

Minutes

April 28th, 2014

6:00 pm City Hall

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

- A. Steve Barnes calls meeting to order, April 28th, 2014 at 6:05 pm
- B. **Roll Call:** In Attendance: Kristen Carpenter (via teleconference), Steve Barnes, Karen Hallquist, Marvin VanDenBroek, Kara Johnson, Parks & Rec. Director Susie Herschleb, and Admin Assistant Shannon Phillips
- C. **Approve Agenda:**
Motion to vote on the Noel Pallas resolution.
Motion to approve/ Carpenter, S/Hallquist, Motion Approved
Johnson reads the Resolution
All in favor say Aye, all respond Aye, PASSED, unanimous
With no oppositions the resolution will be presented at the May 7th city council meeting.
Herschleb clarifies that we voted on recommending that the city council accepts this resolution. It is not a Parks and Rec. Resolution.
Motion to approve Agenda/Barnes, Agenda Approved
- D. **Communication by Visitors:**
Kate Morse with the Copper River Watershed Project-
Morse attends the meeting to update the commission on the work that CRWP has been doing around Odiak Watershed. Odiak Pond is adjacent to Hollis Hendrichs Park which is currently managed by Parks and Recreation. **Morse** provides background information and presents a map of sub watersheds. They have established a native plant garden, built a bio swale, and are working to support salmon habitat in this system. Morse says that they are continuing to do a lot of education with local students.
A Hydrology Assessment hard copy is passed around and explained. Morse talks about a few sites where changes can make a difference. CRWP built a bio swale behind the hospital. **Morse** explains what a bio swale is and shows pictures of it. Over the planning phase they worked on developing a MOU to help with the long term maintenance that is between the City, the Medical Center, and the CRWP. **Morse** said that this summer they are working with Susie to remove an old railroad culvert and other debris from the corner of the pond, then they will use a technique called brush layering to reestablish an open stream channel. **Morse** states that they are working with the city on a snow handling and management plan. **Morse** thanks the commission for their time and all they do.
- E. **Consent Calendar: Motion to approve / Carpenter. S / Johnson.**
1. 11/19/13 Minutes, Approved

F. **Reports:** 1) Directors Report.

S.Herschleb says that we will be covering a large period of time due to some unforeseen projects. There will be some changes coming up with scheduling we will be having a “siesta” mid-day closure again this summer so we can stay open later. **Herschleb** said that Jessica Smyke has been hired for the summer camp coordinator and we will go back out to hire for the full time benefitted position in the fall. **Herschleb** will again be driving the bus for Summer Camp and will be doing week on week off sessions with half day walking camps on the off weeks. **Herschleb** states that we are still very interested in finding funding for vans, it would require 3 vans. There are definite pros and cons to using the bus and that it is an issue we will have to revisit in September when it is closer to the budget cycle. **Herschleb** said there has been a turn of events, the salt water system is lost in route and that she will keep everyone as informed as possible. **Herschleb** said that we have two vacant seats on our Commission board. There is nothing in code that we can find that states our commission has to have seven seats. **Mayor Kasch** states that he can help with this conversation. **Kacsh** said that council is looking at standardizing boards of commission. There is nothing normal about any of them, we would like to get it all in writing and make them all the same. **Kasch** asks for input.

Barnes said, he would like to keep it at 7. **VanDenBroak** states it should stay at 7. **Johnson** states that she likes the idea of 7 as well. **Carpenter** suggests a nominating committee like the utility coops. **Carpenter** has no strong opinion on 5 or 7 seats. **Hallquist** has no preference. **Kasch** states that they will pass those thoughts on at the May 7th meeting.

First Quarter Report. **Herschleb** states that we are looking into a card swipe system. 2014 Attendance and revenue suffered a little bit due to the gym floor flood. **Herschleb** explains the card swipe system. **Barnes** asks how many cameras come with the system. **Herschleb** says that there is another grant that Paul Trumblee wrote through the fire department and we are supposed to get three cameras inside Bidarki and four cameras outside. The card swipe system is further discussed.

G. **Correspondence:**

H. **Unfinished Business:** **Carpenter** signs off. **Johnson** asks about the DTK fundraiser. **Herschleb** states that we made the money we needed and more. Some A.R.C. skate park plans are discussed, and material samples and design blueprints are passed around.

I. **New Business:**

1) **Officially name the park known as the “Tot Lot” in memory of Noel Pallas**

J. **Life Guard training options-Marvin VanDenBroek** - **VanDenBroek** states that lack of lifeguards is something that needs to be fixed. He discusses training options such as a student work program & student lifeguard training through the school. **Herschleb** states that it would be good to talk to the school district about junior lifeguarding, but another full time benefitted position would also be beneficial. **Herschleb** said that a full time benefitted lifeguard could promote an

after school swimming program and junior lifeguarding program or perhaps a partnership between the pool and the school.

K. Pending Agenda:

1. Pool rules – **Herschleb** said that we have purchased a T.V., and cables and Meghan has constructed an outline of the rules she wants, we are now at the point of getting our Actors/Actresses.

L. Commission Comments: **Hallquist** expresses her appreciation for tot time, tot swim, and the facilities.

M. Meeting Adjourned:

M/Barnes S/Hallquist Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm