

RETREAT MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
City Hall Conference Room 224, 5PM

I. ROLL CALL, 5:10pm

Members Present: Odin Brudie, Tom Rutecki, Dixie Hood, Jeff Wilson, Eric Morrison, Gerry Landry, Kate Walters, Chris Mertl

Members Absent: Jim King

Assembly Liaison: Jesse Kiehl

Staff Present: Brent Fischer, Parks & Recreation Director; Jessica Beck, Administrative Assistant II

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – none

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Mertl motioned to approve. Approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. April 3, 2012 – Ms. Hood motioned to approve. Approved.

V. REPORT FROM ASSEMBLY LIAISON – none

VI. CHAIR REPORT

Mr. Wilson thanked everyone for an action packed year and he thinks the PRAC has made a lot of progress.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There is one action item and one information item on the PRAC Agenda:

Action Item:

- A. Adoption of Parks and Trails Projects and Recreation Facilities Projects within the CBJ Temporary 1% Sales Tax Initiative-

In October of 2012, voters have the opportunity to extend 1% percent of the current 5% sales tax. Parks and Recreation would like to take this opportunity to put forth several parks and trails projects and recreation facilities projects to be funded with a portion of this 1% tax.

In the October and November 2011 PRAC meetings, this committee had the opportunity to review and give input to the parks and trails projects. Since then, I added a few needed projects that relate to our recreation facilities

Tonight, I am requesting the support of the PRAC to move forward these projects to the Assembly for inclusion into the October 2012 ballot. This should be called a ballot proposal because an initiative is a completely different thing.

Information Item:

- A. Juneau Community Foundation-Capital Budget 2012.

At the close of this last Legislative Session, Representative Cathy Munoz put forth the sum of \$650,000 for the design of an ice rink at Dimond Park into the State Capital Budget. The funds would be managed by the Juneau Community Foundation to procure design services. At this point, I am meeting with Reed Stoops, Vice President of the JCF.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. 1% Sales Tax Proposal

Mr. Fischer summarized the parks & trails projects suggested for the temporary 1% sales tax proposal. Ms. Hood said the 'Former City Shop Planning' should be called 'Under-the-Bridge Park' so that people know what it is. Mr. Fischer said it can not be called 'Under-the-Bridge Park' because it has not gone through a formal naming process. It should not be called a park until we know what is really happening in the area. Ms. Hood said it should also be listed as a higher priority rather than the last one on the list. Mr. Mertl suggested that it be one of the top 5 priorities. Mr. Wilson did say the name is not very appealing. Ms. Hood suggested that it say 'Downtown Former City Shop – Future Park Planning'. Mr. Mertl suggested that it be called 'Former City Shop at Douglas Bridge Park Planning'. Mr. Fischer said he's afraid that now people will think it's named 'Douglas Bridge Park' and it still hasn't gone through the formal process yet. Mr. Wilson said Mr. Fischer can work to re-name it. Everyone agreed that it should be the 5th priority. Mr. Brudie motioned to approve with the two changes (name and priority of the 'Former City Shop Planning'). Approved.

Mr. Fischer said went over the recreation facilities list for the temporary 1% sales tax proposal. Mr. Wilson mentioned that the JAHC is one of Centennial Halls competitors and they are also trying to get funding through the upcoming temporary 1% sales tax renewal. Mr. Morrison motioned to approve the recreation facilities proposed for the temporary 1% sales tax. Approved.

B. Election of Officers

Ms. Hood motioned to have Mr. Wilson as Chair, Ms. Walters as Vice Chair and Mr. Mertl as 2nd Vice Chair. Approved.

C. Committee Assignments

The committee assignments will stay the same except now Mr. Brudie will report on Eaglecrest and the Nordic Ski Club when needed.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Valley Ice Rink

Mr. Fischer said Kathy Munoz put \$650,000 in the capital budget for the design of a valley ice rink. The money would be channeled through the Juneau Community Foundation. The space at Dimond Park is limited. They're already looking at school district field use, displacing the valley shop and locations for the new library. They need to look at both options, either another rink in Douglas or in the Valley. Even if there are no costs to build the facility, there will still be costs for staffing the facility along with other day to day expenses.

B. 2012 PRAC Retreat

The following are the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee's 2012 priorities:

1. Bike Path from Valley to Downtown
- 2-3 (tied). Cope Park & controlling snow machine access
- 4-5 (tied). Enclosed dog park & Auk Cape/Indian Point

Other nominations:

- Seawalk – 2 votes
- Pocket parks & links between them – 2 votes
- Fix Perseverance Trail – 2 votes
- Neighborhood parks – 1 vote
- Juneau Parks Foundation – 1 vote
- Treadwell Ditch Trail – 1 vote
- Continued Fish Creek improvements – 1 vote

Youth scholarships – 1 vote
Multi-use turf fields – 1 vote
Expand youth activities – 1 vote
Expand Juneau's Day of Play – 1 vote
Support facilities for the Arctic Winter Games
Waterfront parks
Funding for existing facilities and programs
Develop Treadwell Mine Historic Park
Expand the Learn to Swim Program
Stop vandalism
Build cabins
Cemetery facelift
Support non-motorized transportation plan
Second sheet of ice
Dike Trail
Capital School Park
Improved field drainage at Twin Lakes
Expand social media and marketing
Capital Transit stop at Dimond Park
Green at Dimond Park (trees, etc.)

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from the Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau regarding support for the Centennial Hall improvements
- B. Thank you card from SAIL for including Twin Lakes ADA improvements on the 1% sales tax proposal
- C. Letter regarding expanding masters swimming opportunities
- D. Letter from the PRAC to Juneau Youth Services regarding the Montana Creek Trail

XI. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – none

XII. NEXT MEETING – June 5, 2012

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: 8:40pm, Mr. Landry motioned to adjourn. Approved.