

Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

October 2, 2017 DRAFT

- A. **Wendy Ranney** called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
- B. **ROLL CALL:**
In attendance: Wendy Ranney, Dave Zastrow, Marvin Van Den Broek, Miriam Dunbar, Kara Johnson, Karen Hallquist, Stephen Phillips, Susie Herschleb, Heather Brannon, Katrina Hoffman, Dave Eike, Collin Bronson, Kristin Carpenter, Micah Renfeldt, and Samantha Greenwood.
- C. **Approval of Agenda:** **M/S.** Phillips to approve. **S/D.** Zastrow . **V/**Unanimous Approval.
- D. **Visitor Communication:**
Collin Bronson, Commander of the USCGC Sycamore, introduced himself.
- E. **Consent Calendar:**
Minutes of 6-29-17 and Minutes of 7-25-17 Special Meeting. **M/S.** Phillips to approve both sets of Minutes. **S/** K. Johnson. **V/**Unanimous Approval.
- F. **Director's Report by S. Herschleb:**
1. **List of Projects** completed or underway by the department was provided to the Commission.
 2. **Haunted Teen Dance--** This will be done instead of a haunted house, as it will take less manpower. The department is partnering with Current Rhythms Dance Studio and CFRC. USCG Spouses may provide food as a fundraiser.
 3. **Christmas Bazaar--** It will be at Mt. Eccles, and registration will be October 16 through November 17. The bazaar will be December 1 & 2.
 4. **Great Pumpkin Event--** This will be a family event for carving pumpkins at Bidarki Gym. Heather was able to get the pumpkins at cost from A.C., as the new A.C. manager is anxious to get involved in community events. There will also be rock painting.
 5. **After School Programming--** The department will be partnering with CAYAK for basketball. Other activities will be organized as time and resources allow.
- G. **Unfinished Business:**
1. **Plaque for Enrique Zamudio at the Swimming Pool** will be kept on the pending agenda.
 2. **Master Plan Review** will focus on Shelter Cove at our next meeting.
 3. **Nirvana Park--** Core Committee will be meeting in the next 2 weeks. The big temporary sign is down. Permanent signs will be created after the Core Committee makes its recommendations.
- H. **New Business**
1. **Presentation by Katrina Hoffman, PWSSC--** PWSSC hopes to develop new facilities in the future. Currently they are occupying about 15,000 square feet, including outside storage areas. This is spread out between town and the facilities at 13 mile. The new fill site next to their present office is not large enough for expansion. \$90 million in revenue has come to Cordova from PWSSC since its inception. They also attract many talented people who come to work for them. Many of these people go on to work in other organizations in Cordova. PWSSC would like to build a facility that would have education space, a small dormitory, and more office space. The Stearns Property at Shelter Cove is being transferred to the Copper River Watershed Project, which may give PWSSC an opportunity to have a plot on the coastline. They would like a letter of support from Parks & Rec. Since there is deep water there, a sea water heat pump would be possible. This would have ecological and economic advantages compared to traditional heating. The PWSSC currently has a lease until 2021 for the present building, so that is a possible timeline for a new facility. The Exxon Valdez Trustee Council will be approached for funding. A new sewer line to Shelter Cove will cost about \$1 million, and the entire project may cost about \$15 million. W. Ranney stated that the Commission will discuss writing a letter of support at the next meeting.

2. **Presentation by Kristin Carpenter, CRWP--** CRWP would like to improve recreational access at Shelter Cove. The concrete pillars and sidewalk will be removed by D.O.T. because they are deteriorating and slippery. CRWP would like to build platforms and stairways for anglers, kayakers, and education programs. They were awarded an \$80 thousand grant from the Timber Receipts program. It must be spent by 2022. Public meetings will be held to gather input from the community. Parks & Rec can decide if it wants to be included in the project. K. Carpenter showed several examples of platforms that could be built. ADFG likes them because they don't damage the vegetation, or interfere with habitat. M. Van Den Broek wondered how far the stairway would extend into the tidal lands. K. Hoffman asked if there could be a floating walkway. When CRWP acquires the Stearns property they will keep Parks & Rec informed. They also hope to build campsites and trails. The conservation easement will be owned by the Great Land Trust, but CRWP will have title to the land.

3. **Disc Golf Initiative--** Micah Renfeldt explained that construction could happen next spring or fall. Not sure where the course will be, but the city land at Meals Reservoir would be an excellent place, although parking is an issue. The ski hill is better for parking, but there is more brush. Collin Bronson noted that the USCG may be able to donate \$4,000-5,000 to purchase the equipment, and donate labor to help set it up. If he gets approval from the USCG, he could cut the check by the end of 2017. M. Renfeldt explained that disc golf courses are easy to maintain, and the game can be played by people of all skill levels. M. Van Den Broek asked about damage to muskeg. M. Renfeldt said that the course would be moved periodically to avoid erosion. **M/S.** Phillips for the Commission to write a letter of support for the disc golf course. **S/** K. Johnson. **V/**Unanimous Approval. D. Zastrow asked if Parks & Rec would take ownership of the equipment. S. Herschleb said that this hadn't been decided yet. C. Bronson explained that an M.O.U. would have to be created. S. Greenwood noted that if Geoblock is used under the equipment, it is not considered land fill.

I. Pending Agenda:

1. Plaque for Enrique Zamudio at the Swimming Pool
2. Master Plan Review-- Shelter Cove
3. Nirvana Park
4. PWSSC future facility

J. Commission Comments

M. Dunbar noted that it was great to have so many people attend this meeting. K. Johnson seconded that.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 24 at 6 pm
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Miriam Dunbar, Secretary