



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 9, 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, September 9, 2011, at Spenard Recreation Center.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Chris Conlon, Recreation Superintendent.

**Commissioners present:**

Commissioner Tim Benintendi  
Commissioner Joey Caterinichio  
Commissioner Michael Fredericks  
Commissioner Carl Propes  
Commissioner David Wigglesworth

**Commissioners absent/excused:**

Commissioner Sara Boario  
Commissioner Jon Dyson  
Commissioner Richard Mystrom  
Commissioner Harlow Robinson

There was a quorum present.

**Staff Present:**

Chris Conlon  
Elizabeth Stanley  
Josh Durand  
Diana Cramer

**III. Consent Agenda**

- (A) Approval of Agenda:** Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Benintendi and seconded by Commissioner Fredericks, the agenda was unanimously approved.

- (B) **Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2011:** Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Propes and seconded by Commissioner Caterinichio, the Minutes of the Parks & Recreation from the August 11, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### IV. Old Business

##### **Westchester Lagoon Disc Golf Course**

Josh Durand, Park Planner, gave an update on the status of the Westchester Lagoon Disc Golf Course situation. Parks & Recreation staff has set up a website which provides an opportunity for people to fill out a survey regarding the disc golf course. The survey will be used to gather public input and made available to the public via the website. It is anticipated that proposed recommendations will be presented to the Commission as an information item in October, written public comment on those recommendations will be gathered in October, and final recommendations will be presented to the Commission as an action item in November.

#### V. Anchorage Park Foundation Report

Beth Nordlund, Executive Director of the Anchorage Park Foundation, reported on the status of 2011 park projects, the ongoing activities of the Anchorage Park Foundation, and made a request that the Parks & Recreation Commission meet with the Anchorage Park Foundation Board of Directors to discuss park safety and vandalism, and how they can work together to promote safer parks.

#### VI. Appearance Requests – Non-Agenda Items

Mark Oppengaard spoke to the Commission about the Jodphur motocross track at Kincaid Park, including vandalism and safety, park hours, and track usage. These matters are presently under review by Parks & Recreation.

#### VII. Action Items

There were no action items presented.

#### VIII. Information Items

- A. **PRC 11-37 Parks & Recreation User Group Agreements:** Chris Conlon, Recreation Superintendent, gave a detailed presentation regarding the various groups using parks and recreation facilities including the general public (passive users), permitted users (rentals), and users with cooperative use agreements. He stressed the Department's core values which are: to improve access and connections, foster private and public partnerships, develop and enhance parks, improve maintenance

and stewardship of our facilities, and provide balanced services for a diverse community.

- B. PRC 11-38 Update on the 2011 Parks & Recreation Operating Budget:** As requested by Commissioners, Elizabeth Stanley, Administrative Superintendent, presented an historical budget review for the years 2009 to 2011. Her overview charted budgetary changes for all section of Parks & Recreation – Administrative Services, Park Operations, Park Development, and Recreation Services – and a general financial analysis.

**IX. Staff Reports**

- A. Recreation Superintendent Report:** Chris Conlon's report talked about the summer food programs at Spenard and Fairview recreation centers and the variety of programs now being provided for the citizens of Anchorage. The Permit Office continues to see an increase in the number of rentals over 2010. The Volunteer Section also has seen an increase in the number of volunteer projects performing a variety of tasks to improve parks. The Park Report Card project is presently underway.

**X. Upcoming Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be held at 6:00 p.m., October 13, 2011, at Spenard Recreation Center.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011:

  
David Wigglesworth, Chair  
Parks & Recreation Commission

  
John Rodda, Director  
Parks & Recreation