

Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting (amended)

September 27, 2016

- A. **Wendy Ranney** called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm
- B. **ROLL CALL:**  
**In attendance:** Wendy Ranney, Stephen Phillips, Dave Zastrow, Miriam Dunbar, Marvin Van Den Broek, Susie Herschleb, and Heather Brannon.  
**Absent:** Karen Hallquist, Kara Johnson.
- C. **Approval of Agenda:** M/D. Zastrow to approve agenda, S/M. Van Den Broek . V/Unanimous Approval.
- D. **Visitor Communication:** none
- E. **Consent Calendar:**  
Minutes of 9-6-16. M/ D. Zastrow to approve. S/M. Dunbar . V/Unanimous Approval.
- F. **Director's Report by S. Herschleb:**
1. **Budget Planning--** S. Herschleb met with Jon Stavig about the city budget. Expecting low raw fish tax and no timber receipts, so the budget should be flat. Alan Lanning has just been hired as the new City Manager, and will start mid October. She doesn't know what kind of budget direction he will give her. Her #1 priority for the budget is a Rec Ops Leader which will cost \$83,000 including all benefits. S. Herschleb listed the 5 top capital projects on the priority list. Commission members asked to review the 10 Year Master Plan to see which tasks have already been accomplished. (see New Business below)
  2. **Nirvana Park Spit--** S. Herschleb talked to the City lawyer who advised that we not apply for a permit from the state to place a buoy line in the water for a designated swim area. The requests of the Eyak Lake Burial Site Caucus have created legal issues that must be resolved first. Since that group is in favor of blocking motorized traffic, S. Herschleb feels putting a large rock before the spit may be a good idea. M. Van Den Broek is against putting the rock there. The community meeting to plan for the future of the park will be held soon, and is supposed to involve all user groups. Law enforcement is limited at present since the lake is not a state park.
- G. **Unfinished Business:** none
- H. **New Business**
1. Commissioners reviewed the 10 Year Master Plan with S. Herschleb. The following tasks have been accomplished and no longer need to be in the plan: installation of the salt water system in the pool, overhead lighting in the weight room, children's memorial plaques installed at Tot Park, new benches put at the Fisherman's Memorial Park, and 3 tent platforms have been constructed at Shelter Cove. Some of the tasks left on the list need to be changed in priority. S. Phillips feels that the Odiak Camper Park is no longer really a recreation facility and should be moved to be an appendix of the plan. S. Herschleb agreed, and also suggested that the Mt. Eyak Ski Area also be moved there. The following priority lists were given by these commissioners:  
M. Van Den Broek—1. Hand rails at Odiak Pond, 2. Repairs at Skater's Cabin, 3. Odiak Camper Park expanded, 4. Drainage managed better at Hollis Hendrix Park, 5. Beach area developed at mile 5 (avalanche zone), 6. Repair pool blanket.  
S. Phillips-- 1. Repairs at Skater's Cabin, 2. Lighting at pool, 3. Safe approach for Breakwater Trail, 4. Disc Golf at new Fleming Spit park, 5. Develop Murchessun Creek picnic area.  
M. Dunbar-- 1. Rec Ops Leader, 2. Repairs at Skater's Cabin, 3. Ventilation system installed at pool, 4. Bathroom installed at Nirvana Park, 5. Add fish cleaning station at Feming Spit, 6. Resolve Nirvana Spit Grave Situation. Either improve swim area there, or if not possible, trade land for another swim area on the lake, 7. Build a hand rail for Odiak pond with either metal or wooden framework with recycled seine webbing for sides.

W. Ranney-- 1. Rec Ops Leader, 2. Alternate source of heating for pool or Bidarki, 3. Repairs at Skater's Cabin, 4. Summer Camp funding guaranteed every year.

**I. Pending Agenda:**

1. Move Odiak Camper Park and Mt. Eyak Ski Area to appendix of the 10 Year Master Plan.
2. Bidarki Bazaar
3. Donated Property at Fleming Spit update.
4. Plaque for Enrique Zamudio at the Swimming Pool

**J. Commission Comments**

M. Van Den Broek agrees that summer camp needs to be a top priority. The pool is running smoothly with the new pool director. High school swim team is bigger than ever with the new coach. M. Dunbar noted that priorities of all the commissioners are quite close, which is good. W. Ranney feels that the other 3 commissioners should also give input on budget priorities. S. Herschleb explained that there will be open registration for the Bidarki Bazaar. She will be sending a letter to all the past vendors shortly. A lifeguard trainer will be coming to town at the end of October. The trainer will teach Derek to be a life guard trainer, and Karen Hallquist as a swim instructor. For Halloween David Roemhildt has given permission for the old library to be made into a haunted house. Facilities manager Weston Bennett is going through the energy audit to make priorities for needed repairs.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6 pm.

**Adjournment:** M to adjourn/ S. Phillips, S/ M. Van Den Broek  
Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Miriam Dunbar, Secretary