

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 6, 2015
Dimond Park Aquatic Center Event Rooms -- 6 p.m.

Call to Order at 6:02 p.m. – Chris Mertl, Chair

Present, Odin Brudie, Josh Anderson, Lindsay Hallvik, Gerry Landry, Tom Rutecki (telephonic);

Absent: Traci Gilmour, Frances Dowd, Eric Ouderkirk,

Assembly Liaison, Maria Gladziszewski absent

Staff present: Kirk Duncan, P&R Director; F. Compton, P&R Administrative Assistant II

Agenda Changes – none; Motion from J. Anderson to accept Agenda as presented, no objection, Agenda approved

Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items – Kim Champney, Rollergirls. Recently started a Youth Program, targeting youth ages 12-17. There is a Youth component of Derby World Cup. This is a great indoor sport. The first practice was Sunday through the Community School class/instruction: Introduction to Roller Derby. Coaches will start to develop youth group. Plans for youth program are long term to establish competitive and develop skills. Challenge: facility availability. Sundays' class with 10 attendees. JAHC is good for practice. Hope that youth can travel with adults to the competition meets. Courts have official dimensions that can be accommodated at Centennial Hall and Treadwell. Use Marie Drake gym for practice. Have been emailing with Dave Pusich about using Mt. Jumbo Gym. 60x120 track plus spectator space.

Discussion

Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2015- Motion by O. Brudie to approve; question about Farrell presentation, no action required. **No objection, Motion approved.**

P&R Director's Report – K. Duncan:

- Savikko Park: propose an open meeting for public comment to close park at 11 p.m. Plan to have new hours in place by April 1. PRAC meeting or separate meeting? Meeting with Brent Fischer, Colby Shabler, Brett Farrell and Police Chief Johnson to discuss options. Police doesn't want a gate. I propose a sign to notify public and close the park at 11. The process will be the same as Cope Park, the JPD will ask for identification of anyone in the park after 11. Discussion.
- Landscaping at Centennial Hall: we are looking for public input.
- On updating the Comprehensive Plan, I am looking into hiring a part time staff member to drive that process. We will discuss how PRAC will interface with that process. I anticipate it will take two years with several public meetings.
- Gunakadeit Park/Gastineau Apts. Update – demolition bids open on Tuesday, to salvage fence work and ornamental work to be stored, Demolition to be completed by April 2016. Discussion.
- Under Bridge Park and Whale Update bids open on Friday. Assembly directed north of 9th Avenue will not be developed as a Park. Traffic will be directed in 9th Ave and out 8th Ave. Potential housing of 23 units.
- Meeting with Goldbelt tomorrow and is interested in talking about ATVs. Goldbelt approached the City Manager, the new manager of Goldbelt would like to work with ATV and open their land. He is meeting

with City Engineer and City Manager and Goldbelt to move that forward. P&R will take a hands-off approach, this is relationship with motorized community.

C. Mertl: Cope Park bid open last week, Bid alternate one did not make parking lot upgrades. Engineering is looking for alternatives. Discussion

Unfinished Business

- Lands' Management Plan 2015 – Committee comments in packet. Committee is: Brudie, Anderson and Mertl. G. Landry: I asked Mr. Chaney and he said “We don't trade.” C. Mertl: We need to make recommendations to Lands Division, do you want to walk through this tonight? O. Brudie: If anyone in PRAC has specific parcels or neighborhoods, comments to raise today, we could talk about this.
- WORK SESSION

New Business NONE

Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

- Chair Report – C. Mertl: In a group doing Project Playground accessibility with plans drawn and being reviewed. On the Treadwell Board, with three committees: marketing, planning, and operations. J. Wilson will pay fees to register Park Foundation as a non-profit. C. Mertl will be meeting with Park Foundation in Anchorage. Received a Grant for Savikko Park. Thanks to Brudie and Anderson for helping with Lands Management Plan.
- Liaison to the Assembly Report, absent.
- Lands Committee – C. Mertl: Introduction to Wetlands Management Plan. They are developing new plans with three options.
- Other Member Business – G. Landry: Lake Trails from parking lot at boat ramp, to trail, the exterior is becoming a corridor. Need a trail on the other side of guard rail?
K. Duncan: DOT doing that next year.
- L. Hallvik: Dimond Park Field House, her organization has a long time goal of making that facility's track accessible.
K. Duncan: Dimond Park Field House Board owns the Field House, funding sources would be state.

Adjournment – 7:43 p.m. Having no other business before the board.