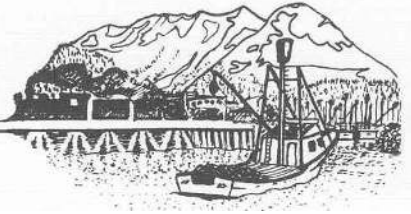


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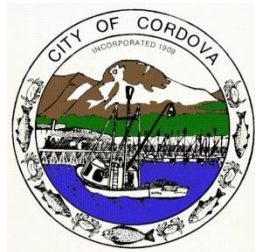


PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

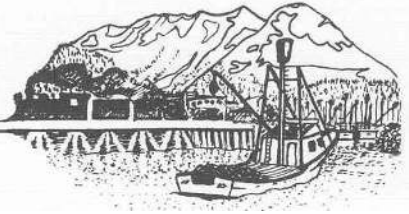
Tuesday, May 25th, 2021
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers

Public is welcome.



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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting,

04/27/2021

6:00 PM / Council Chambers / Cordova Civic Center

Cordova Parks and Recreation is essential for providing and fostering parks, programs, and facilities for all in pursuit of a healthy sustainable community.

AGENDA

Commission Chair

Wendy Ranney

Commission Members

Karen Hallquist, Marvin Van Den Broek, Henk Kruithof, Dave Zastrow, Ryan Schuetze, Kirsti Jurica

Interim Parks and Recreation Director

Micah Renfeldt

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL: Wendy Ranney, Karen Hallquist, Marvin Van Den Broek, Henk Kruithof, Dave Zastrow, Ryan Schuetze, Kirsti Jurica, Micah Renfeldt

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. VISITOR COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Regarding Agenda Items (3-minute limit)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. No Minutes to Report; Minutes for 04/27/2021 Regular Commission Meeting shall be read at the Regular Commission Meeting for June.

6. REPORTS

- a. Director's Report

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review of Noel Pallas Memorial Playground (Tot Lot) Master Plan

9. PENDING AGENDA

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT



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A L A S K A

**From the Administrative Office of the City of Cordova/
Parks and Recreation Dept.**

Date: 04/20/2021

To: Clay Koplín; Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Micah Renfeldt / Interim Director of Parks and Recreation

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

We hope the beautiful spring weather has found you outside and enjoying our parks and facilities!

Tot Lot Impact Resistant Ground Cover

The product is in-route and will most likely make it to town before the commission has a chance to meet. We still need to build a gate, which will be next on our to-do list.

Parks Are Open

Our Parks are currently online and in use. Little League is set to begin at the end of this month. We have almost finished rebuilding the rear wall at Odiak Campground and patrons are continuing to arrive. The restroom/shower trailer that we purchased has had a few hurdles, as far connecting to the water/sewer and electrical lines, but we are currently troubleshooting and plan to have it on by the end of the week.

Multipurpose Field New Picnic Area

Construction of the new picnic area has commenced. We wanted to get a jump on cutting the brush before it begins blooming with leaves, thus doubling the weight that would need hauling out of the area. The plan is to put a picnic table, a fire ring, and a BBQ stand. We have all the implements on hand to do so. We are hoping to be finished before the end of June.

Lifeguard Training

As our COVID response continues to relax, it is imperative we look to our future needs. We need to coordinate a Lifeguard training before we can open back up for open swims or make any changes to the pool schedule. We are hearing a lot about wanting open swims and allowing youth to swim unaccompanied by an adult as part of a family swim or having older siblings be present as the guardian for younger swimmers. Any of these activities should require a Lifeguard(s). Investigation into both J Ellis (our current certifying body) and Red Cross shows that neither entities are currently planning on holding trainings in the state. We currently have nothing in our budget for training. We may have to approach council about a budget amendment to bring in a trainer.

CORDOVA MUNICIPAL PARK:

Classification: Community Park / Recreation Area

1. Complete phase II of this property renovation:

- a. The Commission intends to either build a new skate park behind the Tot Lot or create a 'pump track'. The question of which was raised at a Commission meeting. It was noted that many of the kids using the skate park were riding their bikes on the equipment rather than using skateboards. **(The Pump Track has since been built)**
- b. The original skate park was placed on an old tennis court. The court began sinking because areas of organic matter were not removed prior to pouring its foundation. Over the years this organic matter under the concrete continued to decay leaving 2-3 foot recessed areas and cracked concrete which was an unsafe skate surface.
- c. In 2010 Commission selected a design, planned phase I and II of the renovation and began to remove portions of concrete from the old tennis court. Trees were also cleared from the back of the lot and approximately 60 cubic yards of fill were placed in this area with the intention of eventually pouring a new foundation for the skate park. In 2011 the old Tot Lot equipment was removed to create more parking along Sawmill Avenue. The remaining concrete from the old tennis court was removed and the new playground equipment was then installed in its place.
- d. Unfortunately, during the winter of 2011-2012 the skate equipment suffered irreparable damage. It had been stored during the renovation at the back of the property near a snow storage area during a record-breaking year for accumulation ('Snowpocalypse').
- e. In August of 2012, a fence was placed around the playground and we addressed some unforeseen problems with erosion around the perimeter of the fence line.

2. Children's Memorial Plaques:

- a. In 2007 the Park/playground known as Children's Memorial Park was destroyed due to a neighboring snow storage area exceeding its capacity and overflowing onto the playground equipment and memorial. The Park had been there since the 1960's. It was centrally located and well used by the school district, local day care providers and private parties in the

summer. Its location in the winter, however, was challenging for our Public Works operators storing snow.

- b. After the playground was destroyed, City Council voted not to designate this property again to the park. The insurance money received for the damaged playground equipment at Children's Memorial park was used to purchase the new equipment that is now at the Tot Lot.
 - c. Although the Commission would most like to see a new piece of property designated to replace Children's Memorial Park, the plaques that were removed due to damage, need to be displayed and should not remain in storage until a new park is developed. The Commission intends to place a memorial at the Tot Lot until these issues are resolved.
3. Youth skate board:
 4. Fundraising for new concrete pad & covered skate area:
 5. Design of new skate park with new pump track has been completed with 2016 quote (attached at back of document)