



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**



**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 14, 2026**

The **May 14, 2026**, meeting was held in person at the Spenard Community Recreation Center.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The **May 14, 2026**, regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair **Edwin Blair** at **6:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present:

- Commissioner Edwin Blair
- Commissioner Daniel Clements
- Commissioner Margi Clifford
- Commissioner Rob Earl
- Commissioner Andrew Kastning
- Commissioner Brian Looney
- Commissioner Gary Snyder

A quorum was achieved with **seven** members present.

Staff present:

- Shanna Gamble
- Taylor Keegan
- Jennifer Mayer
- Emily Kokotan
- Brad Muir
- Nicolette Dent
- Ellen Devine

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion duly made by **Commissioner Blair** and seconded by **Commissioner Looney** to amend the Agenda for PRC 16-13 Youth Employment in Parks: Overview of Projects to move to the top of Action items for the **May 14, 2026** meeting was unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Looney and seconded by Commissioner Kastning the Minutes of the **April 9, 2026** meeting were unanimously approved.

### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Director's Comments were provided by Shanna Gamble, Director and Taylor Keegan, Park Superintendent.

### **ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION REPORT**

Comments were made by Beth Nordlund, Executive Director of Anchorage Park Foundation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**PRC 26-13: Youth Employment in Parks: Overview of 2026 Projects**

**PRC Resolution 2026-12**

Presented by: Emily Kokotan and Brad Muir

### **APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

**None**

Upon motion made by **Commissioner Kastning**, seconded by **Commissioner Looney**, and approved unanimously by commissioners present, resolution **PRC 2026-12: Youth Employment in Parks: Overview of 2026 Projects** was passed unanimously.

**PRC 26-12: Chugach Electric Association (CEA) Request for Telecommunications and Electric Easement: Russian Jack Springs Park**

**PRC Resolution 2026-11**

Presented by: CEA

## APPEARANCE REQUESTS

None

Upon motion made by **Commissioner Loony**, seconded by **Commissioner Clifford**, and approved unanimously by commissioners present, resolution **PRC 2026-11: Chugach Electric Association (CEA) Request for Telecommunications and Electric Easement: Russian Jack Springs Park** was passed unanimously.

**PRC 26-14: Chugach Electric Association (CEA) Request for Telecommunications and Electric Easement: Ira Walker**  
**PRC Resolution 2026-13**  
Presented by: CEA

## APPEARANCE REQUESTS

None

Upon motion made by **Commissioner Clements**, seconded by **Commissioner Looney**, and approved unanimously by commissioners present, resolution **PRC 2026-13: Chugach Electric Association (CEA) Request for Telecommunications and Electric Easement: Ira Walker** was passed unanimously.

**PRC 26-09: Potter Marsh Watershed Park Master Plan**  
**PRC Resolution 2026-08**  
Presented by: Ellen Devine

## APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Michelle Semerad-Self  
Vivian Mendenhall-Self

Upon motion made by **Commissioner Clifford**, seconded by **Commissioner Looney**, and approved unanimously by commissioners present, resolution **PRC 2026-08: Potter Marsh Watershed Park Master Plan** was passed unanimously.

**PRC 26-10: Recreational Trails Plan Update**  
**PRC Resolution 2026-09**  
Presented by: Nicolette Dent

## APPEARANCE REQUESTS

None

Upon motion made by **Commissioner Blair**, seconded by **Commissioner Kastning**, and approved unanimously by commissioners present, resolution **PRC 2026-09: Recreational Trails Plan Update** was postponed until the meeting of June 11, 2026.

**PRC 26-11: Bancroft Park Parking Lot Improvements**

**PRC Resolution 2026-10**

Presented by: Ellen Devine

**APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

**None**

Upon motion made by **Commissioner Snyder**, seconded by **Commissioner Looney**, and approved unanimously by commissioners present, resolution **PRC 2026-10: Bancroft Park Parking Lot Improvements** was passed unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**NON-AGENDA APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

David Morgan-Roger Park Community Council

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**UPCOMING MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, **June 11, 2026**, at the Spenard Recreation Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion made by **Commissioner Looney** seconded by **Commissioner Kastning** and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at **7:55 PM**.

MINUTES APPROVED this 11th day of June 2026:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Edwin Blair  
Parks & Recreation Commission

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Shanna Gamble  
Parks & Recreation

