



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 – 5:30 PM  
CITY HALL CHAMBERS

**I. Call to Order at 5:32 p.m. – C. Mertl, Chair**

**Present:** Josh Anderson, Edric Carrillo, Kirk Duncan (t), Jon Gellings, Chris Mertl, Will Muldoon, Emily Palmer, Tom Rutecki, Kirsten Shelton

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** George Schaaf, Director; Michele Elfers, Deputy Director; Lauren Verrelli, Staff Liaison

**II. Agenda Changes – None**

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes–**

**A.** From June 4, 2019 – E. Palmer moves to approve the minutes; no objection. ***Minutes adopted.***

**B.** From August 6, 2019 – E. Palmer moves to approve the minutes; no objection. ***Minutes adopted.***

**IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items –**

**A.** Bruce Bowler (Dudley St.): I emailed Parks & Recreation about noise concerns at Adair-Kennedy Park and have not heard back from the Department. Over the past few years, we have brought the noise concern to the Department. One loud speaker is pointed in the direction of the homes on Dudley Street and we would like it turned.

G. Schaaf: The JSD puts on the events; Parks & Rec maintains the facility. We will talk to the JSD about the noise issue and we will be in touch.

**V. New Business – None**

**VI. Unfinished Business – None**

**VII. Information Items –**

**A. Juneau Park Foundation (JPF) – Project Update:**

G. Schaaf: The JPF is accomplishing a lot of work. They have secured their 501C(3) and have added two new board members, Alida Bus and Dr. Amy Dressel.

M. Elfers: The Eagle Valley Center cabin is under construction; the trail to the cabin is almost done thanks to Trail Mix. The site for the cabin has been cleared. We will be building a pit toilet with hopes of milling the cut lumber on site to make the toilet. Brad Campbell, a contractor volunteer, will be helping set the foundation this fall and build in the spring. We are hoping to rent the cabin by late spring, early summer 2020. Another project JPF has been involved in is with all the Rotary Clubs of Juneau. They are working on building the Auke Lake Wayside Shelter and with the JPF contributing money they

were able to upgrade the shelter to cedar. Next year, we will be adding signage and picnic tables.

**B. Movies in the Park, etc.:**

L. Verrelli: We will be launching our new program Movie in the Park this month. We recently purchased a 25-foot inflatable screen that can be used in any of our parks, weather depending. We look for local businesses to be the presenting sponsor to pay the licensing fee to show the movie and to keep the cost free for the community. We are also looking in creating a Senior Open Gym at Mount Jumbo Gym, providing pickleball, corn hole and ping pong for seniors in our community.

**VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports**

**A. Chair Report—** None

**B. Liaison to the Assembly Report—** Wade was reelected to the Assembly and requested to be the liaison for PRAC. Approached by Luis Jurgivs to create an ATV Park for tourist.

**C. Liaison Reports—**

Aquatics – W. Muldoon: there are seven new board members; discussing commercial use for lessons from outside users within our pools. Our retreat is at the end of the month.

YAB – T. Rutecki: None

Eaglecrest – E. Palmer: getting ready for the season; held their ribbon cutting for their new cabin.

Jensen-Olson Arboretum— E. Carrillo: Had a busy summer at the Arboretum.

JNU Urban Forestry – J. Gellings: None.

Lands – C. Mertl: Juneau Heating trying to get easements through parkland near downtown, we will hear more in the future. Sold some parcels out at Lena; Peterson subdivision grand opening.

Park Foundation— C. Mertl: Michele’s presentation covered it all.

Treadwell Arena Board – K. Duncan: None.

TrailMix— K. Shelton: Auction is coming up in November.

1% for Art— J. Anderson: None.

**Other Member Business –**

J. Anderson: I had to put my permit for the ATV Park on hold since the land is now being developed. Another group is pursuing an ATV Park.

C. Mertl: Can you fill us in on the pump track at Cope Park?

M. Elfers: Juneau Mountain Bike Association (JMBA) has been talking to us about creating a pump track at Cope Park and we have met with them a few times on site. At this point, we are waiting for them to get us a design, and then we would bring it to the public.

**Adjournment – 6:29 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.***

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Verrelli, Recreation & Public Services Manager, 11/30/19