



City and Borough of Sitka

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**SITKA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
June 2, 2011 Meeting Minutes
Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall**

Present: Hans VonRekowski, Ken Corson, Jeff Feldpausch, Jeff Mossige
Excused: Tim Riley, Alice Marcus
Absent: Mike Vieira
Ex Officio: Deborah Lyons
Staff: Lynne McGowan, Shawn McLeod, Gary Baugher
Others:

Approval of Minutes: *(M/S: Corson/Feldpausch): Approve May 2011 minutes. Passed unanimously.*

Changes to the Agenda: Postpone SORAP MOU recommendation.

Correspondence: None.

Persons to be Heard: None.

Old Business:

2012 Goals Matrix: *(M/S: Feldpausch/Mossige): To adopt the 2012 Goals Matrix. Passed unanimously.*

New Business:

Discussion Items:

Moller and Crescent Playgrounds: Alice Marcus is facilitating the process to get a Community Playground built in Sitka. The process comes at a good juncture since Parks and Recreation is committed to moving forward to bring Moller and Crescent Playgrounds to a standard that provides for healthy and safe play for Sitka's children. Lynne has been working with her on potential sites, developing a user group/list, looking at potential funding, emphasizing a sustainable, multi-age design, etc. Alice is holding a meeting on June 29th to assess interest in helping with a Community Playground. The playground design group that she is interested in working with is Leather and Associates who helped Juneau, Haines and Soldotna with their playground projects.

Reports:

- **P& R Mgr: Goddard tubs:** Bid awarded to Lee Craft who will complete them by the third week in June. Pellett construction will do benches, decking and steps. **Moller Scoreboard:** Project complete in time for regional tournament with the help of many community volunteers including Steve Clayton, John Licari, Tisher Construction, McGraw, Sitka Electric, etc. **Skatepark:** Meeting with the skaters was held on 5/17. We

had about twelve skaters that sat down and discussed the cover and other options. They were in favor of a cover versus other improvements. They would like to see the cover over the Street features vs. the Bowl but suggested talking to some of the older skaters about this. Swan Lake Dock : Meeting with neighbors and public scheduled for June 9 at 7PM at the Centennial Building to discuss the dock project and any other improvements that the public would like to see at Swan Lake Park.

- Trails: Cross Trail STIP: Staff is working on the MOU with DOT determining the scope and responsibilities. STW has been successful in raising the match and will present this to the Assembly in June. Cross Kramer-Cascade: The USFS is in the process of securing the funds to ship the used glue-lam bridge from Ketchikan to Sitka for Cascade Creek. Mtn. Bike Trail: Roles and responsibilities between STW, CBS and the Mountain Bike group are being clarified. Matt Pinard will be in charge of volunteers and the construction of the demonstration project. The project will need to be presented to the Assembly to get their blessing.
- Ballfields, Parks and Greenspace: SHS spring sports soccer, track , baseball and fast pitch softball began March 1. Tournaments, meets, matches and other events every weekend through the end of May. As a result not much time has been available for downtown. Two new (inexperienced) temp's hired and are being trained. One of the experienced temp's will be returning from college mid May and the other in June. Krueger Field will be hydroseeded and closed starting the second week in June to try to establish the grass.

Comments: none.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

Next meeting: Thursday, July 7 at noon at City Hall.