

## Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

March 10, 2015

- A. **Wendy Ranney** called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm
- B. **ROLL CALL:**
  - In attendance:** Wendy Ranney, Kara Johnson, Karen Hallquist, Marvin Van Den Broek, Miriam Dunbar, Dave Zastro, Susie Herschleb, and Shannon Phillips
  - Absent:** Steve Barnes
- C. **Approval of Agenda:** M/K. Hallquist to approve amended agenda with Visitor Communication put first, S/K. Johnson. V/Unanimous Approval.
- D. **Visitor Communication:**
  - 1. City Manager Randy Robertson gave an overview of budget concerns for the city. About \$800,000 of expected timber receipts from the federal government still haven't been paid to the city, and perhaps none are coming. \$100,000 has been cut for jail operations from the state. Revenue sharing will be down also. Fish tax will probably be about \$1 million, so the City is looking about \$1 million in lost revenue and will have to find ways to cut spending. The Fairweather ferry has lost one engine, but has just gotten permission to run on 3 engines. This will cause more cancellations because it won't be able to travel in stormy weather. The state budget at this point has drastic cuts to the ferry system which will mean less service for Prince William Sound.
  - 2. Mayor Jim Kacsh wanted to let the commission know that he received the draft of the resolution about pool temperature from the city manager earlier that day. He said that bringing the resolution to the council was the proper procedure.
- E. **Consent Calendar:** S. Barnes sent an e-mail to M. Dunbar saying that the Minutes of 2-18-15 did not accurately show his views, nor did it show that he abstained rather than voted against the resolution. **Motion to amend Minutes of 2-18-15** M. Van Den Broek S/ D. Zastro. V/Unanimous Approval. M. Dunbar will amend Minutes of 2-18-15 and the amended Minutes will come to a vote in the April meeting.
- F. **Director's Report by S. Herschleb:**
  - 1. **Includes 3 White Papers** that will be presented to the City Council on Saturday, April 4, 2015.
  - 2. **Rec. Ops position** has been difficult to keep a person because of the great seasonal differences within the job. S. Herschleb would like to change the position to a facility manager at Bidarki, with Temporary funds to be used for a sport facilitator during the school year, and a 3 month summer camp programmer.
  - 3. **New Filter Tank** for the pool will be installed by Chester Pool Systems starting April 23. While the pool is closed, additional cleaning and repairs will be done, and the locker room floors may get painted, as that hasn't happened in 6 years. Since they have an epoxy surface, preparation and painting should be fairly quick.
  - 4. **New vault toilet** will be installed with a grant from the Forest Service. Herschleb found a person in the agency to help her make sure the process is done correctly.
  - 5. **Bidarki Floor** still needs to be leveled. It will have to be filed as a new claim with the insurance company. Perhaps the floor resurfacing tools will be purchased in the future for in-house floor repair.
- G. **Unfinished Business**
  - 1. **Pool Temperature Resolution** was not yet submitted to the City Council because W. Ranney has been waiting for statements from the Puddle Jumpers and the Elementary School to submit with the resolution. Since the deadline for the next council meeting is tomorrow, the resolution will not be presented until the following meeting. The survey will also be submitted at the same time. W. Ranney feels that the Council members will support what the community wants.
- H. **New Business**

1. **Pump Track** is being manufactured and will be installed in June 2015. S. Herschleb received bids for several heights of fencing. American Ramp Company (ARC) has stated that fences do not keep people away from pump tracks. R. Robertson would like an 8 foot high fence because the site is so close to the tot lot, or would like to see another site chosen for the pump track. S. Herschleb thinks once the skate park is built, a 4 foot high fence would be put around it. The pump track can be taken apart and moved, so it could be put in another area and then moved to the skate park later. One possible alternative site is the grassy field close to the hospital corner. Parks & Rec has been partnering with Copper River Watershed to improve water quality around Odiak Pond. A French Drain is needed in the grassy field to move water to a bio-swale. It would cost about \$10,000 to prepare ground for the pump track in the grassy field. ARC has provided several examples of pump track rules. Parents should sign a waiver before their children use the pump track. S. Herschleb will have a draft of a sign with capacity, traffic pattern, and time of operation at the next meeting. S. Ranney doesn't think children should need a Bidarki pass to use the track. S. Herschleb agrees, but would like to have children learn how to be safe on the track. K. Johnson suggested that children could earn a sticker once they received training. S. Herschleb noted that more information is needed before the commission decides where to put the pump track.
  2. **Dressed to Kill** will be on April 18. There will be a "Haut Couture" competition involving handmade dresses or dresses embellished with materials from Cordova. S. Herschleb is hoping to get one or two tickets from Alaska Airlines for a prize. Commissioners are needed to either help with the event or with clean up the next day.
  3. **Commission Meeting Schedule** has a conflict with Planning & Zoning which also meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Now we will meet fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Next meeting will be April 28 at City Hall.
- I. **Pending Agenda:** None.
- J. **Commission Comments**  
Hallquist is glad so many of the commissioners could attend the meeting. D. Zastro is happy to finally be able to attend, and thinks that monthly meetings will be good. S. Herschleb said it is helpful if commissioners come to her right away with concerns, not wait until the monthly meeting. If she cannot give enough information, then commissioners should go to City Council members. K. Johnson appreciates being informed about DTK early. M. Van Den Broek would like to see swimming lessons for both children and adults. S. Herschleb said many are planned.
- K. **Adjournment:** M to adjourn/ K. Johnson, S/ D. Zastro  
Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Miriam Dunbar, Secretary