



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING**



October 8, 2015

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, October 8, 2015, at Spenard Recreation Center.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Josh Durand, Park Superintendent.

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Joey Caterinichio
Commissioner Jon Dyson
Commissioner Carl Propes
Commissioner Peter Murphy
Commissioner Harlow Robinson
Commissioner Levi Robinson

Commissioners absent/excused:

Commissioner Jim Balamaci
Commissioner Richard Mystrom
Commissioner James Winchester

A quorum was present.

Staff present:

Josh Durand
Maeve Nevins
Diana Cramer

III. Consent Agenda

A. Agenda

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Carl Propes and seconded by Commissioner Jon Dyson, the Agenda for the October 8, 2015 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was unanimously approved.

B. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Upon motion duly by Commissioner Peter Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Carl Propes, the Minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission were unanimously approved.

IV. Director's Comments

In Director Rodda's absence, Park Superintendent Josh Durand reported on Parks and Recreation projects.

In August portions of the Coastal Trail experienced significant erosion due to high winds, rain storms and high waves. In cooperation with Street Maintenance and other municipal departments, Park Maintenance has begun working on erosion control and trail stabilization on those areas most affected by the erosion.

The Sullivan Arena project is nearing completion. The refrigeration system for the ice is complete, and the new seating is being installed.

The new Westchester Lagoon, Coastal Trail Bridge has arrived and installation is in progress. A celebration and ribbon cutting is being planned for late October.

Mr. Durand inquired of commissioners whose terms expire October 14 whether or not they had been in contact with the Mayor's Office regarding continuation of their appointments. Commissioner Propes indicated he would not be continuing, but had neither contacted nor been contacted by the Mayor's Office. Commissioners Caterinichio and Dyson both stated they desired to continue and had so informed the Mayor's Office, but neither had yet received a response. Parks and Recreation staff has been instructed by Mr. Durand to look into the matter.

V. Appearance Requests

There were no appearance requests for non-agenda items.

VI. Action Items

No action items were presented to the Commission at this meeting.

VII. Information Item

PRC 15-18: 2015 Planning and Construction Accomplishments

Presented by Josh Durand and Maeve Nevins

Planning and construction accomplishments for 2015 included:

1. Over 6.4 million dollars in park improvements;
2. A successful volunteer program with over 14,00 volunteer hours;
3. Completed rehabilitation of the entire Chester Creek Trail;
4. Seven neighborhood park fix-it events;
5. Seven Youth Employment in Parks projects;
6. Five renovated playgrounds;
7. Four challenge grant projects; and
8. Two approved master plans, and four master plans still in progress.

Details were provided on the following projects:

Park improvement projects

- Moen Park playground upgrade;
- David Green Park playground improvements;
- Dave Rose Park playground improvements;
- 4th Avenue Planters, urban tree planting;
- Area-wide accessibility study;
- Lanie Fleischer Chester Creek Trail, Phase 3 rehabilitation;
- Pop Carr Park playground replacement;
- Suzan Nightingale McKay Park playground improvements;
- Jewel Lake Park site improvements;
- Delaney Park Engine 556 landscape improvements; and
- Springer Park volleyball and basketball court improvements.

Master Plan projects

- Valley of the Moon Park Master Plan;
- South Anchorage Sports Park Master Plan;
- Davis Park Master Plan;

- Elderberry Park Master Plan;
- University Lake Park Master Plan; and
- Muldoon town Square Park Master Plan.

Youth Employment in Parks projects

- Balto Seppala interpretive trail;
- Westchester Lagoon revegetation improvements;
- Centennial Park Campground site improvements;
- Earthquake Park interpretive trail;
- Far North Bicentennial Park trail construction and park improvements;
- Kincaid Park and Beach Trail trail maintenance and construction; and
- Mt. Baldy, Eagle River, trail maintenance.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Carl Propes inquired about the current budget process. Mr. Durand advised that details will be provided to the commission as things progress.

Commissioner Joey Caterinichio asked about the color of the new seating at Sullivan Arena, and what is being done with the old seating. Mr. Durand responded he believed the new seating is gray and that the old seating will be recycled in some manner.

Commissioner Peter Murphy inquired whether or not there is a public easement on the Coastal Trail near Lyn Ary Park and the Turnagain Subdivision. Mr. Durand stated that this topic is being currently being researched by the Department and the Municipal Planning Department.

This meeting was Commissioner Carl Propes last meeting as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Mr. Propes has provided a valuable public service to the Municipality of Anchorage during his six years as a commissioner, and his contribution to and support of Anchorage Parks and Recreation is greatly appreciated.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., November 12, 2015, at the Spenard Recreation Center.

X. Adjournment.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Harlow Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Peter Murphy, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED this 12 day of NOVEMBER, 2015:



Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission



Director
Parks & Recreation