



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING

October 13, 2011



I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair David Wigglesworth at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 2011, at Spenard Recreation Center.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Holly Spoth-Torres, Park Superintendent.

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Joey Caterinichio
Commissioner Jon Dyson
Commissioner Richard Mystrom
Commissioner Carl Propes
Commissioner David Wigglesworth

Commissioners absent/excused:

Commissioner Tim Benintendi
Commissioner Michael Fredericks
Commissioner Harlow Robinson

There was a quorum present.

Staff Present:

John Rodda
Holly Spoth-Torres
Elizabeth Stanley
Chris Conlon
Diana Cramer

III. Consent Agenda

- (A) Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Wigglesworth proposed moving Old Business before Staff Reports on the Agenda. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Propes and seconded by Commissioner Mystrom, the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

- (B) **Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2011:** Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Propes and seconded by Commissioner Mystrom, the Minutes of the Parks & Recreation from the September 9, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Appearance Requests

There was one appearance request. Although it was not a non-agenda item, Breck Tostevin of the Turnagain Community Council was permitted to speak to the Commission on the subject of the West Anchorage District Plan, an information item on the Agenda. The Turnagain Community Council is opposed to any land trade with the Anchorage International Airport that would convey Pt. Woronzof Park, a dedicated municipal park that was created as the result of a previous 1995 land trade with the airport, back to the Airport.

V. Information Items

(A) PRC 11-41 West Anchorage District Plan

Thede Tobish, Project Manager from Project Management and Engineering, presented a report on the components of the West Anchorage District Plan. The West Anchorage District is a roughly 13,200 acre area covering the western most areas of the Anchorage Bowl. As set out in *Anchorage 2020: Anchorage Bowl Comprehensive Plan Anchorage 2020*), the plan is intended to address long-range land use and development issues to “include land use and residential intensity maps, which will guide subsequent action on rezonings, plats, and capital improvement programming and design.” The district plan is essential for the Municipality to identify and resolve issues that are unique to West Anchorage, and is intended to establish a framework for making future development decisions. Mr. Tobish provided details of the proposed plan, described the public outreach and involvement process, and specifically addressed the portion of the Plan involving Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA) expansion plans and potential land trades between the Municipality and TSAIA.

(B) PRC 11-42 APF Board/PRC Joint Discussion

The Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC) and Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) participated in a joint discussion regarding the 2012 Parks & Recreation Operating Budget; the respective roles, responsibilities and priorities of PRC and APF; and park safety and graffiti. Anchorage Park Foundation board members Eleanor Andrews, Mark Kroloff, and William Bittner; Executive Director Beth Nordlund; and Communications & Development Director Shannon Kuhn participated in the discussion with Commissioners.

(C) PRC Commissioner Resignations and Appointments

David Wigglesworth announced the expiration of his and Sara Boario’s terms as Parks & Recreation Commissioners. This was their last meeting as Commissioners. New

