

AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
CBJ Assembly Chambers – 6:00 p.m.

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter	Action Requested
6:00 pm	1. Call to Order	Chair, C. Mertl	
	2. Agenda Changes		
	3. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items		
	4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2016		Motion to approve
	5. New Business Fireworks in Parks Policy	C. Prussing	
	6. Director's Report - Ocean Center Update - Whale Park/Seawalk Update - Construction of Park Updates	K. Duncan	
	7. Unfinished Business - Juneau Park Foundation Update - Savikko Park Proposed 11 p.m. Closure	C. Mertl	
	8. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports - Chair Report - Liaison to the Assembly Report - Liasons: 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) State Parks - Other Member Business	C. Mertl M. Gladziszewski T. Rutecki T. Rutecki E. Ouderkirk C. Mertl J. Anderson C. Mertl C. Mertl O. Brudie G. Landry G. Landry	
7:30	9. Adjournment		

DRAFT MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
CBJ Assembly Chambers -- 6 p.m.

I. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. – J. Anderson, Vice-Chair

Present: J. Anderson; O. Brudie; F. Dowd (telephonic); T. Gilmour; G. Landry; E. Ouderkirk; T. Rutecki;

Absent: C. Merti

Staff present: Kirk Duncan, P&R Director; Brent Fischer, P&R Facilities, Parks and Landscape Superintendent; Michele Elfers, Public Works Chief Architect

II. Agenda Changes – None.

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

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2016 – Motion by G. Landry to approve. No objection, Minutes adopted.

V. New Business

A. Engineering/CIP Update

Michele Elfers

- Seawalk and Bridge Park Project in phase one, the rock phase, putting the fill in under where the whale and Habitat Island will go. That is scheduled to be complete this summer. The whale will arrive in July. phase two, elevated Seawalk structure, will be completed next spring. Phase three, final landscaping and finishing surface, will begin next year.
- Dimond and Melvin Park Restroom and Concessions Buildings is out to bid right now. We expect to have bids back April 15th.
- Cope Park Improvements. The park is under construction right now. The park is closed right now. The plan includes new play equipment, moving the tennis courts, drainage improvements, water line replacement. Scheduled to be completed September 1st, scheduled to reopen May 1st with areas that are closed off where they are constructing.
- Addair Kennedy Master Plan. Taking time this summer to do a master planning effort, it should be completed in September. Once the master plan is complete we can then go ahead with that and the restroom design.
- Project Playground ADA Upgrades. Poured in place concrete going in. We're already under contract for that with Admiralty Construction, they will begin the project in May and by contract they have to have it completed by June 1.
- Project Playground Misc. Improvements. Putting that out for solicitation, hoping to have that done by August.
- Auke Lake Wayside. DOT is working on the construction project as part of the multi-use path project. The portion on the wayside is being paved. Also adding a bike path, which will connect the multi-use path to the bridge, it won't be connected by asphalt in this phase but in the next phase. This is to be completed in June. This is a piece of the Auke Lake Master Plan. We will come back to further explain the Auke Lake Master Plan in the next few months as we move along with things.
- Auke Lake Floating Dock. We have been approached by community members for a swimmer's float. We are looking into the best location for that. It is in the early planning stages.
- Ballfield Resurfacing. Engineering and P&R works together to figure out which ballfields will be replaced annually. Right now the next ballfield to be replaced is Addair Kennedy in Spring of 2017.

T. Gilmour: I am asking for Savikko Fields to be talked about, worked on, and fixed. My question is can we fix Savikko? We don't have dirt for it. It is past resurfacing, it needs to be looked at really hard. These fields are not done.

B. Douglas Cemetery Maintenance

K. Duncan: So you have a letter in your packet from John Delgado the President of the Douglas Advisory Board requesting Parks and Rec. assistance maintaining five historic Douglas cemeteries and you also have a response from me. The cemeteries in question are owned by the Diocese of Juneau, and a three-person trust, the Ross Trust. There is a report that was put together in 1995 *Report of the Survey and Inventory of the Historic Cemeteries in Douglas Alaska* and according to the report we reached out to the Ross Trust and there is no one there anymore. There is a general delivery mailbox in Douglas and no one has picked up the mail for decades.

J. Anderson: The property that Mr. Delgado is talking about is not owned by CBJ?

K. Duncan: Correct.

G. Landry: The city should not be taking care of private property.

J. Anderson: I don't see that it would be necessary to hold a vote. It is cleared that P&R does not own the property, that it is private property. I understand Mr. Delgado's point but it is out of our hands.

C. Election of PRAC Officers

E. Ouderkirk: Motion to take up election of PRAC Officers.

Nomination for Chair: T. Gilmour: I nominate C. Mertl, unanimous decision.

Nomination Vice-Chair: O. Brudie: I nominate J. Anderson, unanimous decision.

Nomination 2nd Vice-Chair: T. Rutecki: I nominate O. Brudie, unanimous decision.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Proposed 11 p.m. Savikko Park Closure

J. Anderson: Last month we took this issue up. We did have a quorum, and we did vote in favor of moving the closing hours of the park from 12 a.m. to 11 p.m. with the exception of special occasions as well as a sunset clause to be added into that. The motion was passed, however, upon further review a majority of the PRAC was not in favor of the motion. Since C. Mertl is not here tonight, it may be an issue to take up at another meeting so we do have a majority vote one way or the other. Does anybody from the public want to speak on this issue?

T. Rutecki: Since we had a quorum and it passed why is this on the agenda as unfinished business?

F. Dowd: It was my understanding that it was finished business as well.

J. Anderson: I am not in favor of rescinding the action. When it was taken up last there was not a majority vote one way or the other. I say we table this for another month and bring it up again at the next meeting.

K. Duncan: If I can address the issue. Any motion that comes before the PRAC has to have five votes to be passed. It's not a majority of members present it has to have five votes. So, if there are five members here there is a quorum and all five have to vote.

J. Anderson: I say we table this until we do our homework on the Parliamentary issues.

K. Duncan: The other issue is that the Douglas Advisory Board wrote two letters one about the Douglas Cemeteries and one about their opposition to closing Savikko Park at 11 o'clock. I didn't see either one of those letters through a glitch in my office so I am responsible for that. I have a real issue with going against the Douglas

Advisory Group and so at the Douglas Advisory Board Meeting in early April they are going to take this up because the person asking for early closure and the DAB never got together.

T. Gilmour: I motion that we table this until we have more information next month.

J. Anderson: Before we move on was there anybody from the public here who would like to speak on this issue?

Mary Kay Pusich, Douglas Advisory Board, 1407 1st St., Douglas: My only request is that there is more input from the whole community not just Douglas, because you are setting a precedence. I think more advertisement would be beneficial. Parks and Rec. signage on the beach is weathered and the font is small so better signage saying what time the park closes may alleviate a lot of the problems to begin with. I would like to see this have more public input should it be put to a vote again.

K. Duncan: We are addressing the signage. We are getting new signage that is very specific we are also getting signage that outlines the ordinances of what can and can't happen so the police can more easily cite people. We are looking at cameras for the parking lot as well.

I. Director's Report

A. Comprehensive Plan Update

K. Duncan: We have hired a long-term temporary employee who is a professional planner, she will be running the comprehensive plan project. Her name is Alexandra Pierce. I envision working on this through the summer and having the planning process roll out after Labor Day. I envision having the Comprehensive Plan completed the Spring of 2018. We will have lots and lots of public input going forward. We are going to form a steering committee of approximately 15 people, they will be critical stakeholders in the community. The PRAC will be one of those stakeholders so you can be thinking about who would like the task of being on the steering committee.

B. Twin Lakes Water Quality

J. Anderson: Do you have any updates on the water quality at Twin Lakes that we discussed last meeting?

K. Duncan: I'll start out and B. Fischer can correct me if need be. Every spring we flush the lake, we open the gates and the salt water comes in and kills the milfoil. We have a problem with fecal coliform, we cannot find where it is coming from. We dye tested all of the toilets on Wire Street and they all came back clean. There is the possibility that Twin Lakes will be closed for swimming this summer. We have tested all 18 outfalls that feed into the lake and we have narrowed it down to one outfall, we just simply don't know where it is.

VII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Liaison Reports

Assembly Liaison – None.

Chair Report – None.

YAAB

T. Rutecki: We have scored all the annual grant requests and two weeks from today we will meet to see who gets them. We have around \$700,000 in requests and about \$350,000 to give out so we will figure out how to disperse that \$350,000 among around 30 different groups.

Aquatics

T. Rutecki: Things are going well with the pools. There was a big swim meet in town this past weekend, the air temperature was really good in the pool. There have been some concerns that the air temperature and the water temperature can vary at the valley pool but it seemed like everything was working quite well this past weekend.

Jenson-Olson Arboretum

E. Ouderkirk: Nothing from the Board. However, we should be looking for a new liaison, they like to meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Valley and I work until 5:30 most nights so that is kind of a problem. We ought to be considering a new liaison for Jensen-Olson.

B. Fischer: I had a staff meeting with Merrill Jensen today and everything is at least four weeks to six weeks ahead of schedule. It is going to be interesting to see where everything is at the end of the summer.

1% for the Arts – None

Lands – None.

Parks Foundation – None.

Urban Foresetry – None.

Eaglecrest – None.

Traillmix – None.

B. Pet Projects

K. Duncan: Is anybody waiting for me to get them any information for their pet projects?

J. Anderson: I'm not. Anybody else? [Silence.] Okay, I will quickly go over my pet project about OHV and motocross. I did get on the radio last week. I got a little bit of response from the public via email. I think I might try to make that an agenda item next month if I get enough response, if not, I will wait until I have more responses. I will hopefully get something on the agenda in the next month or two.

T. Rutecki: I need to look over the first year of the reports on the Auke Lake videos, and try to look at the other years of video and get them written up like the first year. The secondary thing I'd like to get into kind of ties into the Savikko Park proposed closure. To my knowledge it is wide open if you want to shoot of fireworks in our parks. Is that right, K. Duncan?

K. Duncan: There is no fireworks ban in the city.

T. Rutecki: I'd like to see how fireworks fall into the Savikko Park closure discussion the next time it comes up. And generally, fireworks in our parks as an agenda item.

F. Dowd: That is one of the agenda items I'd really like to see pushed forward as well. I think there is a big liability issue with fireworks in parks.

E. Ouderkirk: I am working with B. Fischer and K. Duncan to have a handy map that identifies the parks. By having that O. Brudie and I can then begin to look at where we have parcels downtown versus where we have parks downtown as part of the downtown public open space issue.

G. Landry: No pet projects right now. I will think about that over the next couple of weeks.

O. Brude: Are there any updates on Pocket Park downtown?

K. Duncan: There is an informal proposal to put in parking. However, at this point it will stay what it is right now. There will be a four foot high fence and the area will be hydra ceded. The big issue is that this is where the electrical vault that runs half of downtown and it's very expensive to relocate that.

J. Anderson: maybe we can have an update on the Auke Lake wayside next meeting.

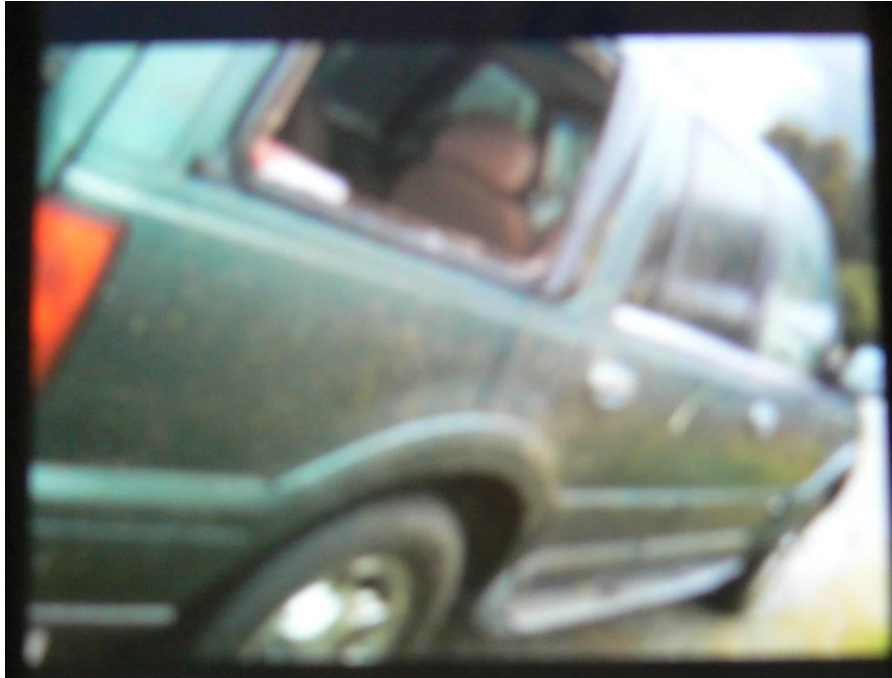
G. Landry -- motion to adjourn.

Adjournment – 7:29 p.m. Having no other business before the board.

Respectfully submitted, Lindsey Daniel, P&R Administrative Assistant II, 4/22/2016

**Are Fireworks
Appropriate
In Our
CBJ Parks?**

Maybe Not.



“What an errant shell did to our vehicle. It blew out windows. Embedded grass and dirt into the paint. Thank goodness it didn’t roll near the gas tank. Thank goodness the dog wasn’t inside. Thank goodness we didn’t fully lose our hearing. It was an intense shock. ”

Hazardous Behavior



Fireworks Duel

"There are no photos of the man with his head smoking, then pulling off a clump of hair."



"I would rather not be walking with my kids and spouse in public spaces to be caught off guard by some idiots fireworks zipping by my head."

--Facebook comment



"I've been personally burned by irresponsible people lighting off Fireworks in public spaces. My daughter was under a year old when a bottle rocket flew between her and I, right into my lap."

--Facebook comment



Last Fourth of July weekend a Douglas party-goer fired Roman candle at a photographer standing on a public beach.

The individual was photographed running at the photographer, streaming fireworks flashing by the photographers head multiple times.

—Klas Stolpe, Juneau Empire

Then There's the Noise...



“It's gone way beyond ridiculous in Douglas, I can just imagine what it's like out in the Valley.



What makes people think it's OK to explode large firework shells ... at all hours and on and off for days?”

--Online survey comment

Distress to Children & Pets



@&\$%ing fireworks!!! I really wish these folks that enjoy lighting these bomb like fireworks off could see what they are putting my dogs through. Sure do wish they stuck to the July 4th ONLY 😞😞

--Facebook comment



My two year old daughter struggles with them. They absolutely terrify her.

--Facebook comment

**It's Not Merely
Small Fireworks
Like Crackers &
Little Bottle Rockets**



“These are my favorite of all the Artillery Shells.

Well crafted, brilliant effects, and a REALLY big bang... the kind you feel in your chest.”

WARNING
SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS





12" Mortar canister
for 2" diameter
60 gram shells.

Black Cat "Yellow
Rose" Bottle Rocket

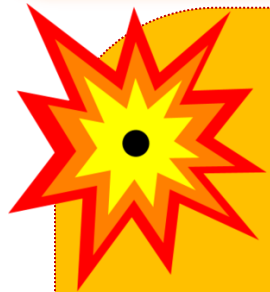
*"large size bottle
rocket that is a high
flyer and ends with
a good BANG"*

**Most Juneau residents do not use
consumer fireworks**



The “vast majority” of Juneau households are already in compliance with disturbing the peace laws, and are content to celebrate holidays such as the 4th of July with barbecues, beer, and bonfires, and watching the *public* fireworks display.

Most Juneau residents do not use consumer fireworks



• Most of us enjoy fireworks.

**Nonetheless, most people do not view
enjoyment as an excuse to use
fireworks anytime, anywhere.**

**Cruelty to animals is an issue for many
dog owners.**

**Most Juneau residents do not use
consumer fireworks**



**Most residents don't want
hazardous toys around
kids and pets,
nor do they think it's fun to
disturb neighbors with noise from
explosions.**

**Most Juneau residents do not use
consumer fireworks**



**For every consumer fireworks user
there are likely to be
many people nearby who are
annoyed, disturbed, or put at risk by
the hazard to property, pets, and
personal safety.**

Juneau's Noise Ordinance

42.20.095 Disturbing the peace.

- (a) Policy. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, welfare and safety of the City and Borough's residents by regulating the time, place, and manner of unreasonable noise. It is the intent of this section to secure the health, safety, comfort, convenience, and peaceful enjoyment of all public places, such as public streets and public parks, as well as the City and Borough's residents' homes, by prohibiting unreasonable noise.
- (b) General.
 - (1) It is unlawful for any person to make or continue, or cause or permit to be made or continued, any unreasonable noise
 - (2) As used in this section, "unreasonable noise" means



noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, health, peace, or safety of a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in the vicinity.

The factors which will be considered in determining whether a noise is unreasonable will include, but not be limited to, the following:

Noise Ordinance 13 Points

42.20.095 Disturbing the peace.

- (A) The volume of noise;
- (B) The intensity of the noise;
- (C) Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual;
- (D) Whether the origin of the noise is natural or unnatural;
- (E) The volume and intensity of the background noise, if any;
- (F) The proximity of the noise to residential sleeping facilities;
- (G) The nature and zoning of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (H) The density of the inhabitation of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (I) The time of the day or night the noise occurs;
- (J) The duration of the noise;
- (K) Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent or constant;
- (L) Whether the noise is produced by a commercial or noncommercial activity; and
- (M) Whether the noise contains pure tones.

**Consumer Fireworks are allowed
under the Fire Code.
Disturbing the Peace Is NOT**

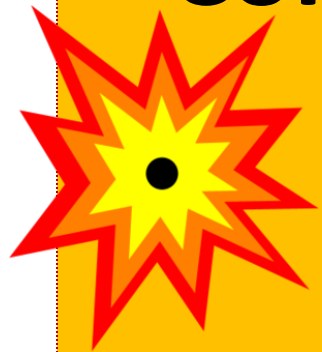


The Fire Code addresses safety hazards
such as flammability,
explosiveness, shrapnel.



**It does *not* deal with
Malicious Mischief, Reckless
Endangerment, or Disturbing the Peace**

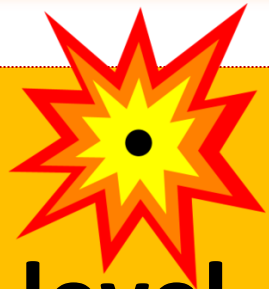
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**Consumer Fireworks Qualify as
Disturbing the Peace
Under 11 of the
13 Noise Ordinance Points**

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**At 140 -190 decibels,
fireworks generate a noise level
higher than the noise from gunshots
and low-level flying jets**



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under the Fire Code.
Disturbing the Peace Is NOT**

***Any* occurrence of disturbing noise
from consumer fireworks
should be considered
cause for a citation.**



Anyone who complains about private fireworks
in parks or neighborhoods is a
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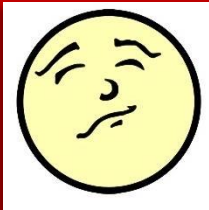
No One in a Park or Residential Area Should Have to Produce:

-  Medical report from audiologist or physician
-  Animal control or veterinary report for runaway or injured pet
-  Veterans Hospital Administration PTSD diagnosis
-  Evidence of property or vehicle damage from explosions and flammable litter
-  A decibel meter reading
-  Anything at all –

a complaint to JPD dispatch should be sufficient

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**IT'S EASY TO FEEL TOLERANT &
UNCONCERNED ...**



**SO LONG AS YOU'RE
CONVENIENTLY NOT ONE OF
THE STATISTICS**



Ask Yourself:



If Your Neighbors Tell You
It's Causing Problems When
You Shoot Off Fireworks...

**Is This How You
View Them?**



Is This Your Reaction?

- Why? Why?
- What does it hurt?
- / think it's fun
- You're just old killjoy soreheads
- You're not the boss of me
- S**** you, I'm going to do what I want



Most Juneau residents do not use consumer fireworks

“Why the hell do you insist on screwing EVERYONE else because of one or two jerks?” --Facebook post



**“EVERYONE else” does not use fireworks.
Most people consider them hazardous.**

Most Juneau residents do not use consumer fireworks

“I understand that there are people/animals that get upset. But throwing a hissy fit and ruining the fun for the other 90% of the population is a pretty sucky thing to do.” --Facebook post

**The “other 90%” does not use fireworks.
Actually, make that the other 99.9%**



Most Juneau residents do not use consumer fireworks

“I hope you all can resolve it peacefully without imposing on everyone else's right to light them off. ” --Facebook post

 **“Everyone else” thinks they have a right to be safe from hazardous explosives and alarming noise.**

Fireworks Are Prohibited in State Parks and U.S. Forest Service Land

Eagle Beach State Park

Park Rules

- Motorized vehicles are prohibited on trails
- Fireworks are prohibited
- Fires are allowed in authorized structures only
- Disturbing or damaging natural objects is prohibited
- Permits are required for groups of more than 20 persons

Park Tips

- Be prepared for rain and soft, wet ground
- Boil or treat water before drinking, or bring your own drinking water
- Bear encounters are common, make noise and give them space
- Pack out your trash
- Please help protect shorebirds by keeping dogs under control at all times; do not allow dogs to disturb or chase birds or other wildlife

Tongass National Forest, Auke Rec

[Forest Service Home](#) [About the A](#)

Fireworks reminder

Release Date: Jun 26, 2015 Ketchikan, Alaska

Contact(s): [Tristain Fluharty](#)

KETCHIKAN, Alaska—As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, residents, visitors, and campers are reminded that all fireworks, including sparklers, are prohibited on the Tongass National Forest.

"People assume the restrictions apply just to developed recreations areas managed by the Forest Service, including campgrounds, picnic areas, and day use areas," said Forest Fire Management Officer Tristan Fluharty, "but no fireworks or pyrotechnic device of any kind may be discharged anywhere within the National Forests, regardless of weather conditions or holidays. We do not want to spoil anyone's holiday, but we want the holiday to be enjoyable and safe for all forest visitors."

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**What happens if someone
ignores park rules?**

They get a citation from a park ranger.



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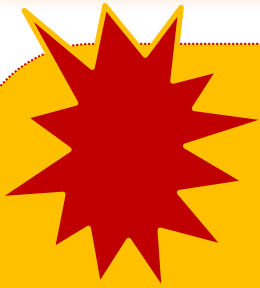


• No “neighborhood watches”

Nearby residents are not required to be amateur police and approach violators to discover such things as vehicle make, license number, physical descriptions.

Such a situation often results in belligerence and abuse, beyond the pay grade of the average citizen.

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Signage is often ineffective

**Users show up planning to do something,
ignore the sign stating an activity is prohibited,
then do whatever they planned to do,
presuming that they will not be caught.**

People Don't Want to Call the Police



**What we want is for
disturbing the peace
problems to
not even get started!**

- **Suggest: 10PM end for group activities,
12AM for park closure; easy for JPD patrol**
- **Recommend: Prohibit fireworks in all parks**

**Are Fireworks
Appropriate
In Our
CBJ Parks?**

Why Wait for More Trouble?



Time to Say “No”



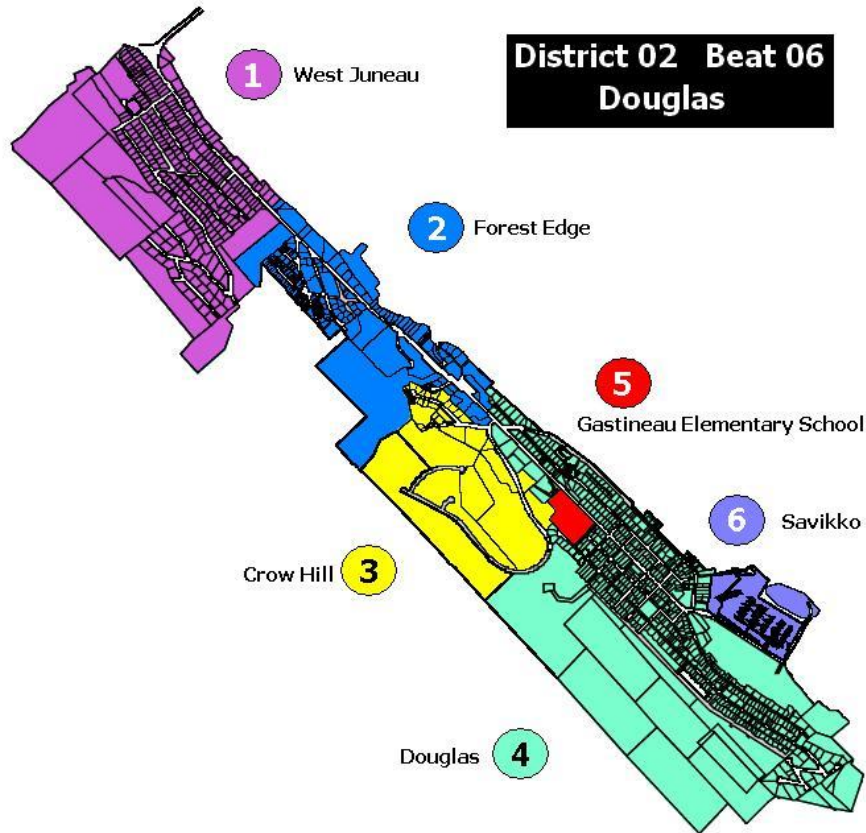
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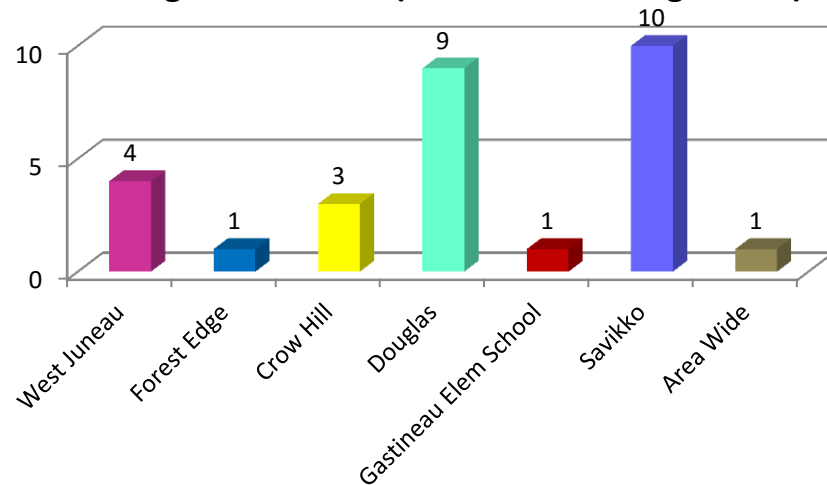
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--Online survey comment

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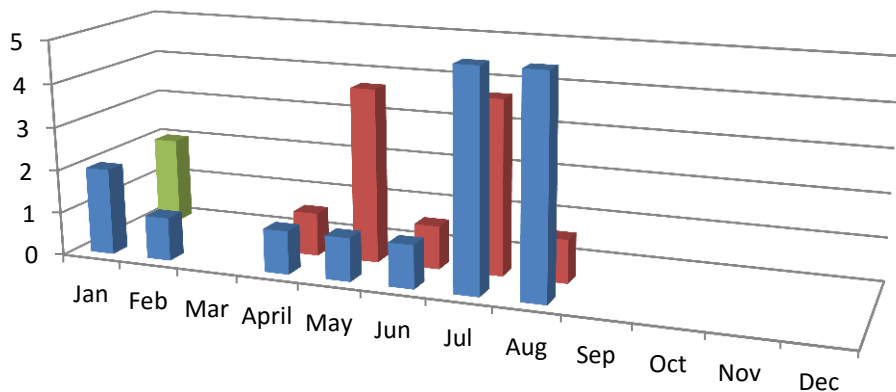


29 Douglas Area Calls (out of 241 Borough-wide)

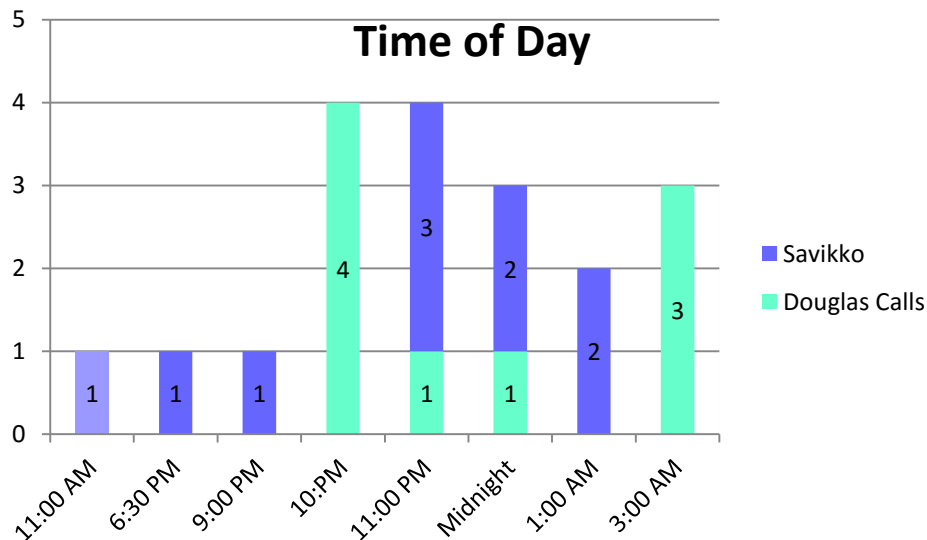


“Savikko” refers to the harbor. Savikko Park is part of downtown Douglas. Closing park to fireworks could possibly eliminate a high percentage of complaints.

■ Year 2014 ■ year 2015 ■ Year 2016



Time of Day



Currently, "Reviewing options to address noise from fireworks" is #31 - the very bottom - on a list of goals created during a strategic planning session held by the CBJ and the Assembly on December 14, 2015. But because this noise disturbance is a serious problem for many Juneau residents, we think this issue should be moved up. We would like to see a Fireworks Ordinance in place before July 4, 2016.

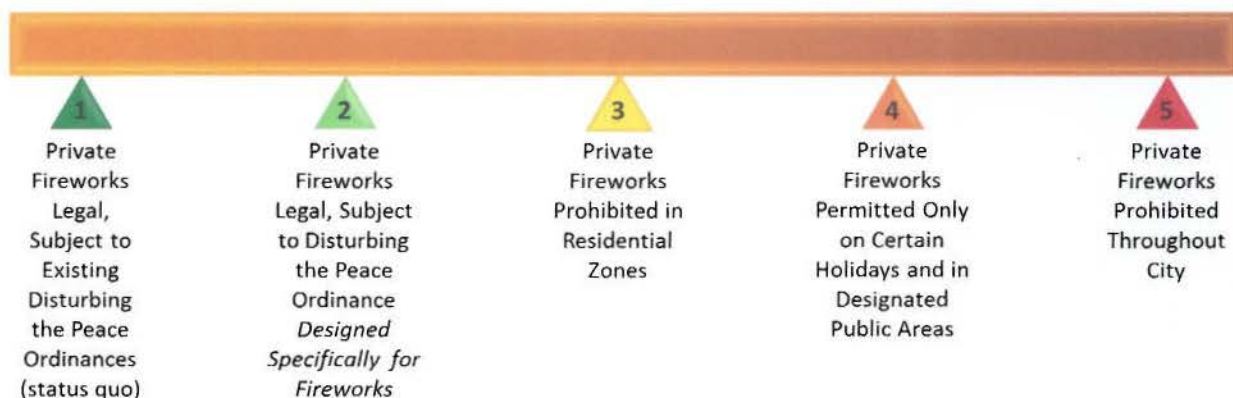
We believe that it is one thing for fireworks to be enjoyed as public displays during holidays, quite another for a residential neighborhood to be made to feel as if it's under an artillery barrage during a firefight by private fireworks use. No one should be forced to endure explosions near their homes. Combat veterans can testify to the health implications affecting various body systems and psychological well-being following exposure to loud explosions. Also well-known is the extreme fright that loud noises cause to dogs; no pet owner should be forced to have to deal with a terrorized pet any more than they would have to put up with someone beating or kicking their dog.

For serious reasons we already have ordinances controlling loud and disturbing daytime noises such as gravel pit detonations, barking dogs, gunfire, subwoofers on boom cars, and noise exceeding daytime decibel levels for residential neighborhoods.

However, existing noise and disturbing the peace ordinances seem inadequate to address the problems many residents are having with the use of fireworks near their homes, and are complicated for the police to enforce. We believe it is time to develop a specific Fireworks Ordinance to enable efficient and fair enforcement and to eliminate this disturbance to our peace.

We plan to request that the Assembly and the CBJ abandon the status quo approach and cease sidelining this issue, as private fireworks use in the Borough increases every year. We need an enforceable Fireworks Ordinance in place *before* a situation develops resulting in personal injury, property damage, or neighborhood altercation. Possible options for such an ordinance:

WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THIS ISSUE?



Survey available online at:

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/613/446/284/where-do-you-stand-on-the-juneau-fireworks-problem/>

If you would like to join us in requesting Assembly action on this issue, please contact:

Juneau Residents for Action on Fireworks juneaufireworks@gmail.com

Survey Responses from Douglas Residents

#4 works for me. I live in Douglas and am tired of JPD never doing anything about the drunks who come stumbling out of Louie's and light fireworks off in the Gas station parking lot.

It's gone way beyond ridiculous in Douglas, I can just imagine what it's like out in the Valley. What makes people think it's ok to explode large firework shells above their neighbor's home, at all hours and on and off for days.

#1 for me. We get fireworks every year but unlike some of our friends that shoot them off in their neighborhoods pissing off all those around them in their densely populated downtown Douglas area we shoot them off at the beach. I can see both sides of the coin but I don't think more regulating is a great choice.

Even though I know they are fireworks, it still sends my heart into an irregular rhythm...not a good feeling. Hard enough to sleep without that bullshit.

We'd be happy to show you what an errant shell did to the rear windows of our vehicle. Why should we have to keep our heads down and hope that the fireworks are 'safe', that the person(s) setting them off are sober, in safety gear and are aware of 'safe distances'? This last January, a shell came down before it exploded between our roof lines. Who is going to come forward with insurance if something happens? We don't want to be forced to celebrate a holiday the way our neighbors choose to celebrate. Neither do our pets. Fireworks do not belong in residential neighborhoods.

PRAC May 3 2016

- Fireworks offenses occur after 10:00PM into early morning hours. Controlling fireworks would likely have a significant effect on reducing noise complaints.
- Police response is limited. Simply locating an offense is difficult. Verbal warning is the likely enforcement response to fireworks complaints, and only for 1 in 6 calls. Only barking dog and bad muffler noise citations have been issued during the 2 years since adoption of our disturbing the peace noise ordinance.
- Signage is likely to be ignored, possibly vandalized.
- Expecting "neighborhood watch" activity to reduce offenses is naïve without close coordination with JPD and a dedicated neighborhood contact network to share information. People dislike calling police. Observers will be hampered by difficulty in getting close enough to provide an adequate description to JPD even of something as simple as a license plate number. Approaching offenders is usually an intimidating and harrowing experience, for which the average person is untrained.
- SUGGESTION: Close Savikko to group activity after 10 pm to minimize noise, allowing individuals or couples of dog-walkers and moon-gazers. Contact JPD to establish specific officers as contact persons for a neighborhood watch network.
- REQUEST: A letter from PRAC to Assembly requesting fireworks prohibition in parks.

GRATEFUL DOGS OF JUNEAU FIREWORKS QUESTIONNAIRE

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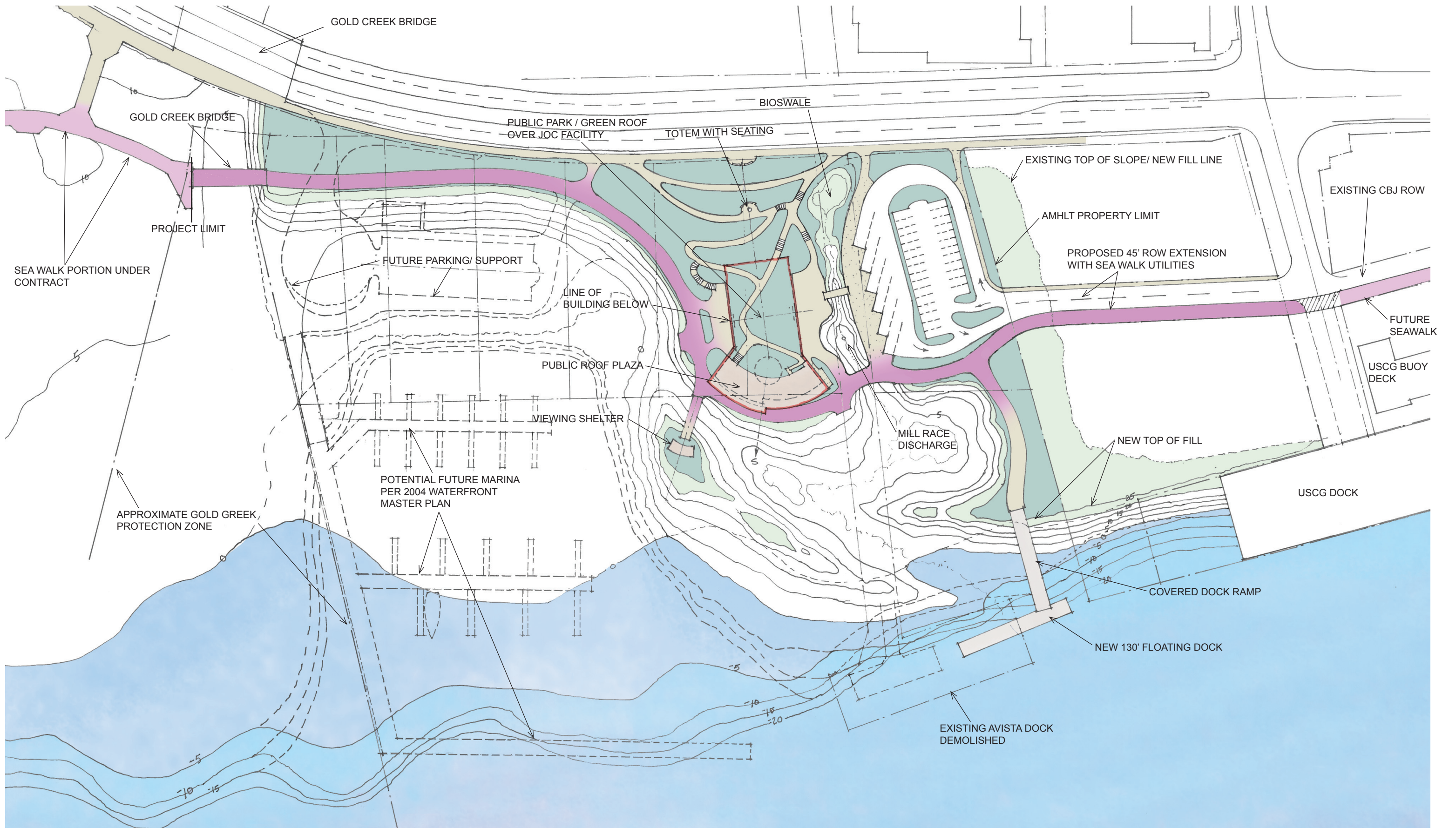
Planning for the Juneau Ocean Center is proceeding well. Activities in the last two months include completion of an overall master plan that connects from the end of the current sea walk phase, West of Gold Creek, and extending across Mental Health Trust Land (Subport) to tie in to existing CBJ ROW in front of the Buoy Deck, the planned route for the Sea Walk.

The master plan now includes an improved layout of the future marina/yacht moorage adjoining Gold Creek on the East side. The master plan includes detail on the fill proposed for the current work, with an emphasis on fill "arms" that protect an interior tidal habitat zone. The site plan has been developed in a 3-D computer program which allows detailed quantity take off of fill portions.

The building and upland portions continue to evolve, again modeled in 3-D. A public green space/park is proposed along Egan Drive, with a series of walkways that extend up and across the green roof of the building, culminating in a 35' x 120' public plaza on the high southerly edge of the building, providing a panoramic activity space about 25' above the Sea Walk. Best fireworks venue in town!

The project will provide a focus for pedestrian, bus, and water taxi traffic. A new floating dock will be provided that will be used by an electric water taxi that will pick up visitors directly from the new 16-B dock, with access to both the new building and a bus terminus that can link to other packages, such as whale watching.

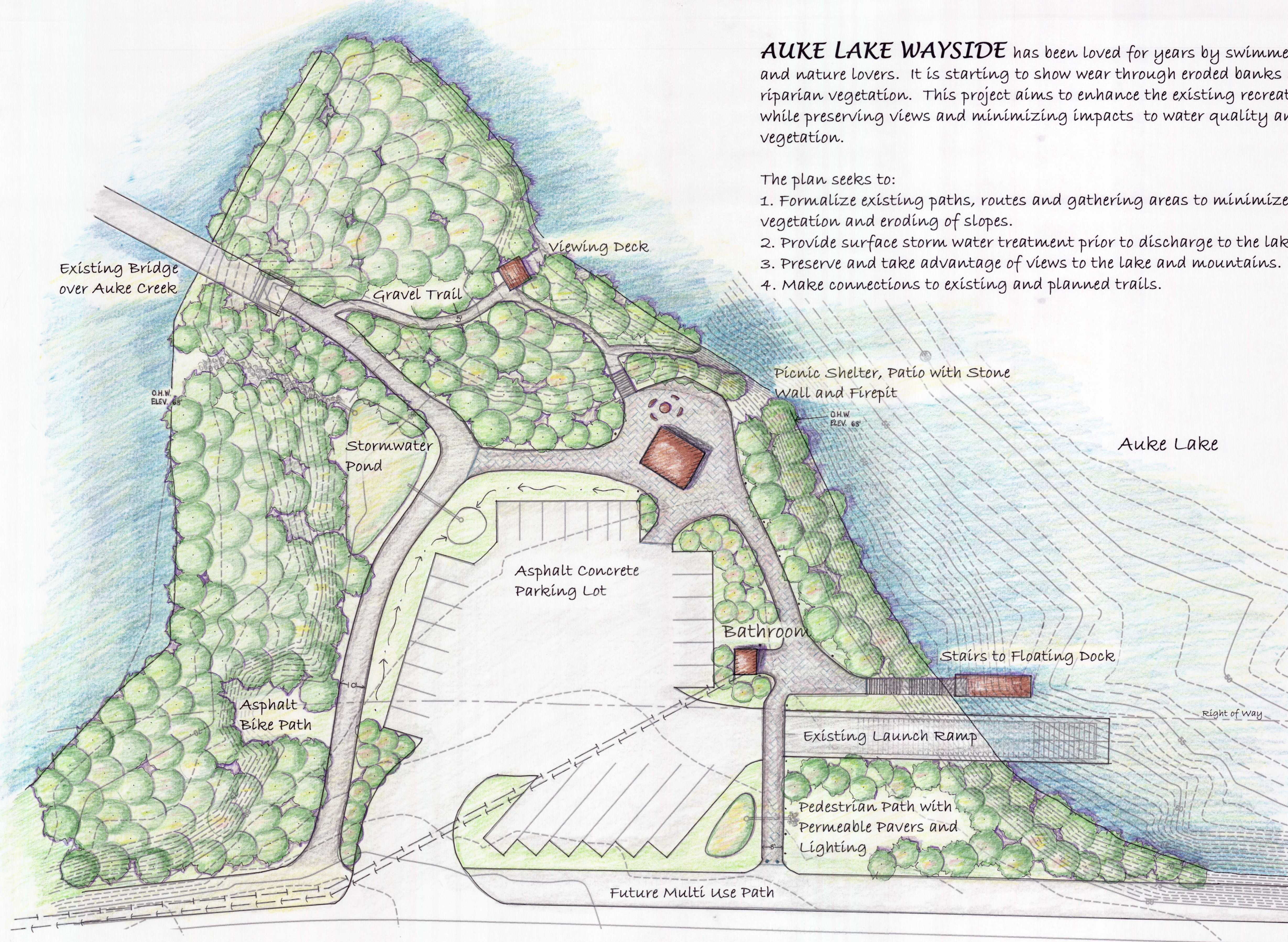
It is probably time for more detailed conversations with the CBJ on the park potentials. We are hoping to integrate Native cultural elements, vista points, special landscaping, etc. Michelle Elfers has been our primary CBJ contact. We presented updated material to the CBJ public works and facilities committee last week, and are coordinating language for a resolution on joint CBJ/Ocean Center work process and operating roles. That should go to Assembly within the month.



AUKE LAKE WAYSIDE has been loved for years by swimmers, boaters, hikers, and nature lovers. It is starting to show wear through eroded banks and damaged riparian vegetation. This project aims to enhance the existing recreational opportunities while preserving views and minimizing impacts to water quality and riparian vegetation.

The plan seeks to:

1. Formalize existing paths, routes and gathering areas to minimize disturbance of vegetation and eroding of slopes.
2. Provide surface storm water treatment prior to discharge to the lake.
3. Preserve and take advantage of views to the lake and mountains.
4. Make connections to existing and planned trails.



AUKE LAKE WAYSIDE

CONCEPT PLAN AND DETAILS, April 2012

Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and City and Borough of Juneau

