



## **City and Borough of Sitka**

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### **SITKA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE June 7, 2007 - Meeting Minutes Third Floor Municipal Conference Room**

**Present:** Tim Riley, Hans von Rekowski, Ken Corson, Michelle Gundaker, Blake Hagerman,

**Excused:** Lesa Way,

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Deborah Lyons

**Staff:** Lynne McGowan, Shawn McLeod

**Others:** Peggy Reeve, Sitka Mountain Biking Club

**Approval of Minutes:** *(M/S:Corson/Hagerman): To approve, April 8, 2007 minutes.  
Unanimously approved.*

**Changes to the Agenda:** Dog Park, Single Track Mountain bike trail, Path of Hope art proposal.

**Correspondence:** The legislative capital projects were listed and discussed.

**Persons to be Heard:** None.

#### **Old Business:**

Goals Matrix: Deborah added four additional items to the goals matrix. Complete Moller Park Restroom in Concession Stand, Swan Lake Dock, Walkway Sandy Beach Park Improvements Cooperative Project, and Swan Lake Dredging. Lynne will revise and send out to get additional feedback on these items.

Capital Projects Reconsideration: Lynne shared a memo written to the Assembly and Administrator requesting reconsideration of funding for the Parks and Recreation capital project priorities.

The SPRC passed a motion to: *Support the letter to the Administrator with the '09 capital budget priorities as follows: 1)Moller restroom \$50,000 and Herring-Beaver trail \$58,000 2) Crescent Tennis Courts 3)Pioneer Park restroom. Passed 4:1.*

The group was reluctant to support the Pioneer Park restroom at \$200,000 viewing the other parks infrastructure needs and priorities. Hans proposed closing the park and stated that he was opposed to any more funding at Pioneer Park.

**New Business:**

Indian River Single Track: Peggy Reeve spoke to the group on the status of the mountain bike single track that is planned for the east side of Indian River. The Mountain Bike Club obtained a grant to bring up a design consultant. The trail will go up the east side of Indian River through the Mental Health property, across City and Borough land to the first bridge over Indian River. It will be a “layered loop” system. Peggy was looking for support from the group for locating the trail on City property.

Dog Park: Ken brought up using the putting green by the batting cage for the dog park and thought that this location would be useable. The Committee members thought that before development started the group should wait to see if capital project work was scheduled for Moller field since ball field drainage and the fence will be affected. The members are in support of the dog park and need to make a recommendation to the Administrator to set that area aside for this purpose. The DOGS group will need to fund raise for their fence.

**Discussion Items:** None.

**Reports:**

Lynne reported that the Skatepark contractor, Grindline, will be breaking ground in the next couple weeks after the contract is signed. Several legal issues related to the contract and bonding have to be ironed out.

Only one bid submitted for the Kimsham Landfill closure and recreational fields project. The Public Works staff is working to determine the funding schedule for the project. The recreational component came in a lot higher than anticipated. Staff hopes to award at the June 26 meeting.

Deborah reported that the Alaska Trails Initiative grant fund only awarded money to the WWII Causeway project and only with Jeff Budd’s help. Jeff is on the ORTAB, the State Parks board that evaluates the projects for grant funding. Apparently the Forest Service received the lion’s share of funding for their projects.

The Cross Trail RFP for Planning and Design of the next section of the trail is being advertised. Deborah as a Sitka Cancer Society representative will be putting out an RFP for artwork at the Path of Hope in Moller Park. The piece of sculpture should be inspirational in nature.

**Comments:** none.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, July 12, at noon at City Hall.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM