



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**July 12, 2012**



**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Carl Propes at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2012, at Spenard Recreation Center.

**II. Roll Call**

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Marion Davis  
Commissioner Carl Propes  
Commissioner Richard Mystrom  
Commissioner Peter Murphy  
Commissioner Harlow Robinson  
Commissioner James Winchester

Commissioners excused/absent:

Commissioner Tim Benintendi  
Commissioner Joey Caterinichio  
Commissioner Jon Dyson

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

John Rodda  
Diana Cramer

### **III. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Agenda**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the Agenda for the July 12, 2012 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was unanimously approved.

#### **B. Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Winchester, the Minutes of the May 10, 2012 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission were unanimously approved.

### **IV. Director's Comments**

John Rodda, Director of Parks & Recreation, reported on the following topics:

1. Commissioner terms: There are four commissioners whose terms expire in October 2012 – Commissioners Benintendi, Caterinichio, Dyson and Propes. He asked that they submit their letters of interest in continuing as commissioners to Diana Cramer and him in the near future.
2. Budget: Budget preparation for the next fiscal year is underway. Significant cuts in the Parks & Recreation budget are anticipated and Commissioners will be provided with more information as it becomes available.
3. Boys & Girls Club land exchange: This land exchange deal is on hold for at least another 4-5 months pending resolution of legal issues regarding land ownership.
4. Westchester Lagoon Disc Golf: Josh Durand is working on getting information together for the Commissioners. Due to public outcry, the disc golf course was closed for the summer. New topsoil was brought in, the area was re-seeded, and it is coming back nicely. The disc golf community has redistributed its players throughout the community.
5. Neighborhood Park Fix-its: The Planning Section has been very busy with the summer construction season and neighborhood park projects. These projects are going very well. Russian Jack is in a re-development mode right now and that project is progressing well.
6. Kincaid: The Singletrack trails are in and being well-used. A map of these trails has been developed by Park Planning.

7. Kincaid Project: The Kincaid remediation was completed and approved in May 2012. The Kincaid project is now moving forward rapidly but there is still a lot of work to be completed.
8. Jodphur Motocross: Director Rodda provided commissioners with a Land Use Proposal prepared by Jason Semler of the Anchorage Sno-X Lions Club regarding its proposed winter usage of the Kincaid Park Jodphur Motocross area. Commissioners are encouraged to review this proposal and review information from prior meetings on this subject as this item will be an item on the August agenda.
9. Hmong Community/Pena Park: Parks & Recreation has been working with the Hmong community in Anchorage to solve problems with unpermitted vendors and activities, parking, and park cleanup. Vendors have been permitted and are now operating in one central location. Park users are more involved in park cleanup and some of parking issues – conflicts with the Little League users, obstruction of the roadway blocking access by emergency vehicles – are being resolved. This will be a continuing effort.
10. Golden Wheels Amusement at Cuddy: Golden Wheels was permitted to operate carnival rides at Cuddy Family Midtown Park during late June and early July of this year. The community seems to have generally liked having the carnival rides at the park, though some negative feedback was received from dog walkers in the community.
11. West Anchorage District Plan: In response to a question from Commissioner Robinson, Director Rodda stated that there would be nothing on the park commission agenda anytime in the near future on the Plan. Updates will be provided as the plan is developed. Commissioner Murphy reported that there is a meeting at the airport on its development plan at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at Coast International Inn, McKinley Room, 3450 Aviation Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

#### **V. PRC 12-25: Anchorage Park Foundation Report**

Shannon Kuhn, Anchorage Park Foundation, gave an update on summer park projects: Neighborhood Park Fix-its, Youth Employment in Parks, and the Russian Jack Springs Park improvement project. Projects are progressively smoothly and successfully.

#### **VI. Action Items**

There were no actions items on the Agenda.

