

Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

June 29, 2017 DRAFT

- A. **Dave Zastrow** called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Skater's Cabin
- B. **ROLL CALL:**
In attendance: Dave Zastrow, Miriam Dunbar, Kara Johnson, Karen Hallquist, Stephen Phillips, Susie Herschleb, and Heather Brannon.
Absent: Wendy Ranney, Marvin Van Den Broek.
- C. **Approval of Agenda:** **M/S.** Phillips to approve. **S/K.** Hallquist . **V/**Unanimous Approval.
- D. **Visitor Communication:**
none
- E. **Consent Calendar:**
Minutes of 2-28-17 and Minutes of 5-30-17. **M/S.** Phillips to approve both sets of Minutes. **S/ K.** Hallquist. **V/**Unanimous Approval.
- F. **Director's Report by S. Herschleb:**
1. **Bidarki After-hours Access--** Making this work is taking the majority of the staff's time. The main problems are users letting non-pass holders into the building, and that more cleaning is needed. The passes are being programmed so that they only open the doors according to the type of pass. Window films have been installed on the lower windows of the weight room so that people cannot see in or out to discourage people from bothering the users. Quarterly payments from the USCG are helping to pay for Bidarki expenses. Probably need to increase the fee next year since USCG is now getting 24 hour access. Job description of staff position will change to include more cleaning and supervising of users.
 2. **Nirvana Park/Spit Update--** The temporary signage explaining the new policies is causing a controversy, as some people feel that the park is getting too restrictive. S. Herschleb has been explaining to the people that are upset that the signage is temporary. We have to wait until the Caucus and the Core Committee make their recommendations before installing the permanent signs that will explain the new policies. S. Herschleb plans to create an action plan if skeletal or cultural remains are exposed. We need advice from the archaeologists and to assemble a response team. Jen Smith is interested in taking part in that. D. Zastrow has examples of USFS action plans for this purpose that he will send to S. Herschleb. Heather Hall will be coming in July and can give her input. Applied Archaeology also will be returning to Cordova in July.
 3. **Swimming Pool--** Lifeguard training was provided by Derek Hammer. There are now 6 new trained lifeguards. More swimming lessons will be offered. A possible "Swim Camp" is being planned. K. Hallquist explained that this would probably be a 5 day session, 4 hours each day. It would combine swimming lessons, water safety, and fun water activities.
- G. **Unfinished Business:**
None
- H. **New Business**
1. **Odiak Camper Park Master Plan Review--** S. Herschleb noted that the first step is to have a special meeting and invite the tenants to participate. This year the tenants are pretty happy with the park. The top priority in the Master Plan for Odiak Camper Park is to "support the development of an RV park in the private sector". However, there is very little land available that is suitable for this purpose. K. Johnson stated that there is a shortage of affordable housing in Cordova. It will be even worse at the end of the summer because the Fishermen's Camp will be closing due to insurance issues. Possible RV camp could be developed at 5 mile, but it would be a big investment to provide water and sewer there. At the special meeting for Odiak Camper Park, the following capital improvement projects should be discussed: new playground

equipment, additional unisex bathroom, water/sewer hook ups, paved parking and roadway, and more RV parking on the multi-use field. S. Herschleb will find out the best meeting date for the tenants during the week of July 24 and will let the commission know. The baseball field next to the camper park is called "Orca Inlet Recreation Area". A new resident is very interested in starting flag football, and that field would work well for it.

2. Skater's Cabin Master Plan Review-- Jet skiers and motorized boats are out of the Nirvana Spit, but now the buoys have been set up near the boat launch at the end of the city air strip. The FAA only approves the boat launch for float planes. We should not encourage more traffic there. S. Herschleb believes that putting a boat launch on the east side of Skater's cabin would help move the jet skiers away from the air strip. Kristin Carpenter from CRWP feels that it is a good spot since there is parking, and it is not near a salmon spawning stream. We should invite the jet skiers to give input on any new location for a boat launch. The beach expansion on the east side of Skater's cabin can happen before the boat launch is constructed. K. Johnson wondered if the beach on the west side could be leveled near the fire pit. S. Herschleb explained that the shortage of staff prevents extra projects. Perhaps a volunteer work party could be organized to level the fire pit. The commission went outside to see firsthand where the beach would be expanded. Large rocks will be needed to create a terraced slope, then clean fill will be added. The boat ramp would be at the east side of the new beach, so that the motorized boats would be quite far from the swimming area on the west side of the cabin. The commission looked at the new outhouse. A Lexan roof will be added to keep snow away from the door during the winter. A privacy panel and an ADA accessible ramp will also be added. The commission examined the wall of Skater's cabin that needs to be repaired. Small contractors will be contacted to find the best possible solution, and whether the \$5,000 that was raised at DTK will only be enough to do short term repair.

I. Pending Agenda:

Plaque for Enrique Zamudio at the Swimming Pool

J. Commission Comments

none

Next meeting is scheduled for the week of June 24, day and time TBA

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Miriam Dunbar, Secretary