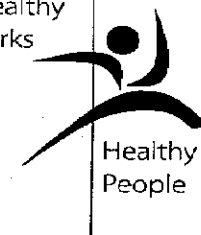




**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING**

November 8, 2012

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Joey Caterinichio at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at Spenard Recreation Center.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

- Commissioner Joey Caterinichio
- Commissioner Jon Dyson
- Commissioner Richard Mystrom
- Commissioner Peter Murphy
- Commissioner Carl Propes
- Commissioner Harlow Robinson

Commissioners excused/absent:

- Commissioner Marion Davis
- Commissioner Jim Winchester

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

- John Rodda
- Diana Cramer

III. Consent Agenda

A. Agenda

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Agenda for the November 8, 2012 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was unanimously approved.

B. Minutes of Prior Meeting

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the October 11, 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:

2013 Budget: The Parks & Recreation budget, "Budget B" is now before the assembly. An assembly work session is scheduled for November 9, and the first date the Assembly could approve the budget is November 13. Mr. Rodda discussed details of the budget later in the meeting as an Information Item.

Proposal from Curling Club: The Anchorage Curling Club has presented a proposal to Parks & Recreation regarding their desire to build a curling facility at Goose Lake. The Department is working with the Club on the details of an agreement and will keep the Commission informed as negotiations proceed.

Mulcahy/Kosinski: The Municipality is currently looking into the possibility of tearing down and rebuilding the sports fields at Mulcahy and Kosinski to better serve the community. Updates will be provided to the Commission as planning unfolds.

Westchester Disc Golf: Westchester Disc Golf reopened for the winter use on October 26.

Coastal Trail: A section of the Coastal Trail just north of Lyn Ary is currently undergoing shoreline restabilization to preserve the structural integrity of the trail and provide a safe trail for users. This process will take approximately one week.

Kincaid: The snow system is not yet in place.

V. Appearance Requests (Non-Agenda Items)

There were no appearance requests on non-agenda items.

VI. Anchorage Park Foundation PRC 12-36

As there was no one from the Anchorage Park Foundation present at the meeting, Commissioners were referred to the written status report provided for details regarding Foundation activities.

VII. Action Item

A. **PRC 12-37 Chugach State Park Citizens' Advisory Board: Requesting Support for Park Access and Trail Rehabilitation Projects for the 2013 Capital Budget Process**

Pete Panarese, Vice Chair of the Chugach State Park Citizens' Advisory Board, provided details of the Board's proposed 2013 legislative capital project requests. The Board is tasked with making recommendations to the State Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation regarding management issues within Chugach State Park. The Board requested that the Commission pass a resolution in support of these capital projects, which are intended to improve access and provide trail rehabilitation for trails in the Chugach State Park, as public support, including support from Anchorage Parks & Recreation, will increase the likelihood of the requests being included in the state capital budget. Specific points of the requests are for trail rehabilitation funding for existing trails to include rerouting, clearing, and foot bridges; preliminary trail designs needed for hiking trails currently accessed by social trails that are adjacent to or on private property; preliminary design to establish location of bridges in Bird Valley; and Natural and Cultural Resource Interpretation needs (signage and education).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Resolution No. 2012-09 Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission Support for Park Access and Trail Rehabilitation Projects for the 2013 Capital Budget Process was unanimously approved as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-09

Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission Support for Park Access and Trail Rehabilitation Projects for the 2013 Capital Budget Process

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 Chugach State Park Citizens' Advisory Board advises the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation on management of Chugach State Park; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1.3 million people used Chugach State Park in 2011, the vast majority of which are Anchorage residents; and

WHEREAS, numerous Municipal Comprehensive Plan elements, including *Anchorage 2020*, *Anchorage Bowl Park*, *Natural Resources*, and *Recreation Facility Plan*, *Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan*, *Hillside District Plan*, reference the importance of maintaining existing and resolving future access needs at the Municipal-Chugach State Park interface, and some of these refer to the *Chugach Access Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the *Anchorage Bowl Park*, *Natural Resources*, and *Recreation Facility Plan* park strategy number 7 guides the department to be stewards of Anchorage's natural resources including trails that are designed and located in a sustainable manner and that that minimize erosion; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission supports the 2013 state legislative requests by the Chugach State Park Citizens' Advisory Committee for Park Access and Trail Rehabilitation Projects.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 8th day of November, 2012.

VIII. Information Items

A. PRC 12-38 2013 Parks & Recreation Capital and Operating Budget

John Rodda, Director of Parks & Recreation, provided information on the Parks & Recreation Fund 161 "B" Budget changes, and a summary of impact and changes from 2012 and 2013. The handout provided to Commissioners contained a description of the changes and their impacts which changes include discontinuation of grant support to Camp Fire and the ARC of Anchorage, loss of several full-time positions in the department, conversion of other full-time positions to seasonal, suspension of public programs at Service Pool, and changes to YEP funding which will not adversely impact that program.

B. PRC 12-39 Use of Municipal Lakes

John Rodda, Director of Parks & Recreation, reports that a proposal was made by Anchorage Alaska Sports Car Lions Club to hold regular ice racing events on Goose Lake. Because of the negative impact such races would have on the neighborhood around the lake, as well as environmental impacts, the Department is not inclined to support this request for Goose Lake or any other municipal lake. The requesting group has requested another meeting with the Municipality but it is very unlikely their proposal will be accepted. Mr. Rodda wanted Commissioners to be aware of possible controversy surrounding this issue.

IX. Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 13, 2012, at Spenard Recreation Center.

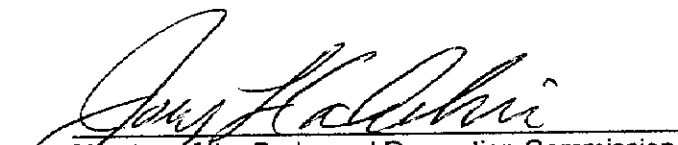
X. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED this 3 day of December, 2012:


Joey Caternich, Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission


John Rodda, Director
Parks & Recreation


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