



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**March 10, 2011**



**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, March 10, 2011, at Spenard Recreation Center.

**I. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by John Rodda, Director of Parks & Recreation. Two new Commissioners were welcomed to the Commission: Richard T. Mystrom and Harlow Robinson.

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Tim Benintendi  
Commissioner Sara Boario  
Commissioner Jon Dyson  
Commissioner Michael Frederick  
Commissioner Richard Mystrom  
Commissioner Carl Propes  
Commissioner Harlow Robinson  
Commissioner David Wigglesworth

Commissioners absent/excused:

Commissioner Joey Caterinichio

A quorum was present.

Staff present:

Holly Spoth-Torres  
Tom Korosei  
Josh Durand  
Chris Conlon  
Elizabeth Stanley  
Diana Cramer

## **II. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was changed to add Action Item (E) "Election of Officers." The Agenda as amended was unanimously approved.

### **B. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the October 2010 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting were unanimously approved. Because there was no quorum present at the January 2011 meeting and no action was taken, the Minutes of that meeting were provided to the Commissioners for information purposes only.

### **C. Old and Unfinished Business**

There was no old or unfinished business.

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

Director John Rodda gave a detailed update to the Commission on the impact the new budget is having on Parks & Recreation operations, facilities, and services. Budget cuts were substantial resulting in staff layoffs and reduction in services. User groups and program participants are being asked to help absorb the costs of providing services. Park Operations – Maintenance and Horticulture – will continue to use the zone maintenance approach, combine resources, and expand services to further the Department's goal of taking care of what we have. Upgrades to existing facilities were discussed as well as ongoing projects. An agreement regarding the Campbell Creek Estuary project has been reached and this project is moving forward. An update was provided on the issues with the Kincaid Project are still being ironed out with the EPA and the parties involved in that project, as well as problems resulting from the Municipality's termination of its agreement with the Hilltop Ski Area is ongoing.

## **IV. Anchorage Park Foundation**

As no one from the Anchorage Park Foundation was present at the meeting, Holly Spoth-Torres, Park Superintendent, discussed the role of the Anchorage Park Foundation and its partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department, giving basic information about specific projects on which they have teamed – Neighborhood Fix-its, Youth Employment in Parks, and Challenge Grants.

**V. Action Items**

**A. PRC 11-02, Proposed ACS Telecommunications Facility at Kincaid Park**

Tom Korosei, Park Planner, present a request by ACS for a revocable use permit to install cellular antenna equipment at Kincaid Park. Because Kincaid Park is dedicated park land, the authorization of the Anchorage Assembly, with approval of the Parks & Recreation Commission, is necessary. The Department of Parks & Recreation recommends the issuance of this permit. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Dyson, seconded by Commissioner Propes, and after discussion amongst the commissioners and staff, the motion was unanimously approved as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-01  
Request for Revocable Use Permit for Cellular  
Antenna Equipment at Kincaid Park

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long-term vision of our park system by ensuring that a balance of parks, natural resources, and recreation facilities provides for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Communications System has requested permission to install cellular communications equipment including a tower and related facilities at Kincaid Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed equipment is intended to improve emergency service communication as well as other telecommunication capability; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department desires to improve safety and security for park and trail users by a means which include improved telecommunications capability for first responders as well as other members of the public; and

WHEREAS, Kincaid Park is a large park offering developed recreation facilities as well as significant areas of undeveloped natural character, and additions to the park should respect the environment of the park and complement rather than diminish the visual character of the park; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Assembly authorize a permit to install equipment to improve emergency communications at Kincaid Park, subject to the following conditions:

