

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 7th, 2017
CBJ Assembly Chambers – 6 p.m.

I. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. – C. Mertl, Chair

Present: J. Anderson, O. Brudie, F. Dowd, B. Farrell, T. Gilmour, C. Mertl, E. Ouderkirk, C. Prussing, T. Rutecki

Absent: Maria Gladziszewski, Assembly Liaison

Staff Present: Kirk Duncan, P&R Director; Lauren Verrelli, Staff Liaison

II. Agenda Changes – None.

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

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 3rd, 2017 – T. Gilmour moves to approve the minutes, no objection. *Minutes adopted.*

V. New Business –

A. 2016 Annual Report:

C. Mertl: This report is a recap of what the PRAC discussed over the past year.

VI. Director's Report – K. Duncan

A. Master Planning Update:

K. Duncan: We have met with several organizations to explain where we are in the master planning process. The *What We Heard* document will be formatted into a table and then the Special Committee will generate a narrative.

B. Special Committee:

K. Duncan: We have been receiving applications but we do not have a list of names for you to review yet. We're trying to provide more flexibility so the special committee members won't have to attend every meeting but we will expect them to provide comments if they're not able to attend.

C. Priority Based Budgeting:

K. Duncan: The Manager's office held a public meeting earlier today on the new priority-driven budget process.

O. Brudie: Myself and Chris Prussing were able to attend it.

D. Gunakadeit Park Staging:

K. Duncan: Gunakadeit Park will be used as a staging area during this summer's South Franklin reconstruction. Phase 1 work will begin from Manila Square to Ferry way and then Ferry Way to Front Street.

C. Mertl: Will Gunakadeit Park be put back in the condition it started in when they end the project?

K. Duncan: I will follow up on that and let the board know.

E. Eagle Valley Center Update:

K. Duncan: The small remodel of the EVC is almost completed. We will be able to hold weddings, retreats and business meetings for up to 50 people and then overnight stays for up to 28 people.

SAIL is planning on getting the ropes challenge course back up and running this summer. The Juneau Icefield Research Program (JIRP) is looking at renting out the bottom portion of the EVC. If anyone is interested in getting a tour of the facility, I would be more than happy to take them out.

T. Gilmour: Do you guys have set pricing for renting out the EVC?

K. Duncan: We're working on finalizing the pricing but I will send along the proposed pricing.

F. Centennial Hall:

K. Duncan: The concrete floor in ballroom 3 has been exposed and grinded down. We're hoping to receive some reactions to the concrete flooring vs. the wooden flooring in the other 2 ballrooms. We're putting a plan together for upgrades on the interiors, as well as the heating and cooling plant, audio/visual needs and other improvements that would come out of the 1% sales tax.

G. Treadwell Historical Grant:

K. Duncan: The Treadwell Historical Society received a \$125,000 grant from the Rasmuson Foundation and \$150,000 from the 1% sales tax funds. Trees have been removed around the old office building and the area has dried up significantly. They hope to have a new roof on the building this summer and to remove the second floor flooring so it doesn't structural integrity of the building. It will become an open air picnic facility.

H. ADDITION: Savikko Field:

K. Duncan: Savikko Field has been getting hosed down. Since the change of weather, there is not much to protect the field from the Taku winds that like to pick up the sand and blow it around.

J. Anderson: Have you looked into what the airport uses to keep the sand down around them?

K. Duncan: No, but I will reach out to them.

VII. Unfinished Business –

A. OHV Revitalization:

J. Anderson: I want to restart the discussion on a new plan for an OHV Park here in town but no action will need to be taken tonight. The last one was too grandiose and I want to take a different approach. Kirk, Rorie, Red and I had a meeting. We discussed on first identifying the current user groups and their needs and then locating a tangible piece of property. We will be holding a kick off meeting here soon too for the public.

T. Rutecki: Have you thought about doing something along the lines of the Juneau Gun Club? They lease the land from the City and then run their own program.

J. Anderson: That's something we can look into.

B. Parliamentary Suggestions:

C. Mertl: Everyone should try to read through all the information provided and brush up on their understanding.

T. Gilmour: The information Law provided is great and really helpful!

T. Rutecki: Would it be possible for them to go more in-depth on what is required on voting motions?

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report— None.

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report— None.

C. Liaison Reports—

YAAB – T. Rutecki: None.

Aquatics – T. Rutecki: The pools are looking to up the marketing.

Jensen-Olson Arboretum—E. Ouderkirk: The Arboretum is moving forward with the new parking lot.

Lands – C. Mertl: None.

1% for Art— J. Anderson: 16B at the new docks is on time.

Treadwell – C. Mertl: None.

Urban Forestry – C. Mertl: None

Eaglecrest – O. Brudie: Matt Miller, the manager, is leaving for a new position on the East Coast.

TrailMix—B. Farrell: None.

Park Foundation—C. Mertl: They're meeting on Friday with the Juneau Community Foundation, they're getting close.

D. Other Member Business –

C. Mertl: Once we get a new member, I would like for us to have another PRAC retreat.

Adjournment – 6:47 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*