



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING**

March 8, 2018



I. Call to Order

The March 8, 2018 meeting of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission, held at Spenard Recreation Center, was called to order by Acting Chair Alison Smith at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Grace Johnston
Commissioner Shannon Kuhn
Commissioner Eric Milliken
Commissioner Alison Smith
Commissioner James Winchester

Commissioners absent:

Commissioner Catherine Bodry
Commissioner Kelly Chang
Commissioner Jon Dyson
Commissioner Erin Kirkland

A quorum was present.

Staff present:

John Rodda
Steve Rafuse
Tom Korosei
Diana Cramer

III. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Winchester and seconded by Commissioner Milliken, the Agenda for the March 8, 2018 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Winchester and seconded by Commissioner Kuhn, the Minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission were unanimously approved.

V. Director's Comments

Director John Rodda provided the following comments regarding Parks and Recreation activities and concerns:

Supervisor position. As previously discussed, the Department has been authorized to hire a new weekend supervisor. Recruitment should be advertised within the next week and it is hoped the position will be filled by mid-April and ready by May 1 to begin working with weekend park maintenance, Community Work Service, special events, community councils, volunteer groups, and general parks operations.

Olympian celebration. A celebration for Kikkan Randall and all our Alaskan Olympians is scheduled for 5:00-7:00 p.m. on April 4, 2018 in Town Square Park.

JBER bridge. The Bulldog Bridge on JBER which is located at approximately mile 13 on the Mayor's Marathon route has been shut down. Parks and Recreation and Mayor's Marathon organizers are working with JBER on alternative routes.

Local 71 negotiations. Contract negotiations with Laborer's Local 71 begins Monday. Local 71 represents Park Maintenance and Horticulture employees. This has potential impacts on the Parks and Recreation budget.

Girdwood Forest Fair incident. Last summer during the Girdwood Forest Fair, two individuals were escorted from the fairgrounds by Fair security because they were proselytizing which is contrary to the Forest Fair's rules. The Fair's rules include: "no dogs, no politics, no religious orders." The individuals who were removed have filed a complaint against the Forest Fair organizers and the Municipality of Anchorage alleging violation of their First Amendment rights. The Administration is attempting to resolve the issue without having to go to trial.

Mulcahy Park baseball fields. The Department will be working with the Alaska Baseball League to do some improvements of the ballfields and other amenities at Mulcahy Park, which fields are used by the Anchorage Bucs, Glacier Pilots and American Legion Baseball.

VI. Appearance Requests

There were no appearance requests for non-agenda items.

VII. Anchorage Park Foundation Report

There was no report from the Anchorage Park Foundation.

VIII. Action Items

A. PRC 18-5 Jewel Lake Playground Improvements Resolution 2018-01

Presented by: Steve Rafuse, Park Planner, for Taylor Keegan
Tanya Hickok, Boutet Company

This coming summer, Parks and Recreation proposes to construct an inclusive playground at Jewel Lake Park. Public outreach began in 2016 with a zipline being installed and a park fix-it project held in 2017. During this winter (2017-18), community advisory group meetings were held to assist Parks and Recreation in identifying and prioritizing park improvements, keep the community informed, recruit volunteers. Jewel Lake Park is a community use park in the Sand Lake neighborhood. Activities at the park include fishing, swimming, model boat sailing, kayaking, ice fishing, and picnics and barbecues. There are two primary access locations: access along Dimond Boulevard allows for boat access while the location on 88th Avenue is a public use area that includes a picnic shelter, beach access, a large playing field, open lawn area, a playground and other amenities. Currently the playground has play equipment for 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds.

Improvements proposed are: purchase and installation of new play equipment, addition of ADA accessible surfacing to the play area, develop a central gathering area to connect the improved picnic area with the playground, and creation of a soft-surface trail through the wooded area. The project will provide inclusive play surfacing, upgraded circulation patterns, updated play equipment, a nature trail and other amenities to improve the park user's experience.

The planning process included members of the public, Zach Kerry of the ARC of Anchorage, Representative Jason Green, and Sand Lake Community Council President Nikki Rose. A resolution of support is expected from the Sand Lake Community Council at its March meeting.

Because there was broad public process and diverse community participation in the planning, Parks and Recreation recommends that the Commission pass a resolution in support of the proposed improvements for Jewel Lake Park, pending receipt of a signed resolution of approval from the Sand Lake Community Council.

There were no public appearance requests for this Action Item.

After discussion between Commissioners, staff, and Ms. Hickok, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Johnston and seconded by Commissioner Kuhn, PRC Resolution No. 2018-01 Jewel Lake Playground Improvements was unanimously approved as follows:

PRC Resolution No. 2018-01
Jewel Lake Playground Improvements

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, Parks and Recreation planning staff utilized input from the Sand Lake Community Council, The Sand Lake Elementary School Students, and the Sand Lake Community Advisory Group formed for the design development of the design.

WHEREAS, the improved playground as presented will provide inclusive unitary surfacing, upgraded circulation patterns, updated play equipment, a nature trail through the wooded area of the park, and other amenities to improve the park users experience;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed design for the Playground Improvements at Jewel Lake Park pending receipt by Parks and Recreation staff of a signed resolution of approval from the Sand Lake Community Council during their meeting on March 12, 2018.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 8th day of March, 2018.

Voting record – Resolution 2018-01

Yea: Commissioners Johnston, Kuhn, Milliken, Smith, Winchester

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioners Bodry, Chang, Dyson, Kirkland

B. PRC 18-6 Westchester Lagoon Viewing Platform
Resolution 2018-02

Presented by: Steve Rafuse, Park Planner, for Maeve Nevins
Elise Huggins, Earthscape

Parks and Recreation proposes to construct a viewing platform located on the north shore of Westchester Lagoon, in Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park, specifically south of the parking lot that serves the concrete boat ramp. The site was chosen because of its views of nesting bird activity at an island just 100 feet from shore. The platform would be accessed by a short, paved trail connected to the existing trail and will include a bench system to accommodate skaters in winter and be hidden from view in summer. John Wenger, an educator and avid bird-watcher approached the Municipality with his idea and proposed to donate \$50,000 for planning, design and construction. He was directed to the Anchorage Park Foundation who is managing his \$50,000 donation and assisting in the project development.

The South Addition Community Council unanimously supports the project. The National Audubon Society notes general support and willingness to participate in plan review. Thede Tobish, an MOA Senior Planner and avid birder, assisted in location of the platform and will provide other assistance as required. Steve Ellis, the MOA Flood Hazard Administrator, says a flood hazard permit will need to be requested but a detailed analysis for the project will not be required as the structure is not a factor in terms of flooding and is not located in an area of flowing water.

Construction in 2018 will be completed by a contractor, to include the following:

- An 8' x 24' viewing platform with open grate surface supported by pilings;
- Open railing system suitable for photographers and those using binoculars;
- 6' wide access path (to be constructed of asphalt and decking material as it nears the platform);
- Interpretive signs or a mounting system for interpretative materials;
- A bench for winter skating located on the face of the platform, constructed to be removal and mounted beneath the deck pilings during ice-free months;
- Revegetation as required; and
- Lawn areas to match the existing adjacent lawn.

Parks and Recreation staff recommends that the Commission pass a resolution approving the proposed improvements, which are supported by the South Addition Community Council.

There were no public appearance requests for this Action Item.

Commissioners, staff and Ms. Huggins then participated in a discussion about the planning and design of the viewing platform.

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Winchester and seconded by Commissioner Johnston, PRC Resolution No. 2018-02 Westchester Lagoon Viewing Platform was unanimously approved as follows:

PRC Resolution No. 2018-02
Approval of Proposed Improvements to Westchester Lagoon Viewing Platform

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, through the Anchorage Park Foundation, Mr. John Wenger, a retired educator and avid birdwatcher, along with support of the Audubon Society proposes improvements to a feature of the Westchester Lagoon at the Chester Creek Trail; and

WHEREAS, the project is located within the Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park on the north shore of the Westchester Lagoon, specifically south of the parking lot off of 15th Street that serves the boat ramp and ice skating area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bird viewing platform would encourage knowledge and education of birds and allow for unobstructed views of the eagle nest on the south shore of the lagoon, in addition, the project would provide a safe area with a suitable platform for sightseeing and birdwatching by visitors and residents as this site is the first opportunity along the greenbelt trail corridor for viewing birds; and

WHEREAS, the platform would also include a unique bench system that would accommodate ice skates in the winter and be hidden from view in the summer; and

WHEREAS, the project would help address current safety issues between the Chester Creek Trail and Tony Knowles Coastal Trail intersection with the through-traffic user conflicts and wayside users; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2017, the South Addition Community Council considered the project and gave its unanimous support; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Parks and Recreation Commission approves the improvements, generally as proposed, to the Westchester Lagoon Viewing Platform, subject to obtaining required permits.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 8th day of March 2018.

Voting record – Resolution 2018-02

Yea: Commissioners Johnston, Kuhn, Milliken, Smith, Winchester

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioners Bodry, Chang, Dyson, Kirkland

C. PRC 18-7 Whisper Faith Kovach Park Playground Upgrade and Dog Park
Resolution 2018-03

Presented by: Steve Rafuse, Park Planner

Originally named Lore Park, Whisper Faith Kovach Park, located on Lore Road, is named for a girl who died after being struck by a vehicle near the park in 1998. The park has a small play structure, gravel parking lot, and open spaces. The park is popular with dog owners and neighborhood families.

Mr. Rafuse provided a history and timeline of park development. The current play equipment was installed in 1998 along with an irrigation system for the soccer field. Since 2012, the soccer field has not been a primary use at the park. In 2014 Abbott Loop Community Council requested that Parks and Recreation begin planning improvements for the Park and specifically requested an off-leash dog park. The 2017 Park Bond included \$250,000 funding for park improvements and the Anchorage Park Foundation awarded a \$26,000 challenge grant to the community advisory group to help implement park improvements.

Proposed improvements were identified by the community and have received a resolution of support from the Abbott Loop Community Council and a letter of support from the Animal Control Advisory Board. The improvements include:

Off-leash dog park

- Fenced off-leashed dog space with separate areas for small dogs and big dogs;
- Double-gated entrances for safe unleashing of dogs;
- Area for future dog play and agility equipment;
- Signage (rules and regulations); and
- Basic amenities, such as trash cans and a mutt mitt station.

Playground and picnic area

- Expanded play area with swings and a new play structure;
- ADA accessible play surfacing; and
- Basic amenities, such as trash cans, picnic tables, and benches.

Safety upgrades

- Removal of mound near roadway to improve visibility and replaced with fence; and

- Providing separate of uses within the park to minimize conflicts between the dog park and other park users.

Landscaping and beautification

- Planting of trees and shrubs to improve overall aesthetics.

Parks and Recreation staff recommends approval of the proposed developments and requests the Commission pass a resolution in support of the Whisper Faith Park 2018 improvements.

There was one public appearance request:

Cathy Forester presented her support and the support of the Animal Control Advisory Board for the Whisper Faith Kovach Park project. Susan Soule, a member of the park advisory group, solicited the PRC for dog biscuit fundraising.

Discussion between Commissioners and staff then ensued, after which, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Johnston and seconded by Commissioner Milliken, PRC Resolution No. 2018-03 Whisper Faith Kovach Park Playground Upgrade and Dog Park was unanimously approved as follows:

PRC Resolution No. 2018-03
WHISPER FAITH KOVACH PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADE AND DOG 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, Whisper Faith Kovach Park is a 4.73 acre Neighborhood Use Park located in the Abbott Loop area of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department conducted the *Abbott Loop Community Dog Park Site Suitability Study* at the request of the Abbott Loop Community Council in 2014, the results of which recommended Whisper Faith Kovach Park as a preferred location for a future off-leash dog park space; and

Mr. Rafuse provided background and history of the establishment and development of the Park. He stated that in the coming years an updated master plan process will be undertaken for Ruth Arcand Park. The proposed project to repair and improve existing trails is limited in scope and is expected to support future park uses. Mr. Rafuse also provided an overview of the Anchorage Schools on Trails Program which works to engage students with the local trails, parks, streams and natural habitat in their neighborhoods, create opportunities for students to learn in a natural environment, attract children and their parents to our parks, and promote education and career development in the fields of science and resource management. It also teaches students about government processes and community outreach as they participate and collaborate with, and present their projects to community councils, stakeholder groups, steering committees, design professionals and government officials.

The project team is Pacific Northern Academy (PNA), Spring Hill Elementary School and the Anchorage Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). During the 2016-17 school year, PNA students applied for and received a grant from the Anchorage Park Foundation to improve the park. Teacher Sarah Mariner and the students have worked through the design process and developed options for the improvements. This year Spring Hill Elementary fifth graders will be contributing ideas and resources to the project. Also providing assistance with the design process were National Park Service staff, Parks and Recreation staff, University of Alaska Fairbanks staff, Alaska Master Natural Program members, MOA Planning staff, and the Anchorage Park Foundation. The students did inventory and analysis of park uses, resources, and potential activities, and designs were developed by individual work groups. The final design took ideas from each group's designs. The proposed design includes stabilizing and refining existing trails and adding an obstacle course that can be used by the adjacent schools. Mr. Rafuse provided details regarding each of the proposed improvements.

Students presented their proposal to Abbott Loop Community Council on three separate occasions, and at the February 2018 meeting obtained a resolution from the Council unanimously supporting their project. The project proposes to:

- Improve existing trails through clearing overhanging branches and brush and adding appropriate surface materials;
- Improve access to the park (details and options are currently being explored);
- Install educational and wayfinding signage;
- Install an obstacle course that is low maintenance, easy to remove, and blends with the surrounding area; and
- Inform MOA parks regarding the outdoor learning lab.

A short video prepared by PNA students describing and promoting their project was played for Commissioners.

Parks and Receptions staff has requested further submittals on the project as specifications are developed prior to implementation and installation. Staff recommends that Commission adopt a resolution supporting the proposed improvements at Ruth Arcand Park.

There were no public appearance requests for this Action Item.

After discussion between Commissioners and staff, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Kuhn and seconded by Commissioner Winchester, PRC Resolution No. 2018-05 NW Quarter Ruth Arcand Park Improvement by PNA was unanimously approved as follows:

PRC Resolution No. 2018-04
NW QUARTER RUTH ARCAND PARK IMPROVEMENT BY PNA

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, Ruth Arcand Park is a 602.31 acre park located in South Anchorage and is classified as a Special Use Area in the 2006 *Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the Section 16 Trails Master Plan provides the framework for development of Ruth Arcand Park and identifies "skiing and running trails" in the Northwest Quarter of the park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements are the result of a collaboration between the students at Pacific Northern Academy, the Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Anchorage Schools on Trails Program, the National Park Service, and the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed would improve existing trails, improve access to the park from nearby schools, include the installation of educational and wayfinding signs, include an obstacle course appropriate in character to the park, and a future outdoor learning lab for educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements are consistent with the Section 16 Trails Master Plan and are supported by the Abbott Loop Community Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed improvements submitted by the Department for the Northwest Quarter of Ruth Arcand Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 8th day of March, 2018.

Voting record – Resolution 2018-03

Yea: Commissioners Johnston, Kuhn, Milliken, Smith, Winchester

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioners Bodry, Chang, Dyson, Kirkland

**E. PRC 18-9 Naming of a Public Facility–Campbell
Creek Pedestrian Bridge**
Resolution No. 2018-05

Presented by Tom Korosei, Park Planner

A proposal has been made to name a bridge at Campbell Creek Park the “Lieutenant Governor H. A. “Red” Boucher Memorial Bridge” in recognition of Mr. Boucher’s many contributions to the Municipality of Anchorage. Mr. Boucher was a State Representative for the area and was instrumental in securing funds for community improvements including upgrade of the Lake Otis Parkway and the adjacent pedestrian trail and bridge. He also served as Lt. Governor of Alaska from 1970-1974.

Mr. Korosei provided Commissioners with a copy of the Municipal Code, AMC Chapter 3.97, regarding naming of public places, which states the criteria or factors to consider when considering names for public places in general and park facilities in particular. A naming panel was appointed by the Assembly and a public hearing was held on

December 12, 2017 to consider the proposed naming. Minutes from that meeting were provided to Commissioners.

The Lower Level Lobby of the William A. Egan Civic and Convention Center was previously named for Mr. Boucher. The panel originally intended to name the subject bridge in addition to the Lower Level Lobby in Mr. Boucher's honor. With respect to the prior naming at the Egan Center, the naming panel found that although it had been named for "Red" Boucher in 2011, it may not have reflected the wishes of the public and the current evidence of public support prevailed in favor of naming the bridge at Campbell Creek Park. The panel unanimously recommended that the prior naming be withdrawn. Copies of supporting resolutions from the Campbell Park and Abbott Loop Community Councils were provided to Commissioners.

Jared James, from the Mayor's Office, who acted as staff support for the naming panel, provided additional information regarding the naming process. He stated that the naming panel found that the previous naming of the lower level of the Egan Center may not have gone through the formal process. He further stated that the naming panel found that public support favors the current proposal and that a request to withdraw the naming at the Egan Center is underway. He said a condition should be included in this Commission's resolution that that naming at the Egan Center and the previous Assembly resolution be withdrawn.

The Parks and Recreation Department generally concurs with the panel's findings and agrees that the criteria for naming a public place have been met. The Department recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission adopt a resolution in support of the proposed naming of the pedestrian bridge at Campbell Creek Park east of Lake Otis Parkway as "Lieutenant Governor H. A. "Red" Boucher Memorial Bridge." It is expected that the naming would be effective following Assembly withdrawal of the prior public facility naming in honor of Mr. Boucher.

There were no public appearance requests for this Action Item.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Milliken and seconded by Commissioner Johnston, PRC Resolution No. 2018-05 Proposed Naming of a Public Facility Lieutenant Governor H. A. "Red" Boucher Memorial Bridge was unanimously approved as follows:

PRC Resolution No. 2018-05
Proposed Naming of a Public Facility
Lieutenant Governor H. A. "Red" Boucher Memorial Bridge

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, AMC Chapter 3.97 provides for naming of public facilities including parks, and in particular internal areas, fixtures, and features integral to public spaces, in honor of individual citizens identified as outstanding local, state, national, or international civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell Park and Abbott Loop Community Councils have recognized H. A. "Red" Boucher for service representing those areas in the Alaska State House of Representatives and on the Anchorage Assembly, as well as for his service to the State of Alaska as Lieutenant Governor 1970-1974, to the United States as a member of the U.S. Navy, and to citizens of Alaska in other public and private capacities: and

WHEREAS, the Campbell Park and Abbott Loop Community Councils believe that it is appropriate to commemorate Mr. Boucher by naming a public facility, specifically an important structure in Mr. Boucher's district, in his honor, and have passed resolutions in September 2015 requesting the naming of the pedestrian bridge at Campbell Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with process provided by Municipal Code the Anchorage Assembly appointed a citizen naming panel for the honorary naming of a location after Red Boucher; and

WHEREAS, the naming panel considered the criteria set forth in municipal code for such honorary naming, including a provision to limit honorary naming to a one-time present use of an individual's name; and

WHEREAS, the naming panel found that another public location, specifically an area within Egan Convention Center, had been named for "Red" Boucher in 2011, and such naming notwithstanding the evidence of public support prevailed in favor of naming the bridge at Campbell Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, the naming panel found that, with the above exception, the current proposed naming generally met the relevant criteria for naming a public facility, and unanimously recommended that the prior naming be withdrawn; that the bridge at Campbell Park instead be named in honor of H. A. "Red" Boucher, and that this naming would better help educate younger and future Alaskans regarding the significant role Mr. Boucher had in Alaska history; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission acknowledges the above as testimony as to the extraordinary contributions of H. A. "Red" Boucher, to the benefit of the citizens of Anchorage and its visitors, and the merits of the proposed naming; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that, if the Assembly rescind the prior public facility naming in honor of Mr. Boucher, that the Assembly name the pedestrian bridge at Campbell Park as the "Lieutenant Governor H. A. "Red" Boucher Memorial Bridge."

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 8th day of March, 2018.

Voting record – Resolution 2018-05

Yea: Commissioners Johnston, Kuhn, Milliken, Smith, Winchester

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioners Bodry, Chang, Dyson, Kirkland

IX. Information Item

PRC 18-8 Non-Motorized Transportation Update

Presented by Holly Spoth-Torres and Chelsea Ward-Waller of Huddle

Holly Spoth-Torres and Chelsea Ward-Waller provided an overview of the Anchorage Non-Motorized Transportation project. The Anchorage Metropolitan Area

Transportation Solutions (AMATS) is the Anchorage planning organization (MPO) for the Anchorage Bowl and Chugiak-Eagle River when federal transportation funds are being used. Non-motorized transportation includes pedestrian, bicycles, trails, skateboards, rollerblades and scooters. It's vision is that Anchorage will provide an integrated, diverse, world-class pedestrian, bicycle and trail network that is safe, connected and maintained in all seasons for all users throughout the community. Its goals are to increase the use of the non-motorized system, promote and improvement health and the quality of life, improve safety and security, optimize the system for all season, connect communities to all destinations, measure non-motorized uses and assets, and build community through education and involvement. Currently in the community involvement, planning and development stage, it is anticipated that the draft final plan will be ready this summer, and the final plan ready by the end of 2018.

X. Commissioner Comments

There were no commissioner comments.



XI. Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 2018, at the Spenard Recreation Center.

XII. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Winchester, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED this 12th day of April, 2018:

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