



MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 – 5:30 PM
Zoom Webinar

I. Call to Order at 5:33 p.m. – C. Mertl, Chair

Present: Josh Anderson, Alex Beebe-Giudice, Edric Carrillo, Ron Crenshaw, Kirk Duncan, Chris Mertl, Will Muldoon, Emily Palmer, Tom Rutecki

Staff Present: George Schaaf, Director; Michele Elfers, Deputy Director; Lauren Verrelli, Staff Liaison; Allison Eddins, CDD Planner

II. Agenda Changes – None

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – None

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None

V. New Business –

A. Chicken Yard Park Utility Easement Request

M. Elfers: In the fall of 2019, Parks & Rec signed an agreement with the adjacent property owners that allows for parking, turnaround space and pedestrian access through the park to the property. The property was sold but the agreement carries with the deed to the new property owners. The new property owners have an electric car, are planning to get another, and would like to charge their cars at their parking spaces. They have requested an easement to run a buried conduit and electrical wiring through the park from their house to the parking spaces, to support an electric vehicle charging station. The department is in support of this request. The cost of the utility work and ongoing electrical maintenance would be the responsibility of the owners.

W. Muldoon: I move that the PRAC recommend that the Assembly approve the request for a utility easement through Chicken Yard Park by Marta Lasatufka and Michael Bucy.

Motion passes with unanimous consent.

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. Information Items –

A. Trail Master Plan Update

Allison Eddins (CDD): Staff from CDD, Parks & Rec, Trail Mix, USFS and State of Alaska are working on the Juneau Trails Plan that will cover the 170 miles of Juneau trails. The intent of this plan is to provide coordination and connectivity for maintenance and development between all of these agencies. We envision having specific actionable items that will allow Trail Mix to identify which projects take funding priority. Multiple plans dating back from 1993 through 2017, including a trail inventory and mapping project from Parks & Rec in 2018 & 2019 will go into this new plan; we want to build on what was done in the past. We are wrapping up the initial public engagement phase

where we put out a public survey for 7 weeks and received 1440 responses. Next, we will be meeting with various user groups and then this winter, we will draft the plan and have partner agencies review. Come February of 2021, a draft document will go out for public comment. Then late Spring/Summer of 2021 we will bring the document back to PRAC and Planning Commission. Initial survey results show that 89% report using trails at least one day per week.

W. Muldoon: I have a question about the timeline. 20 years seems like a long time for the master plan to exist.

A. Eddins: It would have a 20-year life but will include that it needs to be revisited every 2-5 years and updated every 10 years.

C. Mertl: Do not forget to look into a hut-to-hut system within CBJ. It is a great opportunity to strengthen our trails.

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report— Montana Creek has a lot of activity going on. Since the survey ends at the end of this month, I propose we move our October meeting to October 12 to give staff time to compile all the comments. We also received comments about the pump track at Cope Park and that there was not enough public notice.

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report— Reappointed Will & Edric; HRC approved PRAC, YAB and JOAAB 2019 Annual Reports

C. Liaison Reports—

Aquatics – W. Muldoon: GSC coach is interim Aquatics board member until they find replacement.

YAB – T. Rutecki: Had one contingency request.

Eaglecrest – E. Palmer: Started selling passes early; CCC working on mountain biking course & trails.

Jensen-Olson Arboretum— E. Carrillo: Merrill is retiring this fall; discussed commercial use policy.

Lands – C. Mertl: T&H proposed to purchase Hurlock property for at-risk youth; discussed film permitting.

Park Foundation— C. Mertl: Bond initiative is good for Juneau; cabin coming along.

Treadwell Arena Board – K. Duncan: Roof leak now over the ice; promoting bond for new roof; discussing ventilation due to COVID; JAHA pushed start of season.

TrailMix— R. Crenshaw: Received estate gift; hired 14 folks for CCC crew.

1% for Art— J. Anderson: None.

Other Member Business –

J. Anderson: I am planning to get the OHV subcommittee rolling soon. On the committee is myself, Will Muldoon and Ron Crenshaw.

Adjournment – 6:35 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Verrelli, Recreation & Public Services Manager, 12/14/2020