



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING**

June 9, 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, June 9, 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 Michael Frederick
Commissioner Richard Mystrom
Commissioner Harlow Robinson
Commissioner David Wigglesworth

Commissioners absent/excused:

Commissioner Sara Boario
Commissioner Joey Caterinichio
Commissioner Jon Dyson
Commissioner Carl Propes

There was no quorum.

Staff present:

John Rodda
Holly Spoth-Torres
Diana Cramer

III. Consent Agenda/Approval of Minutes

As no quorum was present, the minutes of the April 2011 meeting could not be approved. The agenda as prepared by Holly Spoth-Torres contained a list of items for discussion purposes only.

IV. Director's Comments

Director John Rodda discussed all of the activity going on in Parks & Recreation this summer. He gave details of the zone maintenance program, park construction projects, the Neighborhood Park Fix-it projects, the present status of the Municipality's policy regarding illegal camping on municipal land, and the present

V. Anchorage Park Foundation Report

Beth Nordlund, Executive Director of the Anchorage Park Foundation, reported on the activities of the Anchorage Park Foundation – staffing changes at APF, fundraising efforts, Neighborhood Park Fix-its, the Get Outdoors program, the proposed park improvement projects at Russian Jack Springs Park, and the Youth Employment in Park program.

VI. Appearance Requests

There were no appearance requests.

VII. Discussion Items

1. Park safety/illegal campsites;
2. Proactive marketing/communication regarding Parks & Recreation programs;
3. Park use group agreements;
4. Disc Golf conflicts at Westchester Lagoon;
5. Budget and park maintenance concerns;
6. Park projects for 2012;
7. New Parks & Recreation Commission appointments;
8. Revenue opportunities for Parks & Recreation; and
9. Boards Commission Ordinance AO 2011-64.

A brief report on each of the above items was given by Holly Spoth-Torres, following which discussion between the commissioners and staff on each topic was held. The current status of the above, current department policy and procedure, commissioner involvement and the role of the Commission in, and Boards & Commission Ordinance AO 2011-64, were discussed.

The Park Superintendent's Report and Recreation Superintendent's Report regarding the current status and activities of the department were included in the above discussion items.

VIII. Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., July 14, 2011, at Spenard Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2011:

David Wigglesworth, Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission

John Rodda, Director
Parks & Recreation