



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING

July 14, 2011



**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair David Wigglesworth at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2011, at Spenard Recreation Center.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by John Rodda, Director of Parks & Recreation.

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Tim Benintendi  
Commissioner Sara Boario  
Commissioner Joey Caterinichio  
Commissioner Jon Dyson  
Commissioner Michael Frederick  
Commissioner Carl Propes  
Commissioner Harlow Robinson  
Commissioner David Wigglesworth

Commissioners absent/excused:

Commissioner Richard Mystrom

Staff Present:

John Rodda  
Holly Spoth-Torres  
Elizabeth Stanley  
Suzanne Little  
Josh Durand  
Chris Conlon  
Diana Cramer

**III. Consent Agenda**

- (A) **Approval of Agenda:** The order of old business items on the agenda was changed to discuss Boards and Commissions Assembly Ordinance

AO 2011-64 before Westchester Lagoon Disc Golf. The amended agenda was approved.

- (B) **Approval of Minutes – April and June 2011:** The Minutes of the Parks & Recreation from the April 14, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved. Because there was no quorum present at the June 9, 2011 meeting and no action was taken, the Minutes of that meeting were provided to the Commissioners for information purposes only.

#### IV. Old Business

- (A) **Boards and Commissions Assembly Ordinance AO 2011-64:** Commissioner Wigglesworth discussed the new ordinance passed by the Assembly with regard to the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Commission is now a 9-member body, with a quorum of 5. The sunset provisions of section 4.05.150 (which terminated the Commission in October 2012 if not affirmative continued by the Assembly for another 3 years) was removed and will not apply to this Commission.
- (B) **Westchester Lagoon Disc Golf Course:** Josh Durand, Park Planner, presented this item to commissioners. The Alaska Disc Golf Association has continued working on their planned improvements of the disc golf course at Westchester Lagoon. Their plan addressed safety issues caused by the poor layout of the course and also included plans to revegetate areas impacted by use of the course. There are still some improvements from their 2010 Challenge Grant to be completed. The improvements have improved safety but have also caused new problems by attracting significant numbers of golfers who show little concern for other park users and has increased littering, drug and alcohol use in the park, harassment of other park users, and trail conflicts. In addition, the popularity of the course has created user conflicts and more degradation at Westchester Lagoon. Parks & Recreation recognizes the seriousness of these issues and will create an advisory group made up of park users and led by a Parks & Recreation staff member to address the problems. Updates will be given to the Commission throughout the process.
- (C) **Jodphur Track Hours of Operation:** John Rodda, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that his department has been asked to review the hours of operation for the Jodphur Track facility at Kincaid Park, as well as the responsibilities of the parks caretakers, user groups, and the camper host with respect to the Jodphur Track. Expect the public process on this matter to be reopened in the near future.

