



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING**

January 13, 2011



NO QUORUM – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Vice Chair David Wigglesworth at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 13, 2011, at Spenard Recreation Center.

I. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Elizabeth Stanley, Administrative Superintendent.

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Sara Boario
Commissioner Jon Dyson
Commissioner Carl Propes
Commissioner David Wigglesworth

Commissioners absent:

Commissioner Tim Benintendi
Commissioner Joey Caterinichio
Commissioner Michael Frederick

There was not a quorum present.

Staff present:

Elizabeth Stanley
Chris Conlon
Suzanne Little
Diana Cramer

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda: As there was no quorum to take action on any action items, the Agenda was changed to remove PRC 11-02, Proposed ACS Telecommunications Facility at Kincaid Park, from the Agenda. The Agenda was also

reordered to hear Information Item PRC 11-04, Cuddy Family Midtown Park Playground for All, before PRC 11-05, Operating and Capital Budget Updates.

B. Approval of Minutes – October: Because there was no quorum, the Minutes of the previous meeting, October 2010, were not approved.

C. Old and Unfinished Business: There was no old or unfinished business.

III. Director's Comments

Elizabeth Stanley relayed Director John Rodda's comments on several topics. Mr. Rodda is still working on the Kincaid Project. The final approval plan has been submitted to the EPA for approval and the EPA's response is expected within the next month. Youth Exploring Adventures has sued the Municipality of Anchorage over the cancellation of the Hilltop Chalet rental agreement. We are now in litigation on that matter.

IV. Anchorage Park Foundation Report

A list of park projects upcoming for 2011 and 2012 was given by Beth Nordlund, Executive Director of the Anchorage Park Foundation. Projects for 2011 include neighborhood park projects, Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) projects, and challenge grants. The Foundation has entered into a contract with Boutet Company for it to provide construction project management on Foundation projects. Recruitment for employees for this summer's YEP program has started, beginning with hiring a YEP Coordinator to begin work in February.

V. Appearance Requests

There were no appearance requests.

VI. Action Items

No action items were presented.

VII. Information Items

A. PRC 11-04: Cuddy Family Midtown Park Playground for All

Terry Schoenthal of Land Design North provided an update on the present status of plans for the Cuddy Family Midtown Park Playground for All, the first completely accessible playground in Alaska. Working with an organization called Boundless, which specializes in accessible playgrounds, as well as volunteers from the local community and military organizations, a new plan has been devised which decreases the originally projected cost for this playground. The construction documents are now being prepared and it is hoped to break ground on this project this summer.

B. PRC 11-03: 2011 Operating and Capital Budget Updates

An update on the operating budget for 2011 was given by Elizabeth Stanley. She detailed where the Department was hit hardest, what steps are being taken to lessen the impact of the budget cuts, and the budget outlook for 2012.

Suzanne Little provided an overview of the 2011 capital budget, explaining the details of the bond package to be put on the ballot for Parks & Recreation this year.

VIII. Staff Reports

A. Park Superintendent Report: 2010 Park Construction Accomplishments

Suzanne Little presented a detailed list of projects and accomplishments of Parks & Recreation during 2010.

B. Recreation Superintendent Report

Chris Conlon gave a brief description of the various programs and events scheduled for this winter.

IX. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

X. Commissioner Comments

There was discussion on the current status of our commission. Liz Stanley talked about the changes being contemplated by the Mayor's administration as to the number of commissioners and the number required for a quorum. It is anticipated the number of

commissioners will be reduced to 9 and the number constituting a quorum will be reduced as well.

XI. Upcoming Meetings/Agenda Items

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., February 20, 2010, at Spenard Recreation Center.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2011:

Director Parks & Recreation

Chair, Parks & Recreation Commission