



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING  
February 11, 2010**



**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peter Crosby at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at Spenard Recreation Center.

**I. Roll Call**

Roll call taken by John Rodda, Director.

**Commissioners Present:**

Chairperson Peter Crosby  
Commissioner Tim Benintendi  
Commissioner Kathleen Plunkett  
Commissioner Joey Caterinichio  
Commissioner Jon Dyson  
Commissioner Dan Frank  
Commissioner Michael Fredericks  
Commissioner Carl Propes  
Commissioner David Wigglesworth

**Commissioners Excused:**

Commissioner Sara Boario

There was a quorum.

**Staff Present:**

John Rodda, Director  
Elizabeth Stanley  
Holly Spoth-Torres  
Chris Conlon  
Diana Cramer

## **II. Consent Agenda**

No changes to the Minutes of the January 2010 meeting were made. The Minutes and Consent Agenda were approved.

There was no old or unfinished business.

## **III. Director's Comments**

Director Rodda gave an update on the status of the reorganization of the Parks & Recreation Department, and briefly discussed the various projects on which the Department is working, including the Russian Jack Springs improvements. He announced Holly Spoth-Torres' appointment as the Superintendent of Park Operations where she will oversee Maintenance, Horticulture, Community Work Service, and the Park Project Division.

## **IV. Anchorage Park Foundation**

Beth Nordlund, Executive Director of the Anchorage Park Foundation, spoke regarding the Foundation's ongoing projects, community outreach program, and fundraising efforts – specifically for the Youth Employment in Parks program – and the status of its agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage.

## **V. Appearance Requests**

There were no appearance requests.

## **VI. Action Items**

### **A. PRC 10-07 PRC Standing Committees: Review and Finalize Standing Committee Membership.**

The Commission discussed the committees needed and decided on the composition of each as follows:

Russian Jack Springs Park Committee:  
Kathleen Plunkett  
Jon Dyson  
Joey Caterinichio  
Michael Fredericks (provisional)

Program and Fee Structure Committee:

Tim Benintendi  
Jon Dyson  
Michael Fredericks

Budget Committee:

Peter Crosby  
David Wigglesworth  
Carl Propes  
Dan Frank

**V. Information Items**

**A. PRC 10-08 Title 21 Rewrite: Park Master Plans & Park Development Projects**

Holly Spoth-Torres, Park Operations Superintendent, reported on the status of the Municipal Code Title 21 rewrite. The Planning & Zoning Commission is currently rewriting said code in order to clarify the process for approval of park master plans and development projects. After extensive discussion among the Commissioners regarding the wording of the proposed language, it was decided that this item will be brought back before the Commissioners as an Action Item at the March 2010 meeting in order for the Commissioners to formulate and vote on recommended language to be presented for consideration by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**B. PRC 10-09 Park Operations & Development Division**

Holly Spoth-Torres, Park Operations Superintendent, discussed the Park Operations & Development Division and the duties and responsibilities of its different sections: Park Maintenance, Horticulture, Community Work Service, Forestry and Park Planning & Development. Ms. Spoth-Torres also presented statistics from the 2009 Operating Ratio Study of the National Recreation in Parks Association (NRPA) showing how Anchorage compares with other cities of comparable size in management of its parkland. It ranks first in number of acres managed, but last in amount spent per acre to manage the parkland.

**VI. Staff Reports**

**A. Recreation Superintendent Report**

Chris Conlon, Recreation Superintendent, reported on the activities and programs of the Recreation Division. The Division continues to provide a variety of educational and

indoor and outdoor recreation programs for the people of Anchorage. A new trail map was recently published and is available for purchase. Community outreach to attract new sponsors for parks and park programs continues to be a high priority.

**B. Park Superintendent Report**

The Park Superintendent's report was included as part of Information Item PRC 10-09.

**VII. Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports

**VIII. Commissioner Comments**


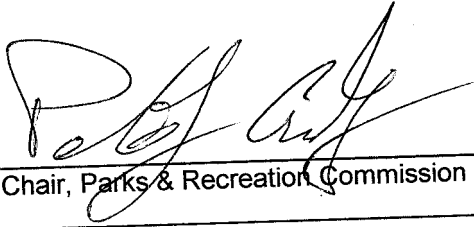
The Commissioners agreed that the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting for March 2010 would be rescheduled to March 18, 2010.

Peter Crosby shared a "thank you" note and photograph from the Volunteer Section thanking the commissioners for their support of the 50 Bikes for 50 kids Event held on Martin Luther King Day.

**IX. Adjournment**

Commissioner Wigglesworth moved to adjourned; seconded by Commissioner Fredericks. Motion passed.

Adjournment at 9:05 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED this <u>18<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>MARCH</u> , 2009:	
 Director, Parks & Recreation	 Chair, Parks & Recreation Commission