

AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 11th, 2017
City Hall, Room 224 – 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item	Presenter	Action Requested
1. Call to Order	Vice-Chair, G. Schaaf	
2. Agenda Changes		
3. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items		
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 6th, 2017		Motion to approve
5. New Business - Treadwell Ditch Trail Renovation Project - Park Tour Locations Discussion	Jack Kreinheder	
6. Director's Report - Parks & Rec Master Plan Update - Project Playground Update - Chicken Yard Park - Jumbo 1% Sales Tax Update - Point of Sale Information	A. Pierce K. Duncan	
7. Unfinished Business		
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 M. Gladziszewski T. Rutecki T. Rutecki T. Gilmour C. Mertl J. Anderson E. Carillo C. Mertl VACANT B. Farrell C. Mertl	
9. Adjournment	Vice-Chair, G. Schaaf	

AGENDA SYNOPSIS
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 11th, 2017
City Hall Room 224 – 6:00 p.m.

New Business—

- **Treadwell Ditch Trail Renovation Project:** Trail Mix will be making a presentation requesting PRAC support a recommendation of a CBJ financial match for improvements to the Treadwell Ditch Trail.
- **Park Tour Locations Discussion:** The topic of a tour of parks by PRAC members has been discussed. Please come to the meeting with your thoughts on which parks you would like to see and your possible availability. Staff will come with a recommendation of which parks the staff would suggest be toured.

Directors Report—

- **Parks & Rec Master Plan Update:** On dog parks, park standards, parks inventory, parks & trails prioritization table. [*Page 13-16*]
- **Project Playground Master Plan Update:** On clean up, 4th of July, committee meeting for assigning roles. Attached is the most recent press release. [*Page 17-18*]
- **Chicken Yard Park:** Neighborhood residents are concerned about plans to rework the park. Discussion of possible plans will take place at the meeting with no decision being made at the meeting. Please see attached emails we have received from residents. [*Page 19-22*]
- **Jumbo:** Staff plans to continue “band aiding” the building as long as possible with no major capital infusion unless the Assembly allocates and voters approve a capital project for this building.
- **1% Sales Tax Update:** An update will be provided on the 1% sales tax projects discussed at the June 28th Finance Committee meeting
- **Point of Sale Information:** A brief presentation of the data we are getting out of the Point of Sale system (eTrak) will take place.

Unfinished Business— None

DRAFT MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 6th 2017
CBJ Assembly Chambers – 6 p.m.

I. Call to Order at 6:01 p.m. – C. Mertl, Chair

Present: J. Anderson, E. Carillo, B. Farrell, T. Gilmour, C. Mertl, C. Prussing, T. Rutecki, G. Schaaf

Absent: E. Ouderkirk

Staff Present: Kirk Duncan, P&R Director; Brent Fischer, FP&L Superintendent; Lauren Verrelli, Staff Liaison; Maria Gladziszewski, Assembly Liaison; Alix Pierce, Project Manager

II. Agenda Changes – T. Gilmour: Can we have someone comment from staff about the Master Plan from Riverside Rotary Park? Brent will comment.

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

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 7th, 2017 – J. Anderson moves to approve the minutes, no objection. *Minutes adopted.*

Approval of Retreat Minutes from May 7th, 2017 – J. Anderson moves to approve the retreat minutes, no objection. *Minutes adopted.*

V. New Business –

A. Turf Fields Presentation:

Larry Johansen: I have found some creative ways beyond asking for money from the state. I wanted to bring this issue to Parks & Rec to catch you up to speed. The usage of the fields has increased over the years with both high schools since the last time the idea was turned down. The money you spend on a turf field, based as a host to invite other communities to would be an economic stimulator. I looked at funding for the program and found a grant by the MLB and worked with Midnight Suns to sponsor it. MLB would pay up to 50% of the project if we can identify the other 50% of where the funds are coming from. We have the application ready, just needs to the rest of the package put together. MLB wants to tell a story about expanding the story of baseball and what's better than the story of baseball in Alaska. The property value of Adair Kennedy has increased, we could sell Adair Kennedy and use the funds to upgrade an existing park or create a new park elsewhere. Lastly, the issue of safety; general trend shows that safety is better on turf.

B. Farrell: What was previously voted down, when was that?

L. Johansen: It was on the 1% sales tax about ten years ago.

B. Farrell: You mentioned North Douglas...

L. Johansen: The city has land out there and the golf people want to develop out there. It has the synergy to create a parking lot for both facilities. It has great evening light and view.

T. Gilmour: One of the issues that we have is the lack of money for teams to travel down to Juneau because it's a greater cost. It's difficult to get teams to travel. The travel to the backside of Douglas, unless we have a second crossing, would be difficult. The Lena Fields are not being used at all because no one wants to drive to them.

G. Schaaf: I have a question about the grant, you mentioned they are interested in potentially supporting 50% of the cost, is that based on the \$2.2 million dollar figure for Adair Kennedy currently? Or 50% of whatever the cost is?

L. Johansen: Its generally 50% of the project you can justify. They're pretty liberal for what they'll cover. They want to know if they provide half the money that it will happen. An endorsement by the city would be beneficial.

T. Rutecki: Juneau could certainly use a turf field, not many people would argue that point. The dilemma is how to pay for it. The grant provides half the money, and you proposed other ways to raise money. I feel Adair Kennedy would be difficult to sell; lots of people are emotionally attached. Parks & Rec owns lots of land, couldn't other parcels of our land be sold that would be less controversial and then use the money to put turf on where we currently have fields. To address the injury statement, the injury rate is higher for knees.

K. Duncan: We don't have any particular property that is large enough to do a baseball field that we're not already using. There is some opportunity to sell property, take that money and develop Adair Kennedy.

B. Farrell: The MLB grant, is it only for establishing new parks or can it be used to turf existing parks?

L. Johansen: It can be used for improvements as well.

C. Mertl: Are we talking natural or artificial turf?

L. Johansen: Would be nice to go natural. We're looking for is a green baseball field to play on. I'm not sold on turf but there is another technology that deals better with rain.

T. Gilmour: If you could put together a business plan and bring it back to the board that would be great.

C. Mertl: We're currently in the process of a Master Plan for Adair Kennedy, this could be a way to get turf since its already in discussion. Drafting a letter in support of Adair Kennedy would be good idea too.

- **Bridge Park Naming:**

Bruce Botelho: I serve as the president of the Whale Project. The reason why I'm here tonight is to ask your consideration naming the park for Bill Overstreet as Mayor Bill Overstreet Park. There are two reasons for it; he was the inspiration of the whale itself. The second, Bill Overstreet is the most consequential Mayor Juneau has had since statehood. We have not, in any tangible way, honored the work he did as Mayor for this community, particularly his leadership and fighting to maintain the capitol here in Juneau.

G. Schaaf: Does the family have an opinion on the naming of the park?

B. Botelho: We have not discussed the matter with Jean Overstreet. We're trying to keep it a secret, so it can be a family surprise. We're looking at a dedication of the Whale on August 26th and the family is traveling to Juneau to be part of the effort. I have no doubt it would greatly and graciously received by the Overstreet family.

T. Gilmour: I make motion that we accept Mayor Botelho's suggestion and agree to name the park after Mayor Bill Overstreet.

*Aye: C. Mertl, J. Anderson, T. Gilmour, B. Ferrell, C. Prussing, G. Schaaf, E. Carillo, T. Rutecki
Nay: None*

Motion passes.

- **Officer Elections**

T. Gilmour: I nominate Chris Mertl for Chair of PRAC and ask for unanimous consent. ***Passed.***

T. Rutecki: I nominate George Schaaf for Vice (1st) Chair and ask for unanimous consent. ***Passed.***

C. Mertl: I nominate Josh Anderson for Second Vice Chair and ask for unanimous consent. ***Passed.***

LIASON ELECTIONS

YAB: Tom Rutecki

JOAB: Traci Gilmour

Lands: Chris Mertl

1% of Arts: Josh Anderson

Treadwell: Edric Carillo

JNU Urban Forestry: Chris Mertl

Eaglecrest: VACANT

Aquatics: Tom Rutecki

Trail Mix: Brett Ferrell

Park Foundation: Chris Mertl

VI. Director's Report – K. Duncan

A. FY18 Budget Recap:

K. Duncan: Treadwell's budget was reduced by \$19,000 which reflects that Treadwell will be open at 4 o'clock Monday-Friday, rather than noon on Tuesday and Thursday. We feel this is minimal impact to the users. The Community Outreach Manager, which is a new position for FY17 ended up not getting staffed, which saves \$118,000/year. We did put \$20,000 back in for departmental marketing. The position does stay in the staffing schedule but it is unfunded for FY18. The Aquatics Budget was actually increased by \$14,000. All the other budgets remain at the FY17 level. It's important to understand that it's actually a reduction due to the cost of living. We anticipate absorbing that within departmental operations.

VII. Unfinished Business –

A. Master Planning/Special Committee Update

A. Pierce: We had one committee member, Ruby Hughes, decided she could not meet the time commitment. We received an application from Mariana Marino-Goodwin, she came with a letter of recommendation from the Alaska Native Sisterhood. Before Ms. Hughes decided she couldn't meet the time commitment I was already planning on asking PRAC if Ms. Marino-Goodwin could join the committee. I am asking for a replacement on the committee.

B. Farrell: I move that the PRAC approves Ms. Marino-Goodwin for the Master Plan Steering Committee and ask unanimous consent.

Motion passes.

B. Project Playground Update

A. Pierce: Chain link fencing has been placed around the perimeter to block access of the site until it can be cleaned up. G. R. Cheeseman construction will be doing the clean-up and we're hopeful they will start next week. We're holding a neighborhood meeting for the homes in the immediate area and we want to assure residents that the area is safe. In terms of fundraising, the Juneau Community Foundation has close to \$150,000 and in addition we have received many offers of in kind donations. The CBJ Risk Management fund is sufficiently funded to cover the \$100,000 deductible. We would like to steer community fundraising efforts towards improving safety and ADA accessibility in the new playground. Our insurance provider will allow us some redesign as long as we stay within the original footprint. Most of what has been talked about is opening up the structure so there is more visibility. We have some of the original project playground steering committee and it is their desire to partner as fully as possible with CBJ for the rebuild. We have had a large number of community members express interest and we're working with the original group to define rolls and determine how these people can be meaningfully involved. We don't have a fundraising goal at this time because we don't have a scope for redesign yet. Our tentative timeline is: We will be issuing the RFP for design in July. We're looking at working on design ideas from July through September and design put to paper

by November. By February 2018, we hope to have materials purchased and stored and the RFP for construction contractor out. Then site prep in the spring and construction in June/July 2018. There has been a lot of discussion on how we can spend additional funds—the accessibility issues we have discussed are really expensive, as are things like increased lighting, better security, less flammable playground materials. These are some core things that could be used for the additional funds raised.

C. **1% Temporary Sales Tax and CIP update**

Michele Elfers: The memo in the packet is an overview of the 1% temporary sales tax project, when the money was appropriated and what stage the project is currently in. Two of the parks specifically—Chicken Yard Park has \$93,000 and Capital School Park has \$150,000. We're looking for general comments on the ideas, not actions at this time. For Capital School Park, the issues we have identified are the retaining wall, drainage issues in the basketball area, playground equipment is not ADA accessible and safety issues addressed. These are the things we would like to look at and come back with more information. Chicken Yard Park has some play equipment but we're curious to see what comes out of the Parks & Rec Master Plan that determines the needs in that area for playground equipment. If we have a larger playground in Capital School Park, will we also want one in Chicken Yard Park? The area has started to be used as community gardens; there have been some requests for water. We're interested in seeing your comments and then we can bring back some more information to you all in the next few months.

A. Pierce: We received a lot of positive feedback on Capital School Park; it is well loved in the neighborhood. We did not hear much about Chicken Yard Park, some about the community garden.

E. Carillo: I see lots of usage at Capital School Park; do you have a general usage for each park?

M. Elfers: I don't know of any data but the Charter School and Discovery Preschool use Capital School Park as their school grounds. Not sure about Chicken Yard Park.

A. Pierce: Capital School Park was within the top five most used parks in Juneau from our survey.

T. Rutecki: I received an email from a resident on Starr Hill and their neighborhood association is alarmed by this discussion on Chicken Yard Park, they're going to meet on the topic and reach out.

G. Schaaf: We did put up a time lapse camera for a few days in Capital School Park. It was shocking to see how many kids do use the park, if you count each individual use one time, there is around 250/day. It is very intense use. On the Chicken Yard Park piece, I'm wondering if we should use some of the funding to resolve the property/ownership issues of the park that might affect the ability to develop and improve the park in the future.

M. Elfers: That was a request when we talked to Public Works and Facilities Committee, to look into that and do a little research on that conflict.

E. Carillo: What are some things in the Chicken Yard Park that need improvements?

M. Elfers: That is what we want to take a little time to research and come back to you with. We need to look at the equipment, the easement access situation, community garden use/hose bin, and other things that come out of the community.

C. Mertl: Do we have an update on who owns what in Chicken Yard Park?

B. Fischer: I reviewed all the properties adjacent to the park. The park property is the park property, there is no registered easement. There are drawings of the property and a driveway but there is nothing tying anything with deeds. There is no official easement from what the Accessors office tells me. Historically this has been going on since the 80s.

G. Schaaf: My suggestion is use Chicken Yard Park funding to fund a legal opinion of the ownership of the park. Right now we have a playground that people are driving vehicles through and that is a liability issue. The park cannot be meaningfully improved until it's fixed. For Capital School Park, it would be a start if we could get what a scope of work would look like for the amount of money available to make improvements to the park based on the master plan that was developed a few years ago.

B. Fischer: As for the CIP update there are four trail projects. Starting with the Treadwell Ditch Trail, specifically Parish Creek Bridge, the status of that is that they're staging materials now. The bridge should be in place in the next couple weeks. The Montana Creek Trail is too much money to restore

because of the flooding in there. The Auke Lake/Montana Creek connector trail is a new trail; I'm still working with UAS on the easement. UAS is very supportive of this trail and they want it to happen. The Horse Tram Trail, just began initial planning, it goes from the EVC/Amalga Meadows, up to the Boy Scout trail. Going back to the Montana Creek trail, I would like a recommendation in our next meeting to move money. Its \$150,000 for that project, take \$50,000 and move it over to Auke Lake Connector Trail so we have adequate funding for that project. Then I would like to take \$100,000 and put that into the Treadwell Ditch Renovation Project. They're looking for contributions from the City to help seed this project. This trail is a priority trail for Juneau. We don't have a lot of ownership in that trail but we contribute to maintenance of the creeks along that trail.

C. Mertl: Can you give an update on Riverside Rotary Park?

B. Fischer: We had a meeting on the Master Plan for Riverside Rotary Park and had about 20 members of the public there. There were engaging conversations about different uses of the park from radio controlled boats to keeping it natural to what to do with the island. Chris Mertl brought 3 or 4 different site plans and had discussions on the different site plans. We got some great input from these folks. The only disappointing thing was that there was only one child there. We really needed more children so we could get more input on what type of playground equipment. Other than that is was a very successful meeting.

M. Elfers: I was very impressed with how many people showed up and how strong advocates they were for the park. They really showed there is such a wide variety of use in the park for such a small space and it handles it pretty well. Our job is to allow that use and enhance it.

T. Gilmour: What we need to take away from this is that there was only one child at the meeting. The children definitely use the playground equipment but the first thing those families do before the go to the playground is feed the ducks. I think for our August meeting we should do a park tour.

D. New 1% Sales Tax Proposal

K. Duncan: What we're asking for the 2017 sales tax for Facilities are: Centennial Hall is \$8.4 million, \$5.8 million for AGB to survive for another 10 years, Treadwell Ice Arena roof for \$1 million and \$175,000 for the Arboretum. For Parks: Capital Park is \$75,000 for the retaining wall, \$800,000 for Adair Kenney, \$60,000 for Thane Campground, \$175,000 for Fish Creek, \$250,000 for Lemon Creek Neighborhood Park, \$250,000 for Riverside Rotary Park, \$150,000 Jackie Renninger Memorial Park, \$275,000 for Melvin Park and \$300,000 for Dimond Park. For Trails: \$50,000 for the trails plan, \$200,000 for the Christopher Trail, \$500,000 for Perseverance Trail, \$100,000 for Switzer Loop Trail, \$150,000 for Lena Loop Trail, \$100,000 for Breadline Trail, \$200,000 for Treadwell Ditch Trail, \$150,00 for North Douglas trail system and \$75,000 for area wide trail signage.

E. Carillo: How much does the 1% tax actually accrue annually?

K. Duncan: It generates \$44 million dollars over a 5 year period, so \$8.5 million dollars a year. That assumes a certain level of spending. \$22 million dollars has been slated for Water, Waste Water improvements, so we're left with \$22 million dollars for the rest of CBJ.

T. Gilmour: The sub-committee met in May and we did forward our recommendations along. Deferred maintenance was the top recommendation for money spent.

C. Mertl: If we're allocating money to make projects good, we shouldn't underfund the projects because it won't give us enough money to do anything with.

M. Gladziszewski: Have you sent along this preferred list of improvements to the Assembly?

Summary of what PRAC came up with is attached to these minutes.

G. Schaaf: Looking at the breakdowns, there is nothing on here that is not a good project. Looking at sending this to the voters on a ballot, I think it will be a very big challenge to include \$8.4 million dollars for centennial hall and only \$2.3 million dollars for parks. My recommendation is to move Centennial Hall and pool projects, separately as bonds. Then the 1% sales tax funding, look that to fund the trail and park projects and that gets it to a more reasonable number.

M. Gladziszewski: Whether or not the Assembly would do a bond, I have no idea. Its more helpful if you would prioritize and say these five things are really important.

C. Mertl: Will the subcommittee list be used for refining the list?

K. Duncan: From a department stand point, it is what the manager came up with. Your list is a value to the department.

B. Ferrell: The product that came out of the subcommittee needs to be voted on by the PRAC.

T. Gilmour: As a subcommittee, we were given a paper with parks recommendations for the 1% tax. We did not talk or include facilities or trails in our recommended list. We did discuss AGB and recommend that be put on the ballot as a standalone bond issues. We did not put each category in any preferred order, but did prioritize as to needs, deferred maintenance and recommended.

C. Mertl: Trail Mix helped develop the trails list, Parks & Rec facility managers helped develop the facilities list and we felt we were tasked for the Parks list.

G. Schaaf: As the PRAC, our role here is to advise the Director, not the Assembly. What we were trying to do with the committee was put down on paper our recommendations to the Director, ultimately it's the department and City Manager who will rank these and present them to the Assembly. We did only look at the parks. What I would like to suggest is to formerly share this with the Director and ask them as staff to incorporate these into what they present to the Assembly.

B. Ferrell: I move that the PRAC to formally recommends to Parks & Rec staff the park priorities developed by the CIP Sub-Committee are incorporated into the master 1% sales tax park priority list.

Motion passes.

E. YAB Motion

T. Rutecki: At the PRAC retreat, I provided everyone with material (attached to end of minutes) and overview of YAB grant standardized scoring process. I make a motion that the PRAC moves for the FY19 YAB grant evaluations the YAB have in place a text format standardized grant scoring process that is qualitative and quantitative and each of the 3 evaluating groups group has a percentage of the total available funds (budget) to work with. The PRAC also supports a third-party facilitator to help develop the standardized scoring document for scoring YAB grant applications

Motion Passes.

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report— Start sending me places you would like to visit on the park tour.

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report— None.

C. Liaison Reports—

YAAB – T. Rutecki: None.

Aquatics – T. Rutecki: Reducing hours at AGB. Gaguine foundation is giving free pool passes to every 5th grade student in Juneau as a graduation gift.

Jensen-Olson Arboretum—E. Ouderkirk: None.

Lands – C. Mertl: None.

1% for Art— J. Anderson: None.

Treadwell Arena Board – C. Mertl: None.

JNU Urban Forestry – C. Mertl: None.

Eaglecrest – Vacant: None.

TrailMix—B. Farrell: None.

Park Foundation—C. Mertl: Had a meeting with Juneau Community Foundation and they're gathering money for their parks and trails interest group. No response from the City Manager yet about the 501C3.

D. Other Member Business – None.

Adjournment – 8:50 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Verrelli, P&R Administrative Assistant II, 7/3/2017

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – CIP Subcommittee

4/19/17

Priorities for 1% Sales Tax – Park Recommendations from Subcommittee

Needs

Adair/Kennedy Park and Field Improvements
Lemon Park (\$250,000 is low)
Capital Park Improvements (Streets Funding?)

Deferred Maintenance

Jackie Renninger Skate Park
Melvin Park
Savikko Park

Recommended

Thane Campground (Not enough space or \$\$'s)
Cope Park
Dimond Park Hardscaping
Fish Creek (Monies available elsewhere?)
Rotary Park Walking Path

******August Brown Pool – Put on Ballot as Stand Alone Bond Issue******

We did not put each category in any preferred order, but did prioritize as to Needs, Maintenance and Recommended.

The Subcommittee felt the top three were the most needed.

Deferred Maintenance is not secondary to Needs, but categorized differently.

Recommended is seen as Lower Priority.

From: Amy Skilbred <askilbred@gci.net>
Date: Sun, May 7, 2017 at 5:06 PM
Subject: Re: YAB Scoring
To: Tom Rutecki <tom.rutecki@noaa.gov>

Tom,

Good talking with you this morning. Determining funding amounts amount different youth activity groups is clearly a challenging process. I do not pretend to have the answer as to how it might be done better, rather I have questions that you might want to consider.

It appears that the current process attempts to be even-handed by having a numerical way of determining the comparative merit of different proposals across three areas of youth activities: sports, arts and education/other. However, numerical processes can have less precision than they would seem to indicate - especially if neither the applicant nor the reviewer understand what is needed to receive some or all of the point for any specific area.

Questions to consider:

- (1) Is there a common understanding of what the reviewers believe is/are the **primary areas of importance**? Without a common understanding it can be difficult for reviewers to review in a similar manner. For example, is the number of youth participating the most important or is something else?
- (2) **determining the number of points to be allocated**: is there text that details a common agreed upon method that reviewers use to distinguish between an application that should receive the total points or one, two, three or some other number fewer points on any item? There should be. Are there written guidelines for making these decisions? And equally importantly are their written guidelines for those writing the application (do they know what gets you the full amount of point available for each area?). These should be available in a text for reviewers.
- (3) A **total of 257 points** available: doesn't this large number of points makes it more difficult to be able to articulate distinctions between proposals that have scores of 1, 5 or 10 points difference (10 points is roughly 4% difference)? If distinctions cannot be easily articulated, you may want to consider having a maximum of 50 or 100 points (along with addressing 1 and 2 above).

A **facilitated** discussion among the YAB members, would assist to determine what are the priorities and some guidelines. It could also result in the guidance that some sections lend themselves to providing numerical ranges (Total program cost per participant hour/Proposal request cost per participant hour) and assigning set points to specific ranges of answers. Other sections (Program Evaluation and Community Coordination) may be more easily addressed by 1 or no points (or another

very simply choice) - either the application addresses it or it does not. Management Capacity is another area that may be simplified with 0 points if not addressed 1 point if insufficiently addressed and 2 points if addressed completely (guidance to applicants on these points would be useful).

Equity: One area that appears to not be addressed at all in these applications is equity issues; a higher interest in funding youth activities that support low-income people. Deciding whether to do this or not should be discussed. Youth activity programs could have an equity rating based on the % of total participants that receive free and reduced lunch, # of participants who attend a title

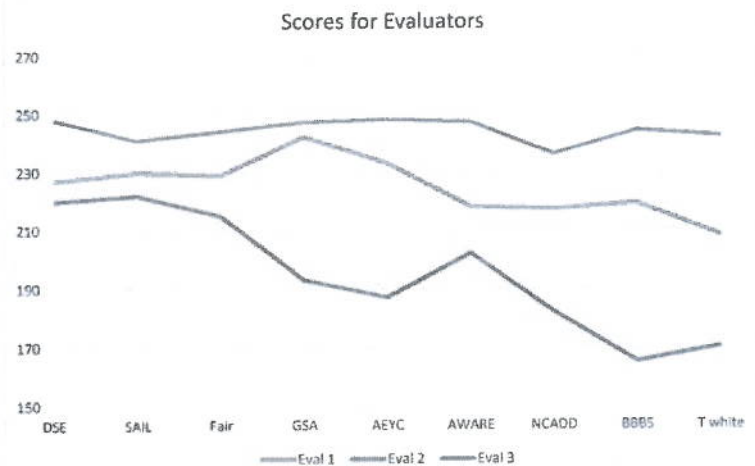
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Juneau Community Foundation
Executive Director

	257 point			
	Eval 1	Eval 2	Eval 3	Average Score
DSE	227	220	248	231.6667
SAIL	230	222	241	231
Fair	229	215	244	229.3333
GSA	242	193	247	227.3333
AEYC	233	187	248	222.6667
AWARE	218	202	247	222.3333
NCADD	217	182	236	211.6667
BBBS	219	165	244	209.3333
T white	208	170	242	206.6667
average	224.7778	195.1111	244.1111	
sd	10.21981	21.1095	3.982601	

	Eval 1	Eval 2	Eval 3
Mean	224.7778	195.1111	244.1111
Stddev	10.21981	21.1095	3.982601

257 Total Points
0.874708 0.759144 0.949805





TRAIL MIX, INC.

Treadwell Ditch Trail Renovation Project

"Hiking is overwhelmingly the most popular recreational activity in Juneau. In the past 12 months, 89% of Juneau residents used Juneau trails for walking, hiking, running, cross country skiing, biking and other forms of recreation; with 78% ranking city trails as high or very high value to the community. Many commenters suggested continued maintenance and improvements on existing trails, notably Treadwell Ditch Trail, with others suggesting new trails with a focus on connections between existing networks." – CBJ Parks & Recreation Master Plan Preliminary Findings, December 2016

The spectacular natural beauty that surrounds us in Southeast Alaska is frequently cited as one of the best things about living here. Trail Mix seeks to build on that strength by increasing access to area trails for recreation enthusiasts of all backgrounds and ages. Of note, Juneau was ranked a top 10 trail town by Trail Runner Magazine last fall: <http://trailrunnermag.com/destinations/top-trail-running-towns-2016.html>. We use our trails. We care about our trails. Trail Mix wants to turn that high level of participation and sense of ownership into support for projects that improve and expand trails for locals and visitors alike, all the while encouraging fitness, fun and a healthy community.

The Treadwell Ditch Trail is an integral part of our evolving world class trail system and continues to be popular despite only a third of its 14.2-mile length having been renovated. The trail runs from Eaglecrest to the Mt. Jumbo Trail in Douglas. Its rich history, 1% grade and multiple established access points keep it popular with hikers, runners, mountain bikers, hunters and winter trail enthusiasts. The 1993 CBJ Juneau Trails Plan highlighted Treadwell as the top community trail priority for upgrading and multiuse. Repair work in recent years brought greatly increased access and recreational use for multiple user groups. We believe the community will enthusiastically embrace the prospect of completing this project sooner rather than later.

Top reasons why Trail Mix supports CBJ moving \$100,000 from lower Montana Creek to Treadwell:

- A site survey of the lower Montana Creek area between the Back Loop Road and the archery range revealed a lot of wet ground and difficult terrain that would require considerably more funding to construct a viable trail than the \$150K allocated to the project.
- Renovation of the Treadwell Ditch Trail is the top trail priority for Trail Mix. By partnering with the CBJ, USFS, and the Juneau Community Foundation, project completion will be expedited.
- Using these funds for the Treadwell Ditch Trail will leverage other funding sources to help with the renovation of the central and northern sections of the trail.
- As an identified priority project in their Parks, Trails & Recreation Fund, the Juneau Community Foundation, in partnership with Trail Mix, will actively seek matching funds for this project from individuals, businesses and foundations.
- Completion of Treadwell Ditch Trail improvements will provide a much-enhanced Juneau recreation experience for all trail users and the trail will become even more popular with Juneau residents and visitors.
- Improving our trail system is an important piece of a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan that benefits locals and the tourism industry.

CBJ has a long and productive history of partnering with Trail Mix on priority projects. This proposed fund transfer will be another significant CBJ contribution to enhancing our trail system, an asset that has become increasingly more valuable and important to the community over the years. Trail Mix has enlisted funders -Juneau Community Foundation and National Forest Foundation - who are willing to help get support to match CBJ funds for restoration of this historic and popular trail. Trail Mix appreciates CBJ's willingness to consider this investment in the Treadwell Ditch Trail Renovation Project.

Treadwell Ditch Trail

History, Present Condition and Needed Improvements with Costs

Trail Mix, Inc.

2/21/2017

The Alaska Power Company built the Treadwell Ditch (TWD) from 1882-1890 to aid gold mining operations in Douglas. The TWD Trail begins at the 950-foot level on Fish Creek 12.35 mi. from the mine and close to the Eaglecrest Ski Area. Workers deposited excavated ditch material on its downhill side and leveled the top forming a berm which both held water in the ditch and created an access trail for ditch maintenance. The trail remained active for this purpose until a little after the mine closed in 1917. Since the early 1900's bridges have collapsed, portions of the trail have washed out, trestles and flumes have rotted away and trees, roots and brush have grown over the trail making passage difficult in many sections.

The US Forest Service (USFS), Alaska State Parks and the City & Borough of Juneau (CBJ) are all landowners along the TWD. In the late 1970's/early 1980's the USFS installed numerous bridges, but many stream crossings were never repaired. The improvements increased trail use by runners, skiers and mt. bikers in addition to the traditional use by hikers and hunters. Since then most of these bridges have weathered, decayed and no longer are safe for trail users. In 1993 the CBJ developed 'The Juneau Trails Plan', which identified upgrading the TWD for multiple uses as the top community trail priority.

A local non-profit, Trail Mix Inc., has worked with these agencies and various user groups recently, constructing the Blueberry Hills, Gastineau Meadows and Eaglecrest Nordic access trails and improving the Mt. Jumbo and Bonnie Brae access trails. Quality access trails are critical to allow access to users and maintain the TWD trail. These improvements again increased recreational use significantly. This inspired the CBJ to work with Trail Mix to improve the trail between the Mount Jumbo and Blueberry Hills trailheads over the past 5 years. Most of the remainder of the trail is USFS property and badly needs new bridges and improved tread.

Our work identifies completed and uncompleted improvements with their estimated costs for the length of the TWD. We used GPS and photo surveys in combination with local knowledge to identify needed improvements. We met with the director of Trail Mix to determine costs for crew labor doing specific tasks and transportation of materials to the building sites. We checked materials costs with local businesses. The labor required for removal of tree roots and brush was not added to these estimates as volunteer labor most likely will complete this large task. We have broken down this data into the following sections along the TWD:

Mt. Jumbo Trail to Dan Moller Trail (4.27 mi.) CBJ and USFS property. All minor stream crossings have been replaced as well as the Lawson Cr. bridge in the last 5 years. Gravel fill was added to harden muddy and poorly drained areas. Some gravel fill, turnpike and major tree root removal is still needed. The only large creek crossing at Paris Creek

will get a new bridge during the 2017 season. These improvements are fully funded through the CBJ 1% sales. The general trail condition excluding the .8-mile identified above is good and safely accommodates all uses.

Dan Moller Trail to North Fork Eagle Creek (1.92 mi.) USFS property. Two major bridges over Kowee and Eagle Creeks have been purchased and are scheduled to be installed during the 2017 season. Most of the trail requires major root removal, 1,735' of gravel fill, intermittent turnpike and about 1,427' of rock removal and side slope cutting. At least 13 bridges need to be constructed. The other portions of the trail not listed above allow moderate access. Estimated base cost of the listed improvements is \$176,928, with a 25% contingency of \$44,232 and total of \$221,160 . The Eagle Creek spur trail is in very poor condition and has parking for just 2 cars along the North Douglas Highway.

North Fork Eagle Creek to the Bonnie Brae Spur Trail (2.18 mi.) USFS property. Most of the trail requires major root removal, 1,225' gravel fill needed with intermittent turnpike. 8 bridges should be constructed including the larger Falls Cr. and Nielsen Cr. crossings. About 1,175' of turnpike trail is needed to improve the muskeg reroute section. These trail sections are poor and the other portions of the trail allow moderate access. Funding is secure for the muskeg reroute section. Estimated base cost of the listed improvements is \$121,154, 25% contingency is \$30,288 and total of \$151,442 . The Bonnie Brae spur trail which leads to the Bonnie Brae subdivision is in very poor condition but the USFS has 2019 FLAP planning funds for reroute planning.

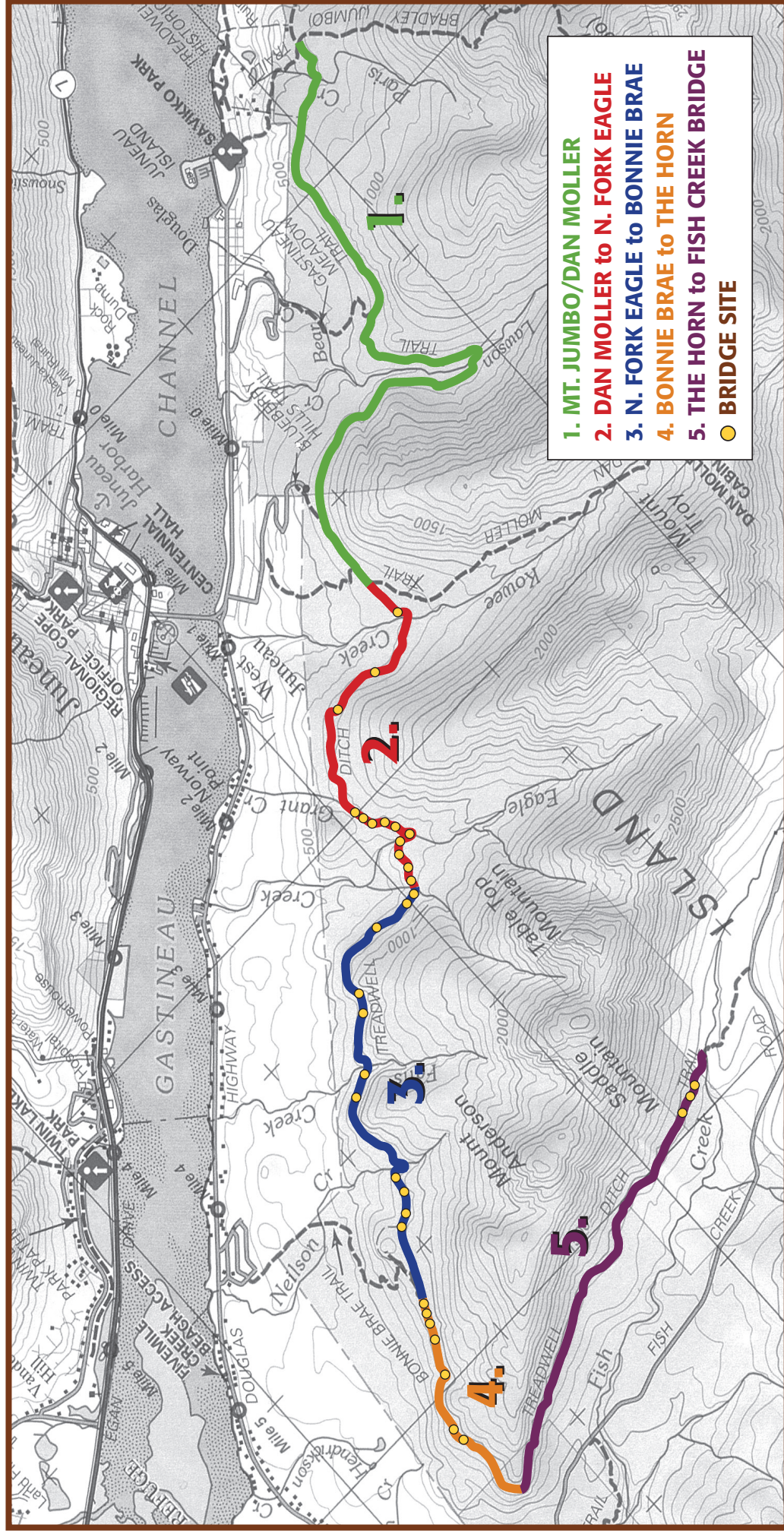
Bonnie Brae Spur Trail to The Horn (1.45 mi.) USFS and CBJ property. The Horn is the point (corner) at which the Eaglecrest Valley meets Gastineau Channel. This section requires major root removal, some gravel fill with intermittent turnpike to cover the poorly drained and rocky sections, retaining rock wall with fill and 7 bridges. The trail condition overall is poor in the above identified areas with moderate access. Estimated base cost of the listed improvements is \$188,840 and a 25% contingency of \$47,210 and total of \$236,050.

The Horn to terminus at the Fish Creek bridge (2.55mi.) USFS, State and CBJ property. Some of the trail requires major root removal. About 80' requires handrails on steep sections and three bridges need to be constructed on State property. The trail condition overall allows moderate access. Estimated base cost of the listed improvements is \$39,126, 25% contingency of \$9,782 and total of \$48,907. There is an unimproved access trail to the Horn from Fish Creek Road, and CBJ is planning an improved one, with no cost estimate yet. That's critical for access and maintenance.

In summary the Treadwell Ditch Trail is a very popular historic trail whose use has increased exponentially over the past 25 years. Some improvements need renovation and many were never done. Total improvements are estimated to cost \$526,048 with a 25% contingency of \$131,512 amounts to \$657,560.

TREADWELL DITCH TRAIL RENOVATION PROJECT

Juneau
Alaska



Source: USFS 2012 Juneau Trails Map

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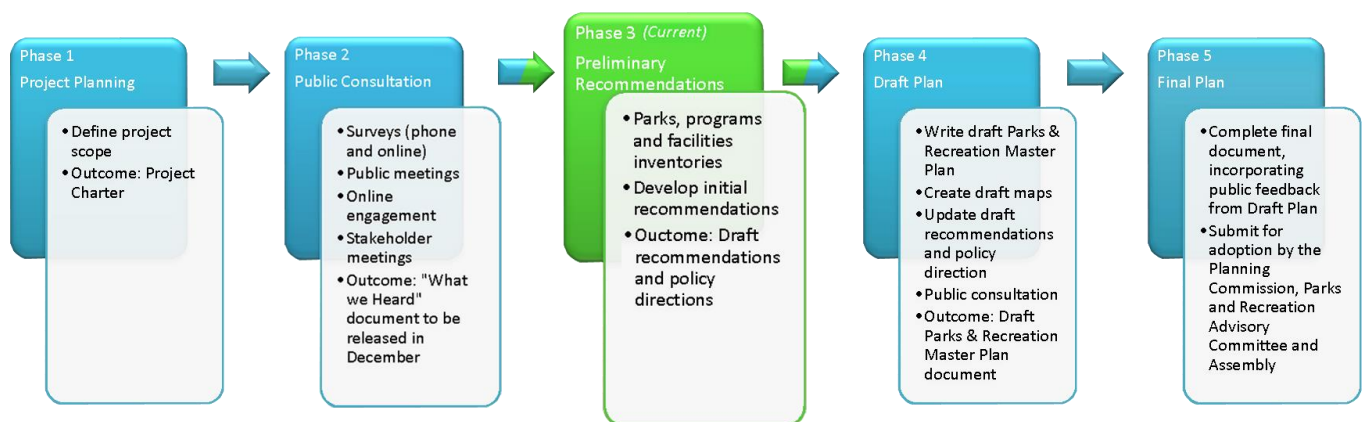
To: Planning Commission, Assembly

Cc: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Alexandra Pierce, Project Manager

Subject: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The objective of this project is to develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that serves the needs of the community of Juneau and addresses gaps in the current system over the next 10 to 20 years. The Plan will answer the question, “what does the department look like in 20 years?” and will provide a roadmap to achieve that long-term vision with policies and recommendations to be executed over the next 10 years. The Plan will be easily updatable and will also identify opportunities for partnerships with community organizations and will seek to gather and reflect the needs of the broader public, not just current Parks and Recreation facility users. The most recent Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1997, with the recommendations chapter updated in 2007. Since the completion of the 1997 plan, several new facilities have been developed or acquired by the community and shifts in community needs and priorities have not been assessed in relation to Parks and Recreation. The process has been divided into five phases as shown below:



Phase 1: Project Planning

Phase 1 completed in summer of 2016 with identification of the project scope and objectives. Centennial Hall and Parking are outside the core function of Parks & Recreation and are excluded from the project. All other Parks & Recreation programs and facilities fall within the scope of the Master Plan.

Phase 2: Public Consultation

Parks & Rec staff completed Phase 2 in late 2016 by conducting public outreach and releasing a document, “What we Heard” in December. The following topics emerged from our public consultation.

Themes:

- Affordability
- Community value
- Maintain what we have
- Support for seniors

- Support for underserved residents
- Partnerships
- Youth activities

Topics Identified for Further Discussion

- Augustus Brown Pool
- Additional indoor ice surface
- Off road vehicles

Requested Additions and Upgrades

- Additional bike trails/paths
- Additional dog parks
- Indoor recreation space
- Lemon Creek park space
- Pipeline Skate Park improvements
- Restroom facilities at parks
- Trail maintenance and upgrades
- Turf fields

Phase 3: Inventories

We are currently in Phase 3, with the following tasks in progress:

- Special Committee – A demographically representative Master Plan advisory group was formed as a special committee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC). The committee is vetting plan outcomes and public materials before they are reviewed by the public. The committee has met five times and has established the following mission, vision and guiding principles. These statements will shape the direction of the Plan.
 - Mission Statement: To establish Parks & Recreation's role as an essential partner in a healthy community
 - Vision Statement: Guiding future decisions to provide the highest possible quality Parks & Recreation facilities, programs and services for all regardless of age, income, or ability
 - Guiding Principles: The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will guide the department in:
 - Promoting community engagement, health, and wellness
 - Managing our assets effectively
 - Ensuring financial sustainability
 - Supporting community partnerships
 - Engaging youth and encouraging lifelong wellness
 - Serving the needs of a diverse and changing population
 - Fostering environmental stewardship
 - Increasing cultural awareness
- Parks, Programs, Facilities Inventories
 - The parks inventory will include:
 - A review of existing parks facilities
 - An evaluation of the physical condition and functionality of city managed parks, and an analysis of the park system to determine whether Juneau has the right parks in the right places with the right equipment. This will inform future decisions on capital improvement project spending.

- A policy and process for parkland acquisition and disposal and a review of Parks & Recreation managed lands that meet a set of criteria for potential divestment. Park lands identified as potentially available will be subject to a more stringent disposal or sale process than other CBJ managed lands.
- The programs and facilities inventory will include a list of needed capital projects reconciled with community recommendations and input, as well as benchmarking of Juneau's recreation offerings against other communities.
- Assessment of trails will include a review of the non-motorized transportation plan for connectivity between parks, programs and trail systems and will identify recommendations for large trail projects. We will recommend developing a new Trails Plan and have already put this project on the 1% list. We will propose a set of trails standards to be applied in the new trails plan and to create management objectives for CBJ trails.
- Recommendations
 - Attached is a list of recommendations, vetted by the committee, which is currently with stakeholders for review. Recommendations are categorized as required actions (required to continue operating successfully), recommended actions (suggested improvements to facilities and services), or potential actions (requested by community members or groups but not currently operationally and/or financially feasible) and will include capital costs.
- Public Consultation
 - We are posting a project update on PlaceSpeak and vetting the recommendations with our stakeholders. The draft plan will receive a full public review in late 2017 including public meetings, stakeholder review, and online engagement.

Phase 4: Draft Plan

The draft plan will be a first draft document submitted to the public for review in late 2017. The project team will reach out to stakeholders and the public through a series of meetings and online to ensure that the draft plan and recommendations are in line with the interests and needs of the community.

Draft Plan

- Outline of how document will be organized to be accepted by special committee and presented to the public for comment through the following channels:
 - Stakeholder meetings
 - Public meetings
 - Online engagement

Draft Maps

- Visual component of Plan to be accepted by special committee and presented to public for comment through the following:
 - Stakeholder meetings
 - Public meetings
 - Online engagement

Draft Recommendations

- Recommendations with timeline and budget estimates to be accepted by the special committee and presented for public comment through the following channels:
 - Stakeholder meetings
 - Public meetings
 - Online engagement

Phase 5: Final Plan

The final document will be presented in a complete, visually appealing format and providing community-verified direction for how Juneau Parks and Recreation looks over the next one to two decades. The Final Plan will be completed in 2018.

Acceptance Criteria

- Acceptance by PRAC
- Acceptance of any lands-related recommendations by Planning Commission
- Acceptance by CBJ Assembly

Attachments: Draft Policy Statements and Recommendations

Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles

These statements will shape the direction of the Plan. The mission is what we are seeking to accomplish with the planning process, the vision is our long-term, overarching goal for the process, and we will consider all plan elements in terms of the guiding principles:

Mission Statement

To establish Parks & Recreation's role as an essential partner in a healthy community

Vision Statement

Guiding future decisions to provide the highest possible quality Parks & Recreation facilities, programs and services for all regardless of age, income, or ability

Guiding Principles

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will guide the department in:

- Promoting community engagement, health, and wellness
- Managing our assets effectively
- Ensuring financial sustainability
- Supporting community partnerships
- Engaging youth and encouraging lifelong wellness
- Serving the needs of a diverse and changing population
- Fostering environmental stewardship
- Increasing cultural awareness

Policy Statements and Recommendations

Policy statements form the goals and objectives of the plan. Recommendations are specific, measurable action items to be completed over the coming years. Recommendations are divided into three categories: required actions, recommended actions, and potential actions. Required actions are needed tasks and improvements and are generally short-term. Recommended actions are improvements to our programs and services to be made as time and funds become available. Potential actions are generally longer-term, higher cost items that are desired by a community group and may become more feasible in the future. Recommendations are also categorized as short-term (0-5 years), medium-term (5-10 years) or long-term (10+ years), and include a capital budget estimate where possible. In this document, policy statements and recommendations are organized under the guiding principle that they support. The final plan will present recommendations at the end of each section, as well as in compiled format as shown herein.

Guiding Principle

Promoting community engagement, health and wellness

Policy Statements

- *Find efficiencies that increase cost savings and/or revenue potential*
- *Find creative ways to rent or program our facilities for use by community groups outside of the traditional facility user group*
- *Provide opportunities for self-directed active recreation opportunities for all ages and abilities*

Recommendations:

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Department-Wide		
Required Action		
Develop and implement a department-wide fees and charges policy	Short	Staff time
Recommended Action		
Devote staff resources to evaluating grant and alternative funding opportunities	Medium	Staff time

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Parks		
Recommended Action		
Work with community partners to identify an appropriate site for future bike skills park for all ages and abilities	Medium	Staff time
Commercial Use		
Required Action		
As part of a broader fees and charges strategy, adjust commercial use fees for parks and trails to ensure charges are commensurate with cost of use	Short	Staff time – potential revenue source

Guiding Principle:*Managing our assets effectively***Policy Statements:**

- *Maintain our current assets and facilities to a high standard and avoid deferring needed maintenance*
- *Facility improvements should increase community benefit, facility safety, and/or revenue potential*
- *Provide a venue for the community that provides affordable recreation opportunities for all of the Juneau community.*
- *Develop and support a sustainable funding mix for aquatics in Juneau*
- *Promote revenue generating opportunities at Eagle Valley Center*
- *Maintain our parks to a high standard and avoid deferring needed maintenance*
- *Fund improvements for entire parks: develop a list of priorities and complete each project sequentially*
- *Priority should be given to park projects where a park master plan already exists*
- *Establish priorities for trail maintenance and construction*
- *Working with other government agencies, engage in long-term planning for Juneau trail networks*
- *On an ongoing basis, evaluate landscaping staff capacity against number of sites requiring maintenance*

Recommendations:

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
All Parks & Rec Facilities		
Required Action		
Evaluate facility conditions and establish minimum condition and service levels	Short	Staff time

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Treadwell Arena		
Required Action		
Continue to maintain Treadwell Arena, including replacing the roof	Short	\$950,000
Improve lighting in Treadwell Arena parking lot	Short	?
Establish policy for vendors	Short	Staff time
Recommended Action		
Add gym space to Treadwell Arena for sports team dryland training and to house activities currently located in Mt. Jumbo Gym	Medium	?
Complete small facility renovations to improve user and spectator amenities	Medium	?
Assess the feasibility of vending and equipment	Medium	Staff time – potential

sales		revenue source
Potential Actions		
Add a second sheet of ice with an addition to the existing structure at Treadwell Arena as demand warrants	Long	?

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Facilities (Youth Services)		
Recommended Action		
Continue to provide multi-use indoor training/gym space	Medium	?
Potential Action		
Construct an additional field house facility in the downtown / Douglas area	Long	?
Provide geographically distributed multi-use indoor gym spaces	Long	TBC

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Aquatics		
Required Action		
Update condition survey of Augustus Brown Pool and determine updated cost of required repairs and building lifespan if those repairs are completed	Short	Staff time
Complete facility survey of Dimond Park Aquatic Center and replacement schedule for all fixtures and equipment with associated costs	Short	Staff time
Establish alternative funding sources for both pools	Short	Staff time
Recommended Action		
Pending community support for adequate funding for these projects, complete required capital projects to keep Augustus Brown Pool in working order	Short	\$5.8 million

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Eagle Valley Center		
Required Action		
Continue to promote and improve facility rental program with an eventual goal of a break even budget including a maintenance fund	Short	Staff time – revenue source
Improve on site infrastructure	Short	?
Develop facility management plan to determine carrying capacity and a sustainable funding mix	Short	Staff time
Recommended Action		
Develop small-scale cabins, tent platforms or yurts for nightly rental	Medium	?

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Parks		
Required Action		
Develop and implement a replacement schedule for park equipment	Short	Staff time
Recommended Action		
Evaluate which parks require restrooms and add to CIP budget	Medium	Staff time to evaluate - \$400k per site
Field Use		
Required Action		
Continue to maintain fields , working with partners to mitigate schedule conflicts	Short	Staff time
Recommended Action		
Provide tournament size baseball and softball fields with artificial turf	Medium	\$6-8 million
Potential Actions		
Resurface all actively used fields with artificial turf	Long	\$4 million/ field
Improve bleacher/spectator seating as upgrades to parks with sports fields are planned. Add covered seating where possible	Long	\$200k per field
Dogs in Parks		
Recommended Action		
Evaluate and if appropriate establish additional off-leash areas	Short	Cost of garbage cans and fences?

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Trails General		
Recommended Action		
Update Juneau Trails Plan and work with State and Federal partners on pursuing updates to the inter-agency trails plan	Short	Staff time

Adopt or develop a set of trails standards	Short	Staff time
Include trails funding in park maintenance budget	Short	Staff time + budget increase
Potential Actions		
Identify and complete connections between existing trail networks	Long	TBC
Identify and complete longer “hut to hut” trail opportunities	Long	TBC

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Landscape		
Required Action		
Prioritize areas for planting and landscaping. Consider costs and level of impact	Short	Staff time
Develop defensible tree policy to guide and inform management of trees	Short	Staff time

Guiding Principle:*Supporting community partnerships***Policy Statements:**

- *Continue working with community partners to provide ADA accessible facilities and/or adaptive programming for residents with disabilities*
- *Manage demands for facility time fairly, with youth activities taking highest priority*
- *Encourage collaboration between community partners and internal collaboration between Parks & Recreation facilities and programs*
- *Balance needs of community partners operating at the Eagle Valley Center to ensure that services are complimentary and provide the best possible array of opportunities for the community*
- *Encourage and support community partners in fundraising initiatives to make improvements to parks, trails and recreational facilities*
- *Encourage and foster collaboration among and with community partners on trail projects*
- *Provide leadership to trail user groups in navigating land management issues*

Recommendations:

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Treadwell Arena		
Required Action		
Continue to work with partner organizations to balance ice time needs	Short	Staff time
Increase community outreach and promotion of activities at Treadwell Arena, as well as cross-promotional opportunities with other CBJ facilities	Short	Staff time
Continue to support/promote adaptive skating	Short	Staff time

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Eagle Valley Center		
Required Action		
Continue to work with partners to re-open the ropes course	Short	Staff time – potential revenue source
Continue to evaluate businesses and non-profits operating in the area for community benefit and fit with other stakeholders	Short	Staff time
Continue to work with partners to enhance educational programming	Short	Staff time
Recommended Action		
Continue to explore options for small-scale agriculture	Medium	Staff time – potential revenue source

Work with community partners to improve trail system to enhance ADA accessibility	Medium	\$ Grant funding
Fund road and facility improvements through a combination of rental revenue and value in kind donations	Short	Staff time
Potential Action		
Work with Trail Mix to connect EVC to other surrounding parks and amenities as delineated in the Northern Green Zone Plan	Long	\$100,000?

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Use		
Recommended Action		
Encourage ORV community to organize and set priorities for future ORV development	Short	Staff time
Work with ORV user groups and neighbors to identify acceptable areas for ORV activities	Short	Staff time
Facilitate development of viable opportunities for ORV recreation	Medium	Staff time (potential capital costs)

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Trails General		
Required Action		
Convene a trails advisory group to address ongoing trail management issues and to provide feedback on suitability for various trail uses	Short	Staff time
Work with non-motorized trail user groups to support and assist trail development and/or improvement projects	Short	Staff time
Work with Nordic skiing organizations to identify space for a biathlon range	Short	TBC

Guiding Principle

Ensuring Financial Sustainability

Policy Statements

- *Encourage fundraising by community partners and provide matching or bridge funding when appropriate*
- *Ensure commercial trail use aligns with community needs and interests*
- *Find efficiencies that increase cost savings and/or revenue potential*
- *Find creative ways to rent or program our facilities for use by community groups outside of the traditional facility user group*

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Treadwell Arena		
Recommended Action		
Expand season to include summer programming	Short	Staff time
Work within CBJ to improve/streamline the alcohol permitting process to simplify the process for community partners to serve alcohol at events or through concessions	Short	Staff time – potential revenue source

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Trails General		
Recommended Action		
Partner with non-motorized trail user groups to fund trail development and/or improvement projects	Medium	TBC depending on project
Commercial Use		
Recommended Action		
Work with community partners to identify areas for accessible tour opportunities	Medium	Staff time – potential revenue source
Regularly review commercial trail use and rate structure	Short	Staff time – potential revenue source

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Jensen-Olson Arboretum		
Recommended Action		
Grow arboretum revenue opportunities with the goal of becoming self-sustaining	Medium	Staff time

Guiding Principle:*Engaging youth and encouraging lifelong wellness***Policy Statements:**

- *Develop and support programs that provide access to recreation for all Juneau's youth*
- *Ensure programs are equitable and affordable by identifying and removing barriers to participation*
- *On an ongoing basis, work with community partners to identify gaps in recreation, prevention and social service offerings for youth in Juneau; and take a leadership role in developing evaluation tools and ensuring those gaps are filled*

Recommendations:

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Youth Programming		
Required Action		
Evaluate affordability of youth programs as part of a fees and charges analysis	Short	Staff time
Work with community partners to expand appropriate early childhood programming in the short-term	Short	Staff time – potential revenue source
Work with community partners to expand youth programming to include increased outdoor programs	Short	Staff time – potential revenue source
Continue to work with community partners to simplify youth activities scholarship process for low income families	Short	Staff time
Invest in expanded after school programming	Medium	Staff time
Continue to work with and engage community partners within the youth programming domain	Short	Staff time
Recommended Action		
Expand youth programming to include more outdoor programs or work with community partner(s) to ensure outdoor programs are expanded	Short	Staff time – potential revenue source
Provide community leadership to other social service and government agencies to identify biggest barriers for youth and marshal resources to solve them	Short	Staff time
Work with community partners to Expand programs for preschool age children throughout Juneau, including equitable access to programs	Short	Staff time – potential revenue source

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Expand youth scholarship programs and explore options for linking programs to free and reduced lunch list	Short	Staff time
Potential Action		
Expand services to include transportation to sports activities, particularly for youth residing in Lemon Creek and other neighborhoods with a large concentration of young people and few recreation amenities	Long	TBC

Guiding Principle:

Serving the needs of a diverse and changing population

Policy Statements:

- *Ensure Parks & Recreation and its community partners are balancing programs and services across neighborhoods*
- *Continue working with community partners to provide ADA accessible facilities and/or adaptive programming for residents with disabilities*
- *Manage demands for facility time fairly among all user groups*
- *Encourage educational programming*
- *Consider Juneau's growing senior population in decisions regarding programming and facility upgrades*
- *Consider community safety and wellbeing in facility maintenance and upgrades*
- *Support collaboration between community partners and internal collaboration between Parks & Recreation facilities and programs*
- *Park improvements should improve safety and/or user experience*
- *Consider ADA accessibility as parks are improved*
- *Improve active transportation throughout Juneau*
- *Improve trail system connectivity*
- *Ensure trail maintenance funding is commensurate with need*

Recommendations:

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Youth Services		
Potential Action		
If demand warrants, expand Zach Gordon facilities to other locations in the community including Lemon Creek and the Mendenhall Valley	Long	TBC

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Aquatics		
Required Action		
Continually evaluate pool programming to determine how best to meet community need	Short	Staff time
Increase community outreach and promotion of activities at the pools as well as cross-promotional opportunities with other CBJ facilities	Short	Staff time
Continue to support/promote adaptive aquatic activities	Short	Staff time

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Parks General		
Required Action		
Develop additional park space in Lemon Creek	Short	Staff time
Work with community partners to increase ADA accessibility as CBJ replaces park/playground equipment	Short	Staff time
Recommended Action		
Develop low impact camping facilities in appropriate parks	Medium	TBC
Support residents to add or increase community garden space in parks	Medium	TBC

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Trails General		
Recommended Action		
Improve lighting on public bike paths	Long	TBC
Work with partners to improve/upgrade existing trails to create more ADA accessible paths	Long	TBC
Consider winter use when improving trails	Short	TBC

Guiding Principle

Increasing Cultural Awareness

Policy Statements

- *Work with community partners to identify and install signage and markers to inform park users about Juneau's cultural heritage*
- *Respect the wishes of cultural communities regarding development or programming in culturally sensitive areas*
- *Improve trail signage and cultural programming*

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Parks General		
Recommended Action		
Improve system-wide informational/wayfinding/interpretive signage at parks. Include Alaska Native cultural history and significance	Short	\$2K - \$5K per site

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Trails General		
Required Action		
Improve system-wide informational/wayfinding/interpretive signage at trailheads and on trail networks. Include cultural information and traditional languages, consistent and compatible with CBJ branding	Medium	\$2K - \$5K per site

Guiding Principle

Fostering Environmental Stewardship

Policy Statements

- *Consider environmental sustainability in materials and site selection for capital projects, including trails.*
- *Consider environmentally sustainable facility or process upgrades*

Recommendation	Timeline	Capital \$
Department-Wide		
Recommended Action		
Add electric vehicle charging stations at parks and facilities, as appropriate	Medium	?
As CBJ adds or improves composting infrastructure, establish policy for composting landscaping waste and food waste from facilities	Medium	?



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INFORMATION RELEASE

June 30, 2017

Project Playground cleanup wraps up; redesign process set to begin in August

Cleanup of the burned Project Playground site at Twin Lakes is complete. City and Borough of Juneau contractor GR Cheeseman Construction began the process June 19 and was finished by June 23.

“The cleanup went really well,” CBJ Project Manager Nathan Coffee said. “We appreciate the quick and efficient work of the contractor.”

Results of soil sample tests from the site are due shortly and Coffee doesn’t anticipate any contamination. The contractor will then plant grass seed over the site. Once grass starts growing, CBJ plans to remove the fence and allow the public to access the area. The entryway of Project Playground is still standing on the site.

“The fire didn’t get everything there,” Coffee explained. “We had some fence pickets that were salvageable and reusable, a couple art panels that were salvaged and that entrance was relatively untouched by the fire.”

The volunteer Project Playground steering committee hopes the standing entryway will serve as a reminder to the public that another playground will be built. Committee chair Mike Goldstein said an RFP for design services will go out shortly and be open for a month.

“In August, we should be finalizing the contract with who the designer is and then we’ll work on design through early fall,” he said. “That will let us know what our true fundraising goals are. We’ll be continuing to fundraise throughout this period because we do estimate that it will cost more than what we have raised to date.”

So far, the Juneau Community Foundation has raised about \$162,000. Once the design is complete, the steering committee will set a fundraising goal. In the meantime, look for the Project Playground float in the July 4th parade on Tuesday.

“We appreciate everyone’s support. If people want to participate in future events or volunteer in any way, they can go to our website and they can sign up there,” Goldstein said.

The official website for Project Playground is <http://goprojectplayground.org/>. To donate, please go to <http://juneaucf.org/> or drop off/mail checks to JCF’s office at 350 N. Franklin Street, Suite 4, Juneau, AK 99801.

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To: Parks Rec; Kirk Duncan; Tom Rutecki
Subject: Chicken Yard Park

Funding and use of Chicken Yard Park was on the PRAC agenda at the June 6 meeting. I live directly across the street from the park, and observe its use on a daily basis. The park is used constantly by folks of all ages. The Charter School kids are there regularly, and it is a destination for moms and dads with small children, who play on the swings and big toy, as evidenced by all the trucks in the sand that live there. It seemed from the agenda packet that city officials feel it is only used by the gardeners who have plots in the small community gardens in its periphery, as the proposal is to install a hose bib for water, but remove the playground equipment. There was a neighborhood work party to install the current equipment. I have circulated the information to the neighborhood, and I am sure there will be interest in working to fix the big toy if it needs it, or refurbish the swings. This park is well used and cherished by folks in the neighborhood and downtown. Please consider alternatives to removing the playground equipment.

Best regards,
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From: [Parks Rec](#)
To: [Kirk Duncan](#); [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Cc: [Alexandra Pierce](#)
Subject: FW: Chicken Yard Park
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 4:26:29 PM

Please see message below

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From: Carolyn A Bergstrom [<mailto:cabergstrom@alaska.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Parks Rec
Subject: Chicken Yard Park

Hello Parks and Rec,

I'm aware that the Advisory Committee met last night and the use of Chicken Yard Park was under discussion. I have lived across the street from CY Park for almost 9 years and have either used the park myself or seen several others use the park on a daily basis during that time. The park is used heavily by families with children, school children groups, youngsters playing basketball, people chatting on the swings, and people walking their dogs. The park is the center of the Starr Hill community and I am sure that I speak for others in saying that it is cherished and depended on for many activities. I hope that you will take this into consideration when deciding on future funding and infrastructure for CY Park.

Thank you,
Carolyn Bergstrom
706 6th St.

From: [McFeeters, Cynthia](#)
To: [Parks Rec](#)
Subject: Chicken Yard Park and JCCS
Date: Friday, June 09, 2017 3:03:18 PM

Hello. My name is Cynthia McFeeters and I work at the Juneau Community Charter School. I understand that you are interested in comments about the use of CY park and are using data collected from this summer to determine how many users use the park. School is not in session now, but our school uses the park every week during the school year at an average of 2-3 times a week for about an hour. In addition, our PE teacher or classroom teachers or parents occasionally take their classes or recess groups to the park for something different to do. You will not find us there this summer but wanted you to know about how we use the park during the school year.

Thanks for your time.

Cynthia McFeeters
Facilitating Teacher at JCCS

From: [Kirk Duncan](#)
To: [Lauren Verrelli](#)
Cc: [Alexandra Pierce](#)
Subject: FW: PRAC Comment on Chicken Yard/Capital Park
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:05:07 PM

[Lauren](#) – Please include in the PRAC packet when it goes out

From: Brock Tabor [mailto:brocktabor@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 4:50 PM
To: cmertl@corvus-design.com; Kirk Duncan
Subject: PRAC Comment on Chicken Yard/Capital Park

Mr. Mertl and members of the CBJ Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee,
I am writing to you in regards to use and future budgeting for upgrades to both Chicken Yard and Capital School Parks. As the parent of a three year old boy in the downtown area I visit these parks on close to a daily basis and have a vested interest in seeing upgrades happen to these facilities. That said, I think that it is worth mentioning that there is certain values to each of these parks that may have been overlooked by CBJ.

Chicken Yard Park certainly is the most "neighborhood" friendly park of the two as it is frequented by dog walkers, young parents, and residents of Starr Hill/Chicken Ridge. The Chicken Yard also has something that Capital does not- a very toddler-friendly atmosphere. While the equipment may not be code-compliant, it has several features for climbing/sliding/playing on. Similar equipment was removed from Cope Park (much to our chagrin) and replaced with a single large piece of equipment that cannot be physically manipulated by a toddler- the "rocketship" is too big and heavy for a kid to move and the equipment is sized for much larger children. The second issue is the fact that Chicken Yard has a sandbox- something almost all of us may remember from our childhoods yet is not easily accessed in downtown neighborhoods. Yes, we do have to clean up after errant pets at times but having somewhere for kids to dig that you can reach by walking is a wonderful thing. Replace the outdated equipment if you must but please keep in mind that there are people who do go here specifically for those features.

Capital Park has a number of merits that are well worth improving on but for families, this location can be a bit trying during the day. Both the Charter School and Discovery preschool make use of the facility (which is wonderful) but it can create a fairly chaotic scene-and potentially off putting to some children and parents. What concerns me more though is that there is very little in the way of equipment for toddlers/preschoolers that is both age and size appropriate. If investments are to be made in this park, I would strongly advocate for putting some attention into this need - especially if you must make decisions that may further limit investments in playground infrastructure at Chicken Yard. I cannot say that I have ever seen anyone make use of the basketball court and would encourage you to replace it with a big pile of dirt and several pieces of equipment similar to that at Sandy Beach/Harborview School. Yes, I understand that kids grow and their needs change. I also see a number of new families moving into the downtown area. I believe that such a demographic has the potential to grow even further if CBJ is willing to amend certain property ordinances and place some energy into reinvigorating the downtown area. Many young parents enjoy being connected to the services available in the downtown area, ability to walk their children to school, and then walk to work. Let's all try to work together and make downtown one of the most family friendly places we can!

Thanks for your work and participation on the PRAC.

Brock Tabor
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