



MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 – 5:30 PM
CITY HALL CHAMBERS

I. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m. – J. Anderson, Co-Chair

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

Absent: Chris Mertl

Staff Present: George Schaaf, Director; Michele Elfers, Deputy Director; Lauren Verrelli, Staff Liaison; Dan Bleidorn, Lands Manager

II. Agenda Changes – None

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. From December 3, 2019 –** E. Palmer moves to approve minutes; no objection. *Minutes adopted.*

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items –

- A. Martin Phelan (Mountainside Dr.):** I am representing the Capital Kennel Club and want to know the future of Mt. Jumbo Gym. Many user groups rely on that facility.
M. Elfers: There is no plan to discontinue use of Mt. Jumbo Gym. We have some roof and building issues. We are doing regular maintenance that it is structurally sound. At this point, we do not have money allocated to fix those issues. We appreciate your comments about the need for the facility.

V. New Business –

A. Eagle's Edge Playground Donation:

M. Elfers: The Department was approached by the Eagles Edge Homeowner Association asking if we would be interested in accepting a park parcel for use as a city park. The parcel is 0.2 acres in the Lemon Creek area near JPD. The Homeowner Association would like to dissolve and along with the donation of the park, they want to contribute around \$100,000 to upgrade it. The park needs work to bring it up to industry and CBJ standards. In 2012, voters approved \$250,000 for design and construction of a new neighborhood park in Lemon Creek. There is sufficient funding to upgrade this park to CBJ standard. The Homeowners Association has been talking to the Park Foundation to accept the \$100,000 that would be dedicated to the park.

E. Palmer: Is there an estimate of how much it would cost to bring it up to standard?

M. Elfers: Yes, it needs \$225,000 to bring it up to CBJ standard.

K. Shelton: Do you know the usage of the park?

M. Elfers: We do not have any actual numbers but the families in the area heavily use it.

K. Shelton: I move that the PRAC recommend to the Assembly to accept the donation of the Eagle's Edge Playground and that this property be designated a Neighborhood Park

to be managed by the Parks & Rec Dept.

Motion passes unanimously.

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. Information Items –

A. Downtown Summer Shelter:

M. Elfers: We manage and maintain the Thane Campground which is a seasonal campground where most campers are experiencing homelessness. Last summer we had increased criminal and safety issues. The site location is difficult for maintenance and management. We are looking at relocating it to a new location called the Downtown Summer Shelter that is above the Franklin Dock and Twisted Fish. We are working out a management plan that will include daily visits by JPD, Park Maintenance staff, Park Rangers and CBJ's homelessness coordinator.

E. Palmer: How much work is going into developing the new campsite?

M. Elfers: We will be relocating some items and we will be collaborating with the UAS Construction Technology program to build new tent platforms.

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report— None.

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report— None.

C. Liaison Reports—

Aquatics – W. Muldoon: Introduced commercial use policy; completed budget work.

YAB – T. Rutecki: Went over grant application process, about 200 applicants attended.

Eaglecrest – E. Palmer: Having a great season; looking at deferred maintenance.

Jensen-Olson Arboretum – E. Carrillo: Discussed commercial use policy.

Lands – C. Mertl: None.

Park Foundation – G. Schaaf in place of C. Mertl: Starting fundraising for Chicken Yard Park, goal is to raise \$10,000; planning a fundraiser for Amalga Cabin in May.

Treadwell Arena Board – K. Duncan: None

TrailMix – K. Shelton: They hired Ryan O'Shaughnessy as the new Director.

1% for Art – J. Anderson: None.

Other Member Business –

E. Palmer: Just got back from Southern Patagonia on a hut-to-hut hike. Its a huge economic driver for them, and brings people all over the world. I think it would be a great economic driver for independent travelers.

E. Carrillo: Thank you for hosting the Dive in Movie and having the Filipino Community sponsor it.

Adjournment – 6:13 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Verrelli, Recreation & Public Services Manager, 8/2/2020