



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING**



April 14, 2016

I. Call to Order

The April 14, 2016 regular meeting of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Jon Dyson at 6:00 p.m., at Spenard Recreation Center.

II. Roll Call

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

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Jon Dyson
Commissioner Michael McCambridge
Commissioner Peter Murphy
Commissioner Richard Mystrom
Commissioner Harlow Robinson
Commissioner Levi Robinson
Commissioner Alison Smith

Commissioners absent/excused:

Commissioner James Balamaci
Commissioner James Winchester

A quorum was present.

Staff present:

John Rodda
Josh Durand
Maeve Nevins
Brad Muir
Annie DuBois
Diana Cramer

III. Consent Agenda

A. Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Peter Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Richard Mystrom, the Agenda for the April 14, 2016 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was unanimously approved.

B. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Peter Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Harlow Robinson, the Minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission were unanimously approved.

IV. Director's Comments

Director John Rodda gave a report on his trip to Greenland where he attended the Arctic Winter Games. In spite of bad weather and a late start on the games, the competitions went well, the kids had fun, and the Alaska team came away with the Hodgson Trophy for sportsmanship. This award is voted on by athletes, coaches, the International Committee, and all those involved in the Games, so it is a very prestigious award.

Other items of interest:

On April 14, South Park Maintenance staff members provided assistance to a man who collapsed in the Spenard Road tunnel at Turnagain Boulevard. Their quick thinking and actions by calling 911 and administering CPR saved the man's life.

Illegal camps on municipal land continue to be a problem. The problem is extensive; people are building larger and more "permanent" dwellings for themselves. As these camps are removed, they move on to other areas in town.

Construction of new water lines on Muldoon Road and the Glenn Highway at Boundary is going to have a big impact on traffic from now through October. Expect delays and plan detours if you plan to travel that way.

Muldoon Town Square Park: Phase 1 has gone to bid and we are looking forward to beginning construction.

Anchorage Football Stadium is finally nearing completion after three years. It is expected that the entire complex can be reopen within the next month.

Ben Boeke: In about 10 days work will begin on Ben Boeke to replace the refrigeration system and the rinks completely. It is expected to be finished in time for the season that starts in October.

JBER/Anchorage community partnership: The JBER Garrison Commander rejected the proposal. There will be no motocross or snow cross facility allowed on JBER land. The Department continues to look for other options, as it does want the motor-cross and the snow-cross activities out of Jodhpur and the land returned to its natural park state.

GCI wants to build a new cell tower at Kincaid. Public outreach on this topic will begin May 2 and this item is expected to come before the Commission for resolution at the May meeting.

Delaney Park tennis courts: Residents have complained that they do not like the windscreens that are installed around the tennis courts in summer and have filed a formal complaint with the Mayor to keep them from being installed. The South Addition Community Council will be asked to weigh in on this item before the Department takes a final position. The Commission will be hearing more on this item.

The Assembly has appointed a naming committee to recommend a park facility to be named after Alan Tesche. Mr. Tesche is a former Anchorage Assembly Member who was very active in the Delaney Park Master Plan process. Therefore, the committee is looking at naming the Delaney Park G Street walkway that goes between 9th and 10th avenues after Mr. Tesche. Mr. Tesche worked hard to preserve that walkway for the neighborhood during the planning process and it is thought to be an appropriate way to honor him. A formal request will be presented to the Commission.

V. Appearance Requests

There were no appearance requests for non-agenda items.

VI. Anchorage Park Foundation Report

Beth Nordlund, Executive Director of the Anchorage Park Foundation, provided Commissioners with the Foundation's schedule of events for 2016 and details about this year's projects. She was pleased to announce that voters passed the Park Bond, Proposition #4, on April 5, 2016. Additionally, she stated that fundraising efforts for 2017 projects are underway.

VII. Action Items

A. PRC 16-09: South Anchorage Sports Park: Phase 1 Development (PRC Resolution 2016-08)

Presented by Maeve Nevins, Park Planner

Presentation

An update to the master plan for South Anchorage Sports Park (SASP) was recently approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The update provides a framework for future development and ensures that improvements align with the needs of the growing South Anchorage community. Plan concepts have been designed and a phased construction plan, Phase 1 Development Plan, has been implemented. The proposed plan is supported by the Bayshore/Klatt Community Council. Public outreach has included informational presentations to the Parks and Recreation Commission in January 2016, Bayshore/Klatt Community Council January and February 2016, and Remote Control Users Group in March 2016. Upon resolution by this Commission, the plan will be presented at the Urban Design Commission on May 11, 2016.

This phase is funded by a \$2.95 million re-appropriate MOA grant. \$600,000 has been designated to utility improvements, of which \$200,000 is designated for a detailed site survey, geotechnical analysis and construction documents. The remaining funds are designated for the 2016-17 construction improvements. The 2016 Park Bond, Proposition #4, passed and a portion of that funding is designated for inclusive playground development at SASP. The exact amount is yet to be determined.

Department Recommendation

The Department believes the Phase 1 Development Plan adheres to the priorities and tasks outlined and identified in the SASP Master Plan. Public process has been undertaken and support received. The Department recommends that the Commission pass the proposed resolution.

Public Appearance Requests

There were no public appearance requests on this action item.

Discussion and Resolution

After discussion amongst commissioners and staff, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Harlow Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Peter Murphy, PRC Resolution 2016-08, South Anchorage Sports Park Phase 1 Development, was unanimously approved as follows:

PRC RES NO. 2016-08
South Anchorage Sports Park Phase 1 Development

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, the South Anchorage Sports Park (SASP) Master Plan update provides a 20 year vision that will guide future development at the park; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department partnered with local Community Councils, stakeholders and user groups to establish an advisory group to assist the Department in identifying and prioritizing desired improvements for the South Anchorage Sports Park Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed in the Master Plan update were based on community and stakeholder input and have been vetted by an advisory group through deliberation and consensus; and

WHEREAS, on May 1st, 2014 the Master Plan was approved by the Bayshore/Klatt Community Council; and

WHEREAS, on August 14th, 2014, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the South Anchorage Sports Park Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 1st, 2014, the Master Plan was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation planning staff utilized input from Bayshore Klatt Community Council, public meetings and park user groups to prioritize the tasks in the Phase 1 Development Plan as outlined by the SASP Master Plan *Implementation Plan*, as identified in Appendix B of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, South Anchorage Sports Park is an existing community-use park in the Bayshore Klatt neighborhood with established baseball fields, remote control track, parking lots and an access driveway; and

WHEREAS, the items as identified in the SASP Phase 1 Development Plan are in accordance with the highest priorities of the SASP Master Plan, including:

- parking lot and driveway maintenance and safety upgrades such as lighting, asphalt repairs and striping,
- development of a dog park area;
- trail improvements;
- addition of site amenities including benches, signage, trash receptacles;
- landscape enhancements;
- addition of inclusive playground, picnic shelter and plaza;
- relocated remote control car park; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department agrees to continue to work with the Bayshore Klatt Community Council and park stakeholders on exploring feasibility and implementing all other priority items as listed in the SASP master plan as funding becomes available, including:

- develop new bike park and supporting infrastructure;
- develop baseball complex including new "flex "field" and upgrade associated site amenities;
- develop water feature in north end of park;
- develop dog park area with additional fencing as needed;
- develop additional parking lot off of Tower Road access;
- develop restroom facility;
- oversee investments in infrastructure for Paintball Venue.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2016, the Bayshore Klatt Community Council approved a resolution of support for the Phase 1 Development of SASP; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed design for the Phase 1 Development Plan of South Anchorage Sports Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 14th day of April, 2016.

<u>Voting Record</u>	In favor	Commissioner Jon Dyson Commissioner Michael McCambridge Commissioner Peter Murphy Commissioner Richard Mystrom Commissioner Harlow Robinson Commissioner Levi Robinson Commissioner Alison Smith
	Opposed	None
	Abstained	None
	Absent	Commissioner Jim Balamaci Commissioner Jim Winchester

**B. PRC 16-10: Youth Employment in Parks 2016 Projects
(PRC Resolution 2016-09)**

Presented by: Brad Muir, Natural Resources Manager and
Annie DuBois, YEP Coordinator

Presentation

Youth Employment in Parks (YEP), a joint program of Parks and Recreation and the Anchorage Park Foundation, hires Anchorage youth to complete park and trail improvement projects. The project provides job training, employment and education to the youth. Education and civic engagement are a major component and through the program teens learn about environmental stewardship, natural resource conservation, and land management, and participate in a mentorship program.

The projects receive input from the community and guidance for Parks and Recreation staff to ensure that projects are consistent with the goals of the Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource and Recreation Facility Plan, and that identified projects capitalize on available funding. Last year teens provided \$234,500 worth of improvements to parks and trails. This summer they will complete an additional \$201,529 in improvements.

Details on this year's proposed projects were provided by Mr. Muir and Ms. DuBois. The projects include:

1. Chugach Foothills Connector Trail – trail widening and improvements;
2. Meadow Park-Rilke Schule Connector Trails – trail construction;
3. Cuddy Family Midtown Park Rain Gardens – installation of two rain gardens;
4. Kincaid Beach Trail Improvements – finishing the trail constructed last year;
5. South Anchorage Sports Park Landscaping, Trail Building, and RC Park Development – remove and revegetate the old RC park, new RC park construction, trail construction, and landscaping; and
6. Taku Lake Park Trail Improvements, Bank Restoration and Invasive Species Removal – restoring shoreline areas, trail improvements, removal of invasive weeds, planting native trees and plants, and rain garden improvements.

Department Recommendation

The proposed YEP projects have been reviewed and are supported by the Department. The Department recommends that the Commission pass the proposed resolution supporting the YEP projects as presented.

Public Appearance Requests

There were no public appearance requests on this action item.

Discussion and Resolution

After discussion and upon motion duly made by Commissioner Richard Mystrom and seconded by Commissioner Michael McCambridge, PRC Resolution 2016-09, Youth Employment in Parks 2016 Projects, was unanimously approved as follows:

PRC RES NO. 2016-09
Youth Employment in Parks – 2016 Projects

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, the Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) is a joint program of the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Municipality of Anchorage's Parks & Recreation Department and is focused on providing Anchorage teens with meaningful job experience, outdoor education and environmental stewardship skill in Anchorage Parks and Trails; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, the Anchorage Park Foundation, and various project partners has dedicated or achieved \$201,529 in funding to support the 2016 Youth Employment in Parks; and

WHEREAS the Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) is in its 10th year of operation with a planned scope of work that includes trail work, bank restoration, interpretive sign installation, slope stabilization, landscaping and vegetation rehabilitation, and park beautification projects to be completed during the 2016 YEP program season; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the scope of work submitted by the Department for the 2016 Youth Employment in Parks Projects.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 14th day of April, 2016.

<u>Voting Record</u>	In favor	Commissioner Jon Dyson Commissioner Michael McCambridge Commissioner Peter Murphy Commissioner Richard Mystrom Commissioner Harlow Robinson Commissioner Levi Robinson Commissioner Alison Smith
	Opposed	None
	Abstained	None
	Absent	Commissioner Jim Balamaci Commissioner Jim Winchester

**C. PRC 16-11: Russian Jack Springs Park Skate Park
(PRC Resolution 2016-10)**
Presented by: Maeve Nevins

Presentation

This project proposes construction of a new skate park to be located in north Russian Jack Springs Park near the intersection of Pine Street and 8th Avenue. The intent is to create a facility that will become a hub for Anchorage's skate boarding community. The project has strong community support with funding that comes from multiple community and legislative sources, including a state grant through the Anchorage Park Foundation.

Starting in 2012, significant public input has been involved in planning this project as part of the North Russian Jack Springs Park improvements. In 2015 engineering, topographic and soils surveys were performed on the site. In 2016 a concept design was approved by the Russian Jack Community Council. The Department believes this project will conform to the priorities identified in the Russian Jack Springs Park updated Master Plan. As noted, public process has been undertaken to develop and design the project and support of the project is documented.

Parks and Recreation has identified a 3,000 square foot site for construction of the skate park located adjacent to the "polar bear" playground and will complement the existing park theme. The location has good lighting and off-street parking. The primary construction material is Portland cement concrete, installed as flatwork, pre-cast and poured-in-place, with stainless steel rails. The skate park will provide a range of features that reflects input from the community.

Department Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Commission pass the proposed resolution in support of the Russian Jack Springs Park Skate Park.

Public Appearance Requests

Jacques Boutet, Boutet Company, is the contractor hired by Parks and Recreation to construct the skate park. Mr. Boutet provided details regarding design and construction details, and answered questions from commissioners and staff.

Tim Blevans, an Anchorage skateboarder, strongly supports the project, stating that it is an awesome step by the Department to provide a permanent structure, something never before available in Anchorage, and that it shows the Department's respect for the sport of skateboarding. He urged the Commission to support the project.

Jason Borgstad, Blue & Gold Boardshop, is a local business owner who voiced strong support for the project. He is active proponent for the development of new skateboarding facilities and says he and his staff are eager for the opportunity to work with Parks and Recreation and for the community throughout the design and construction of this project, and future projects.

Discussion and Resolution

After discussion and upon motion duly made by Commissioner Peter Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Richard Mystem, PRC Resolution 2016-11, Russian Jack Springs Skate Park, was unanimously approved as follows:

**PRC RES NO. 2016-10
Russian Jack Springs Park Skate 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, the *Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan* recommends development of skate park facilities in order to increase the level of service, as Anchorage is currently less than half way to meeting our recommended facility needs (pg 32); and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Anchorage Park Foundation, the Russian Jack Community Council, stakeholders and skate boarders to assist in locating the skate park site and selecting a preferred concept design; and

WHEREAS, significant support for this project comes from multiple community and legislative sources including letters of support from Alaska State Senator Bill Wielechowski; Lisa McGuire, the Secretary of the Russian Jack Community Council; and Jason Borgstad, owner of Anchorage's Blue and Gold Boardshop; and

WHEREAS, on March 8th, 2016 the skate park site and conceptual design was approved by an unanimous vote of 12 to 0 in-favor for the Russian Jack Community Council; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed design for the Russian Jack Springs Park skate park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 14th day of April, 2016.

<u>Voting Record</u>	In favor	Commissioner Jon Dyson Commissioner Michael McCambridge Commissioner Peter Murphy Commissioner Richard Mystrom Commissioner Harlow Robinson Commissioner Levi Robinson Commissioner Alison Smith
	Opposed	None
	Abstained	None
	Absent	Commissioner Jim Balamaci Commissioner Jim Winchester

- D. PRC 16-12: Nunaka Valley Learning Labs at Russian Jack Springs Park (PRC Resolution 2016-11)**
Presented by: Jonny Hayes, Bettisworth North Architects

Presentation

A plan to install Learning Lab facilities at Russian Jack Springs Park to supplement Nunaka Valley elementary school educational programs is proposed. At 300 acres, Russian Jack Springs Park is a special use park and it is located directly across Boniface Parkway from the school. Three lab sites are proposed, each roughly 20 feet by 20 feet in size. The Hydrology lab is proposed to be located at the lighted loop intersection and bridge crossing just southeast and downhill from the Lidia Selkregg

Chalet. The Fauna lab is proposed at the intersection of the lighted loop with the Spur Trail leading to Boniface Parkway. The Flora loop is proposed at lighted trail loop intersection with the service drive that accesses the former picnic shelter south of the Boniface parking area. The locations have been identified by teachers and administrators for the accessibility by students ages 5-12, and for those with mobility challenges.

This project is one of two Schools on Trails projects intended to improve education through outdoor observation and experience in public places. The purpose of the learning labs, interpretive signs, and wayfinding signs at Russian Jack is to create designated places for teachers and students for their studies.

The improvements were identified and requested by second grade students in 2014 in their letters to the Anchorage Park Foundation (APF). APF then asked architects Kevin Doniere and Jonny Hayes to participate in a student site walk and presentation of their projects and interests. Students had been visiting the park bi-weekly with their teachers throughout the school year and had found areas needing park improvements. Students specifically asked for park entry signs, wayfinding signs, improvements to the pedestrian tunnel, learning spaces, and interpretive signs regarding history, flora and fauna of the park. Students practiced stewardship by cleaning up litter and notifying teachers about vandalism during their walks.

Details regarding the installed features of the learning lab were given in detail to Commissioners and stations will be set back from the trail, connected with a gravel surface or short trail, like a pull-off space, to prevent conflicts with trail users. The goal for the design was a versatile, functional, resilient and aesthetically pleasing site for locations along the trail in the natural, well-forested park.

Two full years of public outreach has been undertaken to ensure community support. Outreach has included Nunaka Valley elementary school students, teachers and administrators, and the UAF Cooperative Extension Service and National Park Service. Community members were engaged through the community council, school events, and presentations to local businesses. The students at Nunaka Valley Elementary School have played a very important role in the development of this project. They are champions and stewards of the Park. Approximately 95 students now visit the park bi-weekly for educational purposes. Students have participated in public presentations.

This project has gained widespread support and has benefitted from multiple partnerships including Anchorage Parks and Recreation, Anchorage Park Foundation, U.S. Department of the Interior Schools on Trails Program, University of Alaska Cooperative Extension Service, Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Anchorage School District Health & Physical Education Department, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, Engineers Without Borders, and Alaska Pacific University. These organizations have provided significant technical

expertise, chaperone assistance, financial support and administrative assistance to plan and move the project forward.

Department Recommendation

Parks and Recreation recommends that the Commission adopt the attached resolution in support of the proposed Learning Lab installations at Russian Jack Springs Park.

Public Appearance Requests

Jacques Boutet stated his strong support for the learning lab installations at Russian Jack Springs Park.

Troy Nasset expressed his support for the learning labs at Russian Jack Springs Park.

Jessica Nasset is a Nunaka Valley elementary school teacher who has been taking her students to the park for bi-weekly visits as part of their normal curriculum. She wished to educate the children about natural resources and encourage them to take advantage of the park resources so nearby. She encouraged and assisted her students in achieving their desires for learning lab sites at the Park. She urges the Commission to approve the resolution.

Discussion and Resolution

After discussion and upon motion duly made by Commissioner Michael McCambridge and seconded by Commissioner Peter Murphy, PRC Resolution 2016-12, Russian Jack Springs Park Learning Laboratories with Nunaka Valley, was unanimously approved as follows:

**PRC RES NO.2016-11
Russian Jack Springs Park Learning Laboratories
with Nunaka Valley Elementary School**

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, the *Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan* recommends development of facilities in support of School-Park Partnerships to enhance the potential community benefits of such associations; and

WHEREAS, the Schools on Trails program—under the Anchorage Trails Initiative of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, *Live.Work.Play*—is supported by the Anchorage Park Foundation with a challenge grant to develop the Learning Labs with Nunaka Valley Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the grantees have worked with the school and community to develop plans to improve portions of Russian Jack Springs Park and install features to establish the Learning Lab areas under the challenge grant and Schools on Trails programs; and

WHEREAS, the Learning Labs would be a valuable asset to the community and enhance the park for educational use and increase appreciation for natural resource values of the park, in particular the flora, fauna, and streams; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed plans for the Learning Labs at Russian Jack Springs Park generally as proposed.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 14th day of April 2016.

<u>Voting Record</u>	In favor	Commissioner Jon Dyson Commissioner Michael McCambridge Commissioner Peter Murphy Commissioner Richard Mystrom Commissioner Harlow Robinson Commissioner Levi Robinson Commissioner Alison Smith
	Opposed	None
	Abstained	None
	Absent	Commissioner Jim Balamaci Commissioner Jim Winchester

VIII. Information Items

A. PRC 16-13: Ruth Arcand Park Equine Assisted Therapy Alaska Facility Update Presented by Jacques Boutet, Boutet Company

Equine Assisted Therapy Alaska (EATA), in cooperation with the Anchorage Horse Council, continues its planning for construction of a covered arena at the Chamberlin

Equestrian Center at Ruth Arcand Park. The Parks and Recreation approved the general project in March 2015 (PRC Resolution 2015-07), conditioned upon the project receiving all permits and approvals necessary. At there one of the issues to be resolved was the fire safety building code. The site currently is not connected to the public water system. EATA is able to meet the safety requirements by providing a fire break, providing an on-site water source, and improving access for the fire response equipment. The accessibility improvements consist of constructing a clear route for vehicle access, including a perimeter around the structure. It is estimated that to create the fire break and build the access route would require clearing of 7,000 sq. ft. of vegetation. A site plan showing the details was provided. Parks and Recreation believes that the clearing is reasonable in order to comply with the building code and does not represent a significant change to the plans already approved by the Commission. EATA is considering additional plan amendments to include a play area and will return to the Commission for approval in the future.

IX. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Peter Murphy expressed concern about the loose overhead concrete in the tunnels along the Chester Creek trail, and asked if the Department was aware of the problem. Maeve Nevins advised that the Department is aware of the problem, and that this new concrete work was deemed unacceptable and rejected by the Municipality. Therefore, the contractor will be required to redo the tunnels.

Commissioner Richard Mystrom stated his belief that the windbreaks at the tennis courts on Delaney Park Strip are needed.

Commissioner Michael McCambridge asked about the status of the Davis Park Master Plan and the Municipality's lease agreement with the Air Force. Director John Rodda explained that this topic is undergoing a high level of discussion between the Municipality and JBER officials at this time. Before it will begin negotiations with the Municipality on the lease, JBER will require an appraisal to determine fair market value. Although a lease has been in place since 2002, lease payments were never required by the federal government. JBER's position currently is that to continue the lease, 15 years of back rent will have to be paid and new lease negotiated and put into place to continue for another 10-years. Commissioners will be given updates on this topic as things develop.

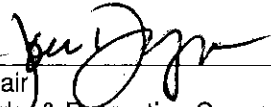

X. Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at Spenard Recreation Center.

XI. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Peter Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Levi Robinson, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED this 12 day of May, 2016:

 _____ Chair Parks & Recreation Commission	 _____ Director Parks & Recreation
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