



MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 – 5:30 PM
Zoom Webinar

I. Call to Order at 5:31 p.m. – C. Mertl, Chair

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

Absent: Josh Anderson

Staff Present: George Schaaf, Director; Lauren Verrelli, Staff Liaison

II. Agenda Changes – None

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

- A. From October 12, 2020 – R. Crenshaw moves to approve minutes; no objection. **Minutes adopted.**
- B. From Subcommittee Meeting December 14, 2020 – A. Beebe-Giudice moves to approve subcommittee minutes; no objection. **Minutes adopted.**

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items – None

V. New Business – None

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. Information Items –

A. Juneau Trails Master Plan Update

Allison Eddins: Wrapping up initial public outreach, two more focus groups meetings left. We have met with most user groups including dog walkers, ORV, commercial use permittees, neighborhood associations and more. Some major themes we have seen are safety (trailhead conditions), trail maintenance in winter, improving access and creating trail connectivity/loop trails and alternate transportation to get places in town. Lots of feedback on potential partnerships. We had a meeting last week and realized we wanted to reframe the plan to use as a tool for social inclusion. Creating an equitably and sustainability matrix that we would filter all our action items through to make sure we are achieving the goals of social inclusion, social equity as well as environmental sustainability. Lastly, we want to create an interactive web map on all trails in Juneau, which includes the basics, updates on current trail conditions and trail amenities. The next steps are to begin writing the Plan and will bring the draft document to PRAC in April and open up a 30-day public comment period.

Ryan O’Shaughnessy (Trail Mix): Since 1993, cooperative planning efforts between all agencies was born out of the first Trails Plan and it’s still going strong.

R. Crenshaw: Have you received input from individuals with disabilities using the trails?

A. Eddins: This is great and we have not yet had in-depth discussion regarding

accessibilities on trails for our residents who have physical disabilities. We realize this is something this Trails Plan needs to address.

W. Bryson: Have e-bikes been taken into consideration?

G. Schaaf: This question actually started coming up a few years ago and our code and regulations are not equipped to deal with them. We get advice from our Law Department and if the bike is capable of self-propulsion then it is treated as a motorized vehicle.

B. Juneau Park Foundation Update

Ian Fisk: I am the Chair of the Juneau Park Foundation (JPF) and our mission is to engage Juneauites in our parks and trails and advocate for the maintenance and improvements of our park system. Starting in 2019, we were able to fund the completion of the Auke Lake Wayside shelter. We also received a matching grant from the Rasmussen Foundation for the Amalga Cabin. In 2020, we helped with the Mill Campground to find funding for tent platforms. JPF also were advocates on the proposition to the bond package that the Assembly unanimously passed and approved by voters. Looking into the future, we want to work with the Department priorities they have identified through P&R Master Plan, as well as engaging more with neighborhoods. Another importance to JPF is looking at undeserved parts of the community. Parks and trails are essential to keep people here and attracting folks to Juneau.

C. Operations Update

G. Schaaf: *Can be found in the [director's report](#).*

VIII. Committee, Liaison, and Board Member Reports

A. Chair Report— None

B. Liaison to the Assembly Report— Slightly changing how the bond will be issued. Selling the \$15M that just was approved and we are including the sale of the \$7M bond from the previous year, which will reduce cost for the City.

C. Liaison Reports—

Aquatics – W. Muldoon: CIP money for deck resurfacing & LED upgrades. Communication is great.

YAB – J. Anderson: None.

Eaglecrest – E. Palmer: Very busy; ski lessons sold out.

Jensen-Olson Arboretum— E. Carrillo: None.

Lands – C. Mertl: Discussing affordable housing.

Park Foundation— C. Mertl: None.

Treadwell Arena Board – K. Duncan: Working on annual report.

Trail Mix— R. Crenshaw: Sat in on board retreat; have over 700 members.

1% for Art— J. Anderson: None.

Other Member Business –

R. Crenshaw: The PRAC should have a workshop about the Fieldhouse and brainstorm on how to increase revenue.

Adjournment – 6:51 p.m. *Having no other business before the board.*

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Verrelli, Recreation & Public Services Manager, 2/28/2021

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