

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 2, 2014
CBJ Assembly Chambers -- 6 p.m.

I. Call to Order 6:00 pm

Members Present: Jeff Wilson, Chair; Josh Anderson, Odin Brudie, Traci Gilmour, Gerry Landry, Chris Mertl, Tom Rutecki.

Absent: Eric Morrison, Kate Walters

Staff Present: Brent Fischer, P&R Director; Fran Compton, Administrative Assistant II; Myiia Wahto, Recreation Superintendent.

Assembly Liaison: Maria Gladziszewski

II. Agenda Changes: No additional changes, agenda approved

III. Mr. Wilson: Would like to acknowledge Maria Gladziszewski, the new Assembly Liaison, to stand up and she will have an opportunity to do a Liaison report later.

IV. Public Participation of Non-Agenda Items - none

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2014. No changes. Mr. Mertl made a motion to approve; no opposition, **Minutes of November 5, 2014, approved**

VI. P&R Director's Report – B. Fischer:

A. CBJ Treadwell Ice Arena Task Force Update - The Task Force will be meeting tomorrow at noon in the Assembly Chambers. Their agenda is on line through Juneau.org. They will be discussing their recommendations to the Assembly. Since my last update to you at the last PRAC meeting, they had their last two public comment meetings. I encourage you to attend if possible. As soon as more information is available, I will give you an update on their findings.

B. Caring is Sharing Food Drive - Parks and Recreation was asked again this year to be a part of this fundraising event for the Food Bank hosted by the Juneau Radio Center at Foodland IGA. I spent an hour in "Food Drive Jail" and put the word out to bring food to bail me out. Radio interviews were held during the hour to discuss our programs and facilities. This year's food drive raised 12,562 pounds of food. Although we raised enough food to bail me out, the next hour's inmate was Senator Dennis Egan and he pardoned me. Thanks Senator Egan and thanks to all those who donated food.

Discussion. Mr. Mertl: Anything to report on the P&R Review? Mr. Fischer: nothing yet, thank you for asking.

Mr. Brudie: I received the list of six year P&R projects with the draft minutes. Are these projects funded?

Mr. Fischer: No, only 1% Sales Tax and General Obligation Bond items. That list went to the Engineering Director as the parks and trails requests from our department.

Mr. Wilson: When will know about P&R Budget?

Mr. Fischer: I have been asked to completely review our organization, what we do, our priorities, how we are doing, and reorganization is up for review for this budget. We will put forward a list of priorities with public impact, prioritize and put forth to city manager and they will make decisions on my recommendations. Everything this department does will be looked at.

Mr. Wilson: Is there funding for Cope Park?

Mr. Fischer: As I remember what George said, not to build the new ones, the parking area, playground area, and the dog park will be completed. Tennis courts were not included in this phase.

Mr. Mertl: I understand that money was available in FY14-FY15 and I have been asked to design tennis courts, last conversation two weeks ago.

Mr. Wilson: We would like to see the FY15-16 Budget at the next meeting.

Discussion about Parks Foundation.

VI. Unfinished Business – none.

VII. New Business

A. Treadwell Ice Arena Overview and Update - Lauren Anderson, Treadwell Manager (with handout):

I would like to tell those of you who are not frequent users what we do. Referring to the colorful schedule of the week of ice use: Green: rental times available, not always used; the slow time in this schedule is from 8:30 to noon – we offer skating lesson and time to practice to schools. The disco ball is set up. There are approximately 60 students per session, generally elementary age children. Also labeled as Pond Hockey, Stick and Puck.

On the schedule Yellow/Blue is open skate and hockey time (public time), Juneau Skate Club is orange, red is Juneau Douglas Ice Association which is youth hockey, light blue is JAHA - adult hockey.

All the information is on the website which shows daily schedule and monthly schedules with open times available to public.

We have a “friends of Treadwell Arena” volunteer group. We don’t have a link to a sign-up.

Something new, we are working with ORCA coming in Wednesdays 11 to noon with a Grant from USA Hockey for adaptive Hockey for the next three weeks.

The other document for reference (handout) was put together for the Task Force with a breakdown of the past five years, revenues, expenditures, participation, and changes.

Prime rate is \$240 and non-prime is \$155 with increases from last year. Revenue has not changed all that much with our core users.

I looked at the dasher boards this summer. I contacted all current sponsors and gave them an opportunity to renew. Almost all renewed, with five new boards, keeping the fees the same with potential to change next season, we currently have 9 prime time spaces for 3 years. There are options for 3-one year contract boards; a couple that are pending that have indicated they are going to renew; I have been contacting others to advertise. We have prime boards available and non-prime. 10 more non-prime spaces are available out of a total of 40.

Mr. Mertl: cost recovery I am seeing 50 to 52%, how does that average with other rinks in AK?

Mr. Fischer: Sports Management Group put a study out for the second ice proposal and did reference out cost recovery which was on the higher side of cost recovery. I will check that again. We will send that report out to PRAC members for your information (attached).

Mr. Brudie: how many volunteers?

Ms. Anderson: Probably 50 for youth hockey; Skating Club pays their instructors; the Adult League have 20 volunteers. We take advantage for programs - at last Friday's event we had volunteer elves from the Skating Club and high school hockey team.

Ms. Anderson: Partnerships I have created since I became manager: In October – there was a proposal to paint the ice purple for a month – we put together an open skate for Alaska NOW and AWARE shelter. Coordinating with AWARE, anyone who brought in a bath towel to donate was admitted to skate for free. Last winter working with Girl Scouts – their CEO, Sue Perls, is an Olympic Speed Skater and we did a program with them. Douglas Advisory Committee has sponsored several skates.

Mr. Wilson: Looking at the vending, is there something we can do?

Ms. Anderson: Yes, working to find out what we can/cannot do in the space. The High School Teams are using the vending space during their game times. If someone wants to use the space we have put together packages for vending. We currently sell hot chocolate, coffee and popcorn out of our front office. The Concession is a whole separate space and we would need more staff.

Mr. Wilson: Adult use revenue is dropping, what is happening?

Ms. Anderson: Added a 40+age League, numbers have gone down and they are working to build them back up. We work with the group to promote introductory to Hockey programs to bring new membership with free gear with a goal to sign up for an organization.

Mr. Rutecki: For the Pools, Kathy factors the school in-kind, is there something shown here?

Ms. Anderson: The revenue is listed at the bottom of the page. We don't see that as revenue.

Mr. Fischer: The Assembly was approached to support the school teams and give this time for practice and games – the values increase based on rental value – approximately 110 hours a year and we equate that as prime time value of \$23,000 in revenue. If we had sold the time it would reflected in revenue.

Mr. Mertl: I testified at the Treadwell Task Force. The concessions are painfully low. That could be a huge revenue stream. With families there 4 to 6 hours a day, they want to eat more than Twinkies. What are the limitations to having a successful concession?

Ms. Anderson: Youth Hockey has their own P&R vending, which gives them income to use at the rink with ice time. The lack of staff impacts us using it unless we contract it out. It is a work in progress and will take some time.

Ms. Gilmour: We use the students during the tournaments. They get permits through Juneau Softball Association (JSA) for TMHS concessions and the JSA gets a percentage.

Mr. Wilson: Why is the building maintenance cost trending up?

Mr. Fischer: We had to replace a compressor that was expensive. We don't charge for building maintenance but we track it. Operating budget is utilities; Building Maintenance performs - materials and labor - to maintain that facility. Treadwell has an idea with Building Maintenance – one of the targets for asset management (goals for Assembly) to do a building life cycle cost analysis (ice building equipment or roof) put into an equipment replacement schedule. Right now we absorb those costs internally. Other Departments have separate building maintenance budget but other buildings we don't have a budget line for.

Mr. Brudie: Can the Ice Arena accept private donations?

Mr. Fischer: They can contribute to the Juneau Community Foundation with a designation to the Treadwell Ice Arena.

Mr. Mertl: Looking to future, Treadwell will be closed during the summer months that means the loss of summer day camp. We have been reading in the paper about Juneau's lack of childcare – Its only \$9000 in revenue - how does that affect your bottom line, revenue and operating cost.

Ms. Anderson: It affects the staff because all staff are seasonal that provides a savings. We are working with other organizations to see if we can make summer camp happen – like Cooperative Extension. I looked into State funding and private funding without success. I am hoping that I can make something like that work – using the Treadwell/Savikko Park space, user friendly, bus service – maybe there is a way to have summer camp.

Mr. Mertl: It appears that it would be more efficient without the cost of ice during the summer - do you have a cost breakdown?

Ms. Anderson: Not with me. It is minimal, the cost is staffing – if we can make camp happen with volunteers, we did that in the past.

Mr. Mertl: I am passionate about Treadwell, growing up I remember concerts, parties, car shows happening at the local rink – putting down plywood, rolling out bad carpet - are there any plans for marketing, finding, and utilizing Treadwell as community space?

Ms. Anderson: I think it is a good idea – there are a couple of facility limitations but I think something like a trade show or a quilting show, something that won't ruin the slab – maybe in the future.

Mr. Fischer: I don't want to give up on summertime at Treadwell; we will continue to look at opportunities to cover the costs of operation and will have to find things that work in that space. If someone came forward and wanted to rent it, we would do it - they would have it without staff. We have a convention center and arts center that rents out space.

Mr. Mertl: It is frustrating because you are being tasked to be more efficient with more cost recovery – it seems with exhibits, with concessions, in a place not as expensive as the convention center -- this would be a good indoor space for revenue opportunities. You seemed handcuffed and not able to chase these revenue opportunities.

Mr. Anderson: Just to clarify - some of the reasons why you are having trouble, financial & staffing problems, not policy or management issue?

Mr. Fischer: We are not having trouble: we are managing a facility with a higher cost recovery, on the high end of municipal owned rinks. We are doing a great job overall. Are we getting handcuffed with a rental policy – no. We offered it out for rentals in the past and it wasn't successful. Lauren is trying to look at those options when she was full time. The only thing that prevents other than facility limitations, the dasher boards, the room around the rink. The handcuffing is we went from full time staff to part-time staff with limited time to pursue those opportunities.

Mr. Rutecki: Page 5 of the October 9 Minutes of Treadwell Task Force states “summer closure of Treadwell Arena will reduce costs by \$50K. How much of this reduction is building operation cost and how much in staff costs – Lindsey Brown will look into it.” That means to me that you would have to make that up before you make a profit if that number is confirmed.

Mr. Fischer: We put together a budget reduction. We put expenditures and a revenue number and say the net savings is x-amount. I am sure Lindsey gave that back and will be reflected in tomorrow's meeting.

Mr. Rutecki: There doesn't seem to be a lot – Eaglecrest every spring puts out a survey they ask questions – the board members are up there you can talk to them – I don't think that happens with Treadwell. An example of a limited outreach marketing – a Thunder Mountain High School student was interested in getting a TM hockey team last year. She put together a survey to 94 students. 31 did not know where Treadwell was nor that we had an ice rink in Juneau – valley kids. I think 'get the word out' kind of thing goes a long way. Eaglecrest has done a great job of that – the “ski town throw

down” - they did wonders with that. I think the ice rink could do that – wouldn’t be expensive.

Ms. Gilmour: Let’s say that a group approached you and said I want to rent the facility – what would you tell me? We are missing a promotional opportunity here -- Can we go out into the community to let them know Treadwell is available in the summer, how can we use this? User group of 200 people it might be more reasonable.

Mr. Fischer: If someone approached me during the two months [Treadwell] is down and said I want to use the facility - I would be talking with Ms. Wahto. We have the costs for rental rates and with a couple of staff we could give you a rate. I am disappointed that I wouldn’t have Lauren to take care of it.

Ms. Gilmour: Let’s talk about it in the community, let’s promote it, let’s get a conversation started – it’s another venue - let’s use it for something else.

Mr. Wilson: Thank you.

Mr. Merti: Since we are saying thank you to Lauren, as a regular user I get nothing but compliments about our rink, the ice is great, the place is clean, it is well lit. We get people from the Yukon, from Anchorage, Palmer, Seattle and they say Treadwell (minus not having a concession) is their favorite ice facility. We really do have a gem here.

B. Juneau Pools Overview and Update - Kathrin Millhorn, P&R Aquatics Manager, (with handout):

Ms. Millhorn: I am the Aquatics Manager since 2011 just before we opened Dimond Park Aquatic Center. The management staff in the last year reviewed our mission statement and goals, the things that we wanted to do as a Division. The things that important to us are to make availability to the community, facilities when they can come to learn to be safe in, on and around the water. Where they can come to relax and do fitness activity. We try to have our Staff promote aquatics in positive way – to education individuals through lessons, pool rules and safety in facilities, consistently. Our priorities are healthy lifestyles, aquatics education and aquatic recreation and fitness.

Handout first page is historic pool use in the community. With the addition of Dimond Park the use at Augustus Brown dropped off. We serve – private pool rentals at Augustus Brown, not a Dimond Park at this time. There are 21 event room rentals per month at Dimond Park. Our youth participation on low side, AB Pool we have more lap swimming than the open swim time which is late in the day, 7 p.m. Earlier DPAC open swim when features are on 5:30 to 7 p.m. – feedback is that time is more user friendly for families. Weekend attendance is steady.

2nd page handout is how we use our days. AB Pool public use open 85.75 Hours per week, DP 77.5 hours per week for public use. Monday closures 10:30 to 8 p.m. If we put that back in it would increase our staffing costs, but little in attendance.

Thinking about the Budget items, largest budget items for both pools is staffing; for AB 58% of budget, for DP 60%. In FY14 AB spent 78% of their staffing budget, we did not

use it all. In past years DPAC overspent and used AB budget underuse to balance the budget overall. In FY14 DP used 98% of its staffing budget because of staffing vacancies. Taking steps to reduce fuel and electricity use and expenditure. Contractual budget items are water quality tests (reduced to quarterly), the Swim Club Coach Grant is 87% of this budget, with snow plow and the higher windows cleaned. Revenue: Monthly and annual classes exceeded our expectations by \$8K. In FY14 ABP came within 4% of projected revenues, people are coming back to the pool. DP's largest budget item is electricity - 17% of budget. Discussion on heat pump costs.

Ms. Millhorn: Building Maintenance is 11% of budget. Largest part of revenue came in as swim fees as walk in. Annual passes \$46K with a total of \$92K revenue. In looking for efficiencies we made staffing cuts – AB Pool custodial hours, DPAC reductions of one fulltime lifeguard, and Admin Assistant reduction. Other efficiency was purchase of a pallet jack; turning off UV at closing, will result in savings, not yet calculated, reduced use of on-deck lights. Increased user fees 15% August 2014. Staffing: We have shared staff between pools; these include adults with FT jobs outside of the facility with limited time, retirees, high school student first job, college students. Have 74 FT benefited, 5 part time, 62 are non-benefitted holding multiple positions. Vacancies: AB Pool two months without a manager; 1 DP full-time Lifeguard. Vacancies equal: 30-40 part time 3 to 5 hours a week.

Partnerships with Tlingit-Haida, Juneau Glacier Valley Rotary, Juneau Building and Construction Trade Council, Juneau Central Labor Council: groups pay to offer no-cost swims to community. This happens at Dimond Park, not at Augustus Brown at this time. Last pages of hand outs include cost recoveries, and the actual Budget for FY15 as of October 24.

Mr. Mertl: Thank you for your presentation - what was the impact for the Monday closure?

Ms. Millhorn: Glacier Swim Club lost 3 hours of practice, lap swim 1.5 hours, one Aqua Zumba (25 – 30 people), no open swim, 4th grade lesson missing Mondays. There were negative impacts to being closed, the public was not happy.

Mr. Brudie: Are you recruiting for AB Manager?

Ms. Millhorn: Not until Jim Hall's consulting report. I am serving as AB Pool Manager.

Mr. Rutecki: Eaglecrest has paid ski patrollers, which is a function such as lifeguards, with a volunteer organization with people who also patrol. Why can't a similar situation exist at the pools; get people who are willing to be trained and volunteer as lifeguards?

Ms. Millhorn: HR says we cannot have volunteers do jobs that we are paying employees to do. We could have classes, but we can't get paid people to take regular scheduled work, they want to sub. I will ask HR how Eaglecrest can do that.

Mr. Rutecki: How about deferred maintenance, I think installing switches?

Mr. Fischer: The assessment was published – we will get through the budget process to see if there is a determination of AB Pool open/closed. It is a question if it goes under an empowered board.

Mr. Mertl: Why are numbers at DPAC declining?

Ms. Millhorn: We don't have any a population/community size that supports a water park concept and people don't use DPAC as a tourist destination. After the honeymoon phase, people have a lot of activities to do here which I think negatively affected the attendance after the first year. Monday cutbacks on influenced those numbers.

Mr. Mertl: Is there any advertising? There are lot of banners, do we get any revenue.

Ms. Millhorn: No, our agreement is that the swim clubs can put up their banners without charge.

Mr. Fischer: A negotiated contract – is it worth reviewing – yes. Those revenues support youth activities and pool revenues.

Discussion.

C. Juneau Douglas Motocross Association Proposal for OHV Use at Aant'iyek Park – Josh Anderson, JDMXA President (handout):

Mr. Anderson recused himself as a Committee member and presented this as a member of the public.

Mr. Anderson: Non-profit organization founded in 2010, now working to reintroduce motocross back into Juneau. The idea is simple but there are some obstacles to overcome. Our goal is to work with residents, the community and everyone to overcome obstacles. This is a preliminary proposal to explore the prospect of using Aant'iyek Park. This is a youth sport and adult sport – physically demanding. Goal is to have a self-sustaining course and hold events. This group will listen to public concerns and work together. OHV is a large group and there are many components, motocross is one aspect. Basically it is a group of riders on a contained closed course, with varied length and size, timed and organized event. Motocross has been in Juneau since 1970s at the Rock Dump, then to Landfill and several other venues around town. As these spaces were developed motocross moved out. In the handout, showing a California motocross track footprint cut-and-pasted into the same space as Aant'iyek Park. The infrastructure is already at the Park, the club would need fill dirt to build the jumps. There is a strong following of community to help with that. Other users could be RC cars, mountain bikes or BMX bicycles portion. Current Park users: Disc Golf; Little League April through June when there isn't space in other parks; Kennel Club occasionally with other venues; and public use space. Estimate use: 6-7 months not year-round. Handout page shows the results using RadioShack decimal meter of an unofficial sound checks.

Discussion

Public Comment:

Lisa Schoeppe Mattson, 15900 Lee Drive: I have spoken with every resident on Lee Drive and we all opposed [to Motocross at Aant'iyeik Park]. I have been in touch with James Shine, the attorney, a resident. He is out of the country for another two weeks; I have been in correspondence with him. He is very opposed and will fight this. I wrote an email and a few of our neighbors sent me their emails opposing that I suppose to be read tonight, I don't know if that happen later, and the email I wrote opposing to the Parks & Rec and my correspondence with James Shine.

Tom Rutecki: [Looking at map projection] Where is Lee Drive? I work at the NOAA Lab and don't see any houses.

Ms. Mattson: Lee Drive is – there are houses directly across. They are on the other side of the fence. There are houses directly across from not even zero point two miles; we are right across from the entrance to the Park. He is kiddie-corner but there are houses directly across that are before you reach Lee Drive. We are at the first entrance right by the other ball park. We hear traffic constantly on Glacier Highway and the by-pass road. An airplane going overhead for a couple of seconds is one thing – we do have bear and deer; it's a quiet neighborhood.

Mr. Rutecki: So they have a dress rehearsal, they go out there and you really can't hear it, what are your feelings then?

Ms. Mattson: Vandalism. We can hear traffic on both roads already, if you have spectators, you have people parking and view.

Mr. Rutecki: How is that different from a big Disc Golf tournament, they have traffic and people?

Ms. Mattson: My feeling is that this has been fought by North Douglas – this should not be near any residential area, whether its one hours, one hundred houses – we pay higher taxes for certain things, we pay higher AEL&P, we are on Lena rates. We are going to fight this. This should not be put near any residential home in my opinion.

Ms. Gladziszewski: I was on the Planning Commission when the OHV came. This is the kind of project that will be a Planning Commission Issue. They think of noise, traffic, and timing. Right now it is just an idea and hear what things come up. Everyone knows noise, that is exactly what the Planning Commission does – they decide what day and time that we be. That is the venue that will happen. I am trying to explain where the decision will sit. The P&R will be charged on impacts for recreation facilities, what will it displace, the actual use and all that. If the Planning Commission makes a permit decision you can appeal to the Assembly.

Mr. Wilson: If the Motocross group wants to keep this moving forward, what is next for them?

Mr. Fischer: Because it will affect a park, a field, I decided this is something we should bring to the PRAC to introduce. I will need to do further investigation of how to proceed does it go to CDD or the Planning Commission. We will bring it forth and start the public process. Part of the process would be possibly, a memorandum of agreement with defined uses and maintenance.

Mr. Wilson: Do we want to have another public forum or do we want to push this to Lands?

Ms. Gladziszewski: You are charged with Parks; do you think it is a good use of this Park? Is this a private development?

Mr. Wilson: They would go to CDD.

Ms. Gladziszewski: They would go to CDD – we want to do this - help me understand what permits and how I do that. They would walk them through, like any developer, you need to think about noise, traffic, parking. You are dealing with the Park.

Discussion

Mr. Fischer: Part of the process would be possibly, a memorandum of agreement with defined uses and maintenance. Parks and Rec would look at backing out of that area and have an MOA with the group. You are looking at the use of the Park, is it a good idea. We are beginning the process of looking at this. I spoke with Mr. Buck. I could not find anything regarding whether there was anything from DOT. This would still be used for recreation.

Discussion

Mr. Anderson: I want to be very clear that I don't want to fight with anybody – I think that making the residents happy is my main goal – I don't want to waste anyone's time if this proves to be something that is absolutely intolerable. We need to get some science involved and some tests and understand what we are trying to do before we start butting heads. I want to do it responsibly and I want to work with all residents in the area and I think this is a positive thing. I am going to move forward. Definitely want to keep the residents and public up to snuff on that.

Brent Mattson, 15900 Lee Drive, Thank you Josh that was very well done – when I first heard about this – my wife told me about it I was like OHV Park in our back yard “hell no” I want nothing to do with that. You have done well and continue to do well if it presented as a motocross track, I think it has potential. I don't think anyone here wants dirt bikes in their back yard. I think there is a need for this in our town. I think you saw my son, Lucas here. I would love to take him somewhere and work with him on riding skills. I have a couple of concerns, I would like for you during your process, and I will sit down and have lunch with you. I want to know: how long the races are, how long are these events? If it's a race is it going to be Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.? Short bursts of two minute races? I have no idea I am not a motocross fan – but I do like things that use horsepower for sure. Is it going to be limited to particular vehicles, motocross two wheel bikes only? Is it going to include things like snow machine use? Four wheelers use? And if it is only going to be for motocross how are you going to prevent others from coming in to such an area. I understand security cameras and

signs, but one of the favorite past times of people who do to shoot a shotgun at a sign that says “no hunting”, right? If you say “No snow machines here” you might end up with people who just want to break the rules. Is the parking area large enough? I don’t think it is if there is going to be a large event, but that would need to be addressed. I don’t know if you look into the cost of getting good dirt? I work for Greens Creek now, and it costs a ton of money for us to move dirt around. I want to know how the sounds are going to affect the users at Auke Rec or Pt. Louisa, that is one of my family’s favorite areas to go to and I am sure everybody here has been to some kind of barbeque or birthday celebration at Auke Rec – you don’t want to plan on your fiftieth anniversary at Auke Rec. and hear motor bikes in the distance – right? Nobody is going to want that. Is there going to be a camera watching traffic on Egan – who is coming and going from the entrance to the Park? We have friends who live on Lena that have motorized off highway vehicles; they might be tempted to drive down the shoulder of the highway on those vehicles, which would put them in a closer the proximity of our house and I would find that completely unacceptable. So there needs to be a way to manage that. I really like the idea of a rubber membrane on the fencing to help reduce the noise. I think if you could research that more, if you could give us some numbers about how much that reduces decibel level that would be awesome. I would be curious how the City would react to reducing property taxes in that area and/or compensation for reduced housing values. I want to ask the City to provide an official independent, unbiased sound test before this gets going much further. I think everyone here can agree with that. Thank you very much.

Mr. Mertl: Josh, for a preliminary study you have done an excellent job. We went through this six months ago; if you can definitely alleviate or make the noise disappear I think that is your biggest hurdle. There are questions you have to have answers for before you move too quickly. I think you did a good first start, get a conversation started, you don’t need everything absolutely figured out but you need to have answers to all the questions people have. If you can make it work, I would go to the Lena Homeowners Association, sit down and ask what we could do. It might be a hornet’s nest but if you go in listening you can create some positive relationships by going to them first and getting them involved. I support you moving forward.

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

- A. Chair’s Report - Jeff Wilson: I don’t have much to report, the Annual PRAC Report to HRC that I will work on with Vice Chairs and ask Mr. Mertl to give presentation in February. Did we hear anything back about closing pocket park. Mr. Schaaf did not get any opposition from the Downtown Business Association. It will be open for Gallery Walk and close the gate on Dec. 8.
- B. Liaison to the Assembly Report - Maria Gladziszewski: nothing to report from the Assembly, I am brand new there, and I am looking forward to working with this committee. This committee is a lot of work and I appreciate your work. If there are any messages or anything you want to get to Assembly, call me.
- C. Lands Committee: Jeff Wilson – no meeting this past month.

D. Youth Activity Board - Tom Rutecki: Board met in November and reviewed the FY15 Grants, will go out the first of the year due a month later. Give out awards in April. Not meeting in December and no contingencies. Still \$11,000 available.

E. Aquatic Facilities Advisory Board - Kate Walters: not present

F. Other Member Business

Mr. Brudie: I spoke with Mike Stanley of Eaglecrest board today and they have every reason to believe Eaglecrest will go ahead with their soft opening this Sat. Dec 6 and opening lodge, food and Porcupine chair. If it continues to snow possibly Hooter next. Learning Center Building delayed; open before the first of the year. They received donation from Corbus and Juneau Community Foundation that was a big help. You will see improvements at the Eagles Nest. A quick update for the Nordic group - I am a Juneau Nordic Ski Club Board member now. The Juneau Nordic Ski Club has a new grooming machine that will be stored at the campground. (started Sunday). The Club has agreement with Forest Service. The Annual Meeting will be 6-8 p.m. at Dzantik'i 'i Heeni Middle School on December 11. The Club worked with CBJ and P&R to improve parking at Montana Creek. I asked the groomers of any challenges. The access route at the gate could be improved and the bridge at the end of the City side, a huge rock and bridge that the grooming equipment just straddles. Started grooming on Sunday, not quite enough of snow. Mendenhall Lake isn't quite thick enough to ski on yet for the equipment yet.

Mr. Mertl: Welcome Maria. I encourage people to show up for the Treadwell Task Force Meeting; I testified last week. How we are doing on snow removal.

Mr. Fischer: We have four staff working – issue with equipment this morning but back in business.

Mr. Mertl: Is there going to be advertising for the PM&L Superintendent?

Mr. Fischer: I am pushing for it.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: With no other business before the Committee, Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Compton, Administrative Assistant II

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, January 6, 2015 – CBJ Conference Room 237 (near MIS and the elevator)