



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING**



March 8, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Joey Caterinichio at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at Spenard Recreation Center.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Tim Benintendi
Commissioner Joey Caterinichio
Commissioner Jon Dyson
Commissioner Richard Mystrom
Commissioner Carl Propes
Commissioner Harlow Robinson
Commissioner James Winchester

Commissioners absent:

Commissioner Marion Davis
Commissioner Peter Murphy

A quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Holly Spoth-Torres
Chris Conlon
Diana Cramer

III. Consent Agenda

A. Agenda

Upon motion made by Commissioner Benintendi and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the Agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved.

B. Minutes of February Meeting

Commissioner Benintendi noted one change needed to the February Minutes: on the last page, the date of the March meeting should be changed from March 10, 2012 to March 8, 2012. Upon motion made by Commissioner Winchester and seconded by Commissioner Robinson, the Minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting with the above changes were unanimously approved.

IV. Director's Comments

Speaking on behalf of the Director, Holly Spoth-Torres, Park Superintendent, handed out a flyer regarding the bonds to come before Municipal voters in April. Proposition 3 is the Parks & Recreation bond. Contained within this bond are:

- Anchorage Veterans' Memorial Refurbishment - \$100,000;
- Coastal Trail Surface & Safety Improvements - \$1.25 million;
- Cuddy Family Midtown Park Accessible Playground for All - \$250,000;
- Greenbelt Trail Bridge Upgrades - \$450,000;
- Conversion of Kincaid Park Trail Lighting to LED Energy-efficient Lighting - \$250,000; and
- Dempsey Anderson Ice Arena Site & Facility Improvements - \$450,000.

V. Appearance Requests

Seven people spoke to the Commission regarding the proposed Muldoon Park Strip/Muldoon Town Square and realignment of Chester Creek east of Muldoon Road.

Roger Shaw: Proposes to postpone the realignment of Chester Creek for four years to allow the East Anchorage District Plan and a park plan to be developed, and then reassess the realignment plan.

Stuart Grenier: Spoke on behalf of the Northeast Community Council. He had two topics to address: Muldoon Park Strip/Town Square/Chester Creek realignment and Centennial Park. As Centennial Park will come before the Commission next month, Stuart will return and speak again on that topic. Regarding Muldoon Park Strip/Town Square/Chester Creek, he believes the Muldoon community needs a focal point and the Muldoon Park Strip and Town Square would provide that. Additionally, bike trails connecting the Glenn Highway bike trail with the Campbell Creek trails are desired.

J. Michele Parmen: As a member of Scenic Foothills Community Council, she supports the Muldoon Park. Larger parks in the Muldoon area need to be developed, as well as accessible parks for special needs individuals.

Jerriane Lowther: She is a member of Scenic Foothills Community Council and talked about the need for the Muldoon Park. With overcrowding at Centennial Park, large numbers of people use Chugach Foothills Park, the only other large park in Muldoon,

