

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Mendenhall Library Meeting Room, 6 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Members attending: Kate Walters, Tom Rutecki, Dixie Hood, Chris Mertl, Odin Brudie, Jim King.

Staff attending: Brent Fischer, P&R Director, Fran Compton, P&R Administrative Assistant II, Myiia Whistler, P&R Recreation Supervisor, and by phone George Schaaf, P&R Manager;

CBJ Assembly Liaison: Jerry Nankervis

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – none

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Please add John Caouotte Warming Hut update to information items, no objection, and agenda approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of 12/11/12 presented: Mr. Mertl motion minutes; second by Ms. Walters.

Minutes 11/28/12 presented: Mr. Mertl motion for approval; second by Ms. Walters.

V. REPORT FROM ASSEMBLY LIAISON

Mr. Nankervis stated the CBJ Assembly is waiting to hear about Auke Lake Management Plan and what PRAC members' comments and recommendations are.

VI. CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Walters commented that Ben Lyman is taking comments regarding biking for a Department of Transportation proposal with a January 10, 2013 deadline if anyone is interested.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Fischer has comments regarding the Warming Hut at Twin Lakes and the Auke Lake Management Plan and will present at appropriate time.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS - none

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Mr. Fischer made comments regarding the John Caouette Warming Hut at Twin Lakes, named after a longtime Juneau resident and an avid outdoorsman and ice skater. Volunteers raised the funds and are building this shelter. The warming hut construction is nearing completion and Mr. Fischer encourages everyone to drop by and take a look. Discussion followed regarding the accessibility and use.

- B. Auke Lake Management Plan is in members' handouts. Ms. Walters directed the meeting participants that they could ask clarifying questions on the Plan and process. The PRAC members' comments and public comments will be taken at the January 29, 2013, public meeting. Mr. Fischer introduced the draft plan with a PowerPoint presentation. The PRAC will review the Plan and any public comments. As public comment comes in they will be forwarded to PRAC members for consideration. Mr. Fischer reviewed the history of the Plan development for those attending who were not at other meetings. The next step is the PRAC members will make recommendations to forward to Assembly. Public comment can also be made at the Assembly meeting. There will be opportunity for public comment and input at the January 29, 2013, Public meeting at the CBJ Assembly Meeting Room.
- C. Ms. Walters asked if there were any further questions or discussion. There was discussion among committee members regarding the progression of the Plan's review and presentation to the Chambers. The committee agreed that final review decision would be made at their February meeting.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Mr. Rutecki – Youth Advisory Board discussed what the board does and why. Ms. Whistler brought items to the board. Mr. Rutecki suggested communication with public. They are considering revising scoring and evaluation. Another meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2013.
- B. Mr. King – State Park meeting was housekeeping. Future meeting with State representative and Wickersham House performance for State employees.
- C. Mr. Mertl – Forestry did not meet.
- D. Ms. Walters – Aquatics Board's big news is Juneau is hosting state championships in 2013. Their next Board meeting is next week. She asked about pool sponsorship signs. It was determined that these signs are not advertising but sanctioned through Glacier Swim Club contracts. There is no policy and no plan to remove.
- E. Ms. Walters – Arboretum received The North American Plants Collections Consortium official letter stating JOA has the National Collection of Primrose.
- F. Ms. Hood – Docks and Harbors no report
- G. Mr. Brudie – Eaglecrest - no meeting report. Carl Heine has volunteered as liaison with Nordic ski group.
- H. Ms. Hood – Can we schedule a PRAC meeting with the Eaglecrest Board, is that possible? Mr. Brudie will ask at the next meeting.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Fischer noted any PRAC correspondence would have been public comment in the packet handout.

XII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - none

XIII. BOARD COMMENTS

- A. Ms. Hood – in an earlier meeting, there was discussion of trying to get grants and CBJ had no grant writer. The idea was having a volunteer to write a grant to get a grant writing person for CBJ. Can that be an information item at Feb meeting? Mr. Mertl: The volunteer was Gerry Landry. Ms. Walters requested that Ms. Hood to bring it up at the next meeting when Mr. Landry is present. Mr. Mertl: Parks Foundation is working on it and they will have discussion later.
- B. Mr. Mertl – Had a discussion with Mr. Schaaf about the Park Foundation and will introduce in the future. Parks and Rec has a sponsorship advertising policy this committee should look at later in the year. He requesting an Action Item “punch list” added to Minutes to ensure things don’t get lost.
- C. Mr. Rutecki – 40th anniversary of AB Pool, events are being planned. With Augustus Brown’s endowment Juneau would not have pool. That endowment was based on competitive swimming. Historically, that is the reason for the sponsor’s banners. There was a small commemorative sign placed in the sauna for Mr. Thibodeau. The volunteers are working to get new fun equipment at the AB Pool.
- D. Mr. Brudie – Thanked the Parks & Recreation staff for the work on the ALMP. Can the committee send comments regarding DOT projects to Ben Lyman, for public comment - how? Mr. Fischer stated he has been working with Mr. Lyman – committee members should send their comments to the Chair, Mr. Wilson and to Mr. Fischer.
- E. Ms. Hood – asked if Park Foundation be able to raise recreation activity scholarships? Mr. Mertl stated the foundation would support P&R facilities, non-profits, usage, scholarships, etc. of interest groups who have park and recreation activity. Ms. Walters stated that the Parks & Recreation Department has scholarship funds (note: through Youth Activity Board).
- F. Ms. Walters – no comments.

XIV. NEXT MEETING – Special Public Meeting regarding Auke Lake Management - Tuesday, January 29, 2013, CBJ Chambers, 6 p.m.

Next Regular PRAC Meeting, Tuesday, February 5, 2013, CBJ Assembly Room, 6 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – 7:40 p.m.

ACTION/INQUIRY ITEMS:

- Gerry Landry - Update on status of grant writer
- Odin Brudie – joint meeting with Eaglecrest
- Brent Fischer – lighting at Twin Lakes
- Mr. Mertl - Park Foundation
- Committee - Sponsorship advertising policy review