

EAGLE RIVER/CHUGIAK PARKS & RECREATION  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2020

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Eagle River/February 10, 2019 at 7:08 p.m. at 12001 Business Blvd, Suite 170, Eagle River, Alaska. Chair Brian Fay called the meeting to order.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Brian Fay, Mayor's appointee  
Ms. Alexandra Hill, Birchwood Community Council  
Mr. Josh Ream, South Fork Community Council  
Mr. Tony Sisto, Chugiak Community Council  
Ms. Camilla Hussein, Eagle River Community Council Alternate

Karen Richards, Manager  
Reid McDonald, McDonald Center

**III. MINUTES**

The January 2020 minutes were approved.

**IV. APPEARANCES - (none)**

A.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Harry J McDonald Center – Update

The Mac Center is about \$18,000 in the black for 2019. Reid has a request in to replace his 19-year old Zamboni. Karen has a date with purchasing after the 14th to talk about this, as well as the PO for the new phones. Repairs to the vandalized gas tank on the truck were about \$1400. They are looking at getting internet-connected cameras to provide better security. Tony asks about rules around cameras on public buildings – notice, restrictions on types, etc. Karen notes that there's been a halt on her request while the Muni determines what rules they want in place. Reid also notes that while the financial situation is good, the rink is still the main draw, and they continue to work on expanding use of the turf. The car show will be back this spring as well.

B. Park/Trail Oversight – Update.

Beach Lake trails are still skiable – just as we didn't get as much snow, we didn't lose as much, either. The other parks are doing well. Mirror Lake multi use trails were groomed, and volunteers got the easier parts of the singletrack as well. Lexi complements the staff on how well they are not letting garbage cans freeze closed. Will (Chugach Mountain Bike Riders) responds to Karen's question about their site plans for a small bike obstacle area near the Mirror Lake parking lot. They've continued to work on plans and would like to be able to hire a professional trail builder to help them flesh out those plans in a well-thought-out way. About \$5,000 would pay for that consultation; they are still thinking that a small plan might cost \$30,000 to build, and a more extravagant plan could cost up to \$150,000. Karen thinks that given the location, they don't want to plan too small and simple, because there needs to be enough scope to get people to drive there. Will thinks that their summer program leads to a group of people who are already used to driving to Mirror Lake. Karen recommends we fund a site assessment to see what would

fit in the space and what the options are. She believes we can fund that assessment out of our operating funds. Happy Trails out of Fairbanks is the main trail builder and they've expanded their capacity, having built a number of projects in southcentral. For more difficult segments and obstacles, there's an out of state designer with a lot of experience, who costs more but is key for those portions (which aren't in the first part of the development). We discuss how the overall project works for the community, and what this addition would do for that. Brian asks the board if there's approval to spend \$5-10,000 to develop a design. All agree.

- C. FEMA / Quake repairs -no update
- D. Parks & Rec Maintenance Storage Yard Site (Old Glenn)  
Karen has a preliminary layout of the site that shows the placement of the first building (45' x 110') and also a drawing of where a second building could go when the lease on the remainder of the property expires. We own the property now. Developing the second half will take some savings, especially given that she's learned that we need to address issues with the pool deck, using money that might have gone for this area. There's damage underneath the pool deck and it could be that the whole pool would need to be replaced. In any case, we may want to spend more money to bring a pool expert up from the lower 48, as this is the second failure.
- E. Dog Park  
Hopefully by the end of February we'll be able to start work with The Boutet Company. TBC also worked with Maeve on the S Anchorage dog park.
- F. NW ¼ JEBER Compatible Lands Act Buffer Proposal –Update  
Karen does not have the answers to our questions yet – she's sent them to HLB: 1) how much exactly would we get; 2) can it be for a shorter term than 'in perpetuity'; 3) does all the money come into the service area? She will let us know when she has answers.
- G. HLB – Rambler Road Property (24238) – No Update
- H. Carrol Creek Property Development: - No Update
- I. Board Appointments  
The assembly approved Josh, but Karen doesn't have the paperwork yet. Sarah expired as of the 14th, as are Maria and Tony. Karen asks Will to put in his application ASAP, but Chugiak Community Council has not voted on it yet. Brian has not yet had a chance to see if we all need assembly approval. However, the Mayor has appointed someone to revamp the website, with a goal of having it fixed by March. It's also not clear yet whether Karen can submit the memo to the assembly putting appointments on the agenda, instead of someone downtown.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mount Baldy Parking Maintenance  
Street Maintenance approached Karen to ask if they could do some minor maintenance at the Baldy parking area – they would like to install a French drain along the base of the slope, and at the bottom of the parking lot cross over and go off the edge. Also clean up the area and provide striping. Lexi asks if the parking can be angle instead of parallel – Karen will check with St Maintenance.

B. 2020 Summer Camp Fee Increase

The new director has approved a fee increase across the board (Anchorage and out here); we will remain somewhat lower priced than Anchorage, but Karen is mindful that there are fewer options out here for summer camp. Right now, we are the least expensive camp in town. She is proposing that we go from \$170 to \$190 per week. In contrast, the Alaska Club camp costs \$310 per week for members, for a shorter day and similar program. We are the only 7 AM to 6 PM camp. The Museum is \$300/week for a half day. Karen does want to keep the camp affordable, but also wants to charge enough to break even. We will let Councils know. Brian asks if there are any objections – there are none. He also asks if we need to look at our fee schedule overall – we do. But Karen wants to see what Anchorage is doing with their fees, first.

C. Pool Deck (discussed with the maintenance storage yard)

D. Park use designations

Brian wonders how we designate permitted and non-permitted uses? It's not really clear. There is discussion about dogs, of course. And whether we could have more dog-friendly not-a-dog-park areas.

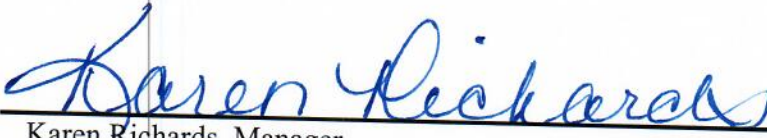
VIII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.



Brian Fay, Chair

6-22-2020

Date



Karen Richards, Manager



Date