

K. Duncan: D&H has come up with 4 designs between Marine Park & Taku Fisheries.

C. Mertl: I want to clarify the scope of the work is for D&H to determine if it is in the best interest to buy some of, all of or lease the Archipelago Lot. It is currently privately owned. Tourist numbers are going to increase over the coming years and the need to create a year round waterfront destination for the community, D&H wants to ensure they're not missing the opportunity should this piece of property be sold or developed by someone else. At this point, all options are on the table.

K. Duncan: Option 3 impacts P&R by eliminating the wedding cake. There was Lands & Water Conservation funds that went into developing Marine Park. We will have to figure out if there is any conflict with redesigning that area.

K. Centennial Hall Easement

K. Duncan: The new District Heating Plant which will be sending 180" throughout downtown in a series of pipes by extracting heat from salt water in the channel. They will be cutting through Egan during the construction and they're looking for an easement that runs through the Centennial Hall parking lot. There is not official action from PRAC but the Lands Committee wants to make sure it went to us for review and comment. I don't see any issues, its low impact and beneficial for the city.

T. Gilmour: My only comment is for them to plan access for maintenance down the road.

K. Duncan: The record will show that the PRAC discussed the request by the Sustainable Juneau Inc. (Juneau Heating District) for easements near Centennial Hall for the purpose of running buried pipes to supply hot water to Juneau businesses. The PRAC has no issue with the easement as the project appears to have value to the businesses of Juneau. However the PRAC did recommend that an

utilidor be utilized in the installation of the pipe in the Centennial Hall parking lot which will allow for flexibility in the use of the property in the future and also allow for pipe replacement as needed.

VII. New Business – None.

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report— None.

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report— None.

C. Liaison Reports—

YAAB – T. Rutecki: Rutecki is now the Chair of YAB.

Aquatics – T. Rutecki: Our pools pulled together a swim meet last minute due to Petersburg pool being contaminated. Board also trying to buy pool covers.

Jensen-Olson Arboretum—T. Gilmour: None.

Lands – C. Mertl: None.

1% for Art— J. Anderson: None.

Treadwell Arena Board – C. Mertl: None.

JNU Urban Forestry – C. Mertl: None.

Eaglecrest – Carrillo will be the liaison.

TrailMix—B. Farrell: None.

Park Foundation— None.

Other Member Business –

T. Rutecki: The Indian Point property, which is P&R land, could we trade it with another parcel of land with Goldbelt?

K. Duncan: I just found out about the granting of the land through the Empire.

C. Mertl: Other state harbor masters are in awe of how great P&R is at maintaining their facilities. D&H is giving lots of love to P&R.

Adjournment – 7:01 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*

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Respectfully submitted by Lauren Verrelli, P&R Administrative Assistant II, 10/19/2017