



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING

May 1, 2014



I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Acting Chair Carl Propes at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at Spenard Recreation Center.

II. Roll Call

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

Commissioners present:

Commissioner James Balamaci
Commissioner Joey Caterinichio
Commissioner Jon Dyson
Commissioner Peter Murphy
Commissioner Carl Propes
Commissioner Harlow Robinson
Commissioner James Winchester

Commissioners absent/excused:

Commissioner Richard Mystrom

A quorum was present.

Staff present:

John Rodda
Randy Rand

III. Consent Agenda

A. Agenda:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Agenda for the May 1, 2014 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was unanimously approved.

B. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission were unanimously approved.

IV. Director's Comments

Director John Rodda stated that it is shaping up to be a very busy summer at Parks and Recreation, with many special event and outdoor activities scheduled, as well numerous park maintenance and park construction projects planned.

V. Appearance Requests

Appearance requests on non-agenda items were as follows:

Nancy Pease, Rabbit Creek Community Council, spoke to the Commission regarding the Council's concerns about 100 acres of municipal land on top of the bluff east of Potter Marsh, along Old Seward Highway. Ms. Pease stated that in the Potter Valley Land Use Analysis of 1999, the land was designated as open space park land strictly for recreational use and was supposed to be conveyed to Parks and Recreation from Heritage Land Bank. The Council is concerned about new studies on the parcel being undertaken by Heritage Land Bank that may result in a change in the designation of the use of the land to something other than open space park land. She requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission form a committee jointly with the Council to monitor the situation. Director Rodda advised Ms. Pease that since Parks and Recreation has no management authority over the parcels that the Council should present its concerns to the Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission. Parks and Recreation is unable to take any peremptory action that might interfere with the Heritage Land Bank's process.

Tim Kosednar spoke to the Commission about his idea to expand and improve the golf course at Russian Jack Springs Park to make it better for disc golfers and structure use of the Park in a way that minimizes use conflicts between disc golfers and traditional golfers. Director Rodda advised Mr. Kosednar to put his plan in writing and present it to Parks and Recreation staff.

Commissioners discussed the closing of the Eagle Glen golf course at JBER and what steps were taken in the community to prevent this or what other uses might be appropriate for the land.

Commissioners then discussed whether or not there is a land trade involving Pt. Woronzof being discussed with the Airport at this time. Mr. Rodda stated there have been many, many meetings with airport, local government and community representatives on this matter, but no specifics have yet been determined.

Also discussed was the Potter Marsh and Heritage Land Bank issue. It was brought up that the same issue presented by Nancy Pease at this meeting was presented by Dianne Holmes at the April meeting, at which time she was advised about the proper process to address her concerns. As Mr. Rodda told Ms. Pease at this meeting, there is a process to be followed and the Parks and Recreation Commission cannot interfere with that process. Parks and Recreation does not have management of the parcels in question; it is under Heritage Land Bank control. This was the same information given to Ms. Holmes in April.

It was noted by Mr. Rodda that Heritage Land Bank will present a list of parks for dedication as park property to this Commission in June.


IX. Upcoming Meetings

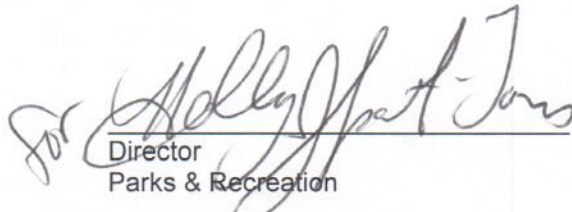
The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 12, 2014, at Spenard Recreation Center.

X. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED this 14 day of August, 2014:


Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission


Director
Parks & Recreation