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**SITKA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
January 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes
Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall**

Present: Tim Riley, Hans VonRekowski, Ken Corson, Jeff Feldpausch

Excused:

Absent: Michelle Gundaker, Jeff Mossige

Ex Officio: Deborah Lyons

Staff: Lynne McGowan, Gary Baugher, Shawn McLeod, Michael Harmon

Others: Barth Hamberg, Allison Dunlap

Approval of Minutes: *(M/S:Corson/Feldpausch): Approve December2010 minutes as written. Passed unanimously.*

Changes to the Agenda: Postponed Operations budget and CIP Priorities agenda item.

Correspondence: None.

Persons to be Heard: None.

Old Business:

Goddard Tubs: Gary Baugher and Barth Hamberg presented information on the tubs. An analysis of the different material choices (cedar, aluminum and stainless) for the tubs was completed. The materials were analyzed for durability, aesthetics, safety and heat dissipation. Other factors considered include tub and deck design, tub volume for draining, ease of maintenance and tub access or ease of “entry”. One of the goals is to reduce the need for cold water since there’s limited availability during dry spells and freezes. Metal will help with heat dissipation. A cedar “surround” will be built to “hide” the metal.

Jeff Feldpausch suggested adding non-skid to the tub bottom.

(M/S:VonRekowski/Feldpausch):In support of the concept of 30”, 3/16” grade, stainless tub with a wood surround. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Commercial Operator Permits: Bike and Hike and Allen Marine are applying for permit renewals for 2011. Their operations are the same as in years past.

(M/S:Corson/Feldpausch):To recommend that the Administrator approve the Bike and Hike Commercial Use application. Passed unanimously.

(M/S: Corson/Feldpausch): To recommend that the Administrator approve the Allen Marine Commercial Use application. Passed unanimously.

The Sitka Sound Ocean Adventures (SSOA) is a new applicant for guided kayak tours in Sitka Sound. They anticipate guiding 16 groups and alternating overnight use among six sites north and south of town depending on client capability and sea conditions.

Jeff F. brought up the need to have better coordination and identification of culturally sensitive lands on CBS property. Certain islands listed on the AK. History Registry should be avoided.

(M/S: Corson/Feldpausch): To recommend that the Administrator approve the Sitka Sound Ocean Adventures Commercial Use application. Passed unanimously.

CBS Playground Audit: Shawn just received his recertification as a Playground Inspector receiving a score of 88% which is outstanding for this difficult exam. (55% of the course participants failed to score the 70% minimum requirement to pass).

Shawn will be conducting playground audits over the next six weeks for Crescent, Moller East and West and Indian River playgrounds. He needs a motion that sets a policy for the standard of care for CBS playgrounds to include with the audits.

(M/S: VonRekowski/Feldpausch): In favor of setting and adhering to a standard care that provides for safe and healthy CBS playgrounds for Sitka's children. Passed unanimously.

Halibut Point State Recreation Area Parking Lot CIP: The State Park Ranger, Nick True, was unable to attend but briefed Lynne on the status of the parking lot upgrade project. The project was identified as one of the top two emergency repair projects Statewide by Director King. Since the Governor didn't ask for King's retention as Director, Nick didn't know exactly how it would be prioritized by King's replacement.

The Committee thinks it's an important local project and wanted their support of the upgrade communicated to the Deputy Director, Claire LeClare.

(M/S: Feldpausch/Corson): In favor of sending a letter of support for the Halibut Point State Recreation Site parking lot re-design and paving project due to health and safety concerns.

Discussion Items:

Naming recreation facilities – The group reviewed draft and will provide input and a decision on the final at the next meeting. Tim would like to see a similar process for public project proposals to follow when coming to the Committee.

2011 Goals Matrix – A number of projects were added and deleted. Lynne will make revisions. Members will discuss at the next meeting.

Secretary Options: The Municipal Summit idea was voted down by the Assembly.

Housekeeping changes to the SGC ordinance will be an action item at the next meeting. The SPRC recommends housekeeping changes to the ordinance to make it more consistent with other Committees and Commissions as discussed at the last couple meetings.

Michael suggested identifying who whether it's staff or the Committee that sponsors the agenda item. A flow diagram of process will be helpful to develop.

Reports: No time for reports.

Trails:

P& R Mgr:

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Ballfields, Parks and Greenspace: None given.

Comments: none.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

Next meeting: Thursday, February 3 at noon at City Hall.