
Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 12:00 PM
Harrigan Centennial Hall
320 Harbor Way

Members: C – Allison Massey, V.C. Woody Widmark, Lorraine Lil,
Barbara Morse, Beth Smith, James Poulson
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Massey called the meeting to order at 12:02pm

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Allison Massey, Woody Widmark, Lorraine Lil, Beth Smith and James Poulson

Commissioners Absent: Barbara Morse (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox (absent)

Staff Present: Michael Colliver and Renee Wheat

Other (s): Annemarie LaPalme

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M – Poulson / S –Smith moved to approve the December 11, 2018 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

V. REPORTS

Chair: Massey relayed there was an open seat on the Committee.

Members: None.

City Staff: Colliver reported that work was done on drainage issues with the cross trails, operations manual, snow/weather conditions, Lincoln Street bathroom floors were resealed, and graffiti removed. He relayed he contacted the Sitka Police Department regarding ATV's being driven at Yaw Drive and Indian River Cross Trail.

Assembly Liaison: None.

Other (s): LaPalme relayed she was present as a private citizen and not a federal employee. Cabins were able to be rented but were not being maintained. Gate 3 was closed at Harbor Mountain. Nelson Logging Road was almost completed. Gates at Starrigavan were closed. Cabin could be rented however the host was unable to assist anyone due to the government shutdown.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Excess Compost Brainstorm Ideas

Chair Massey would contact the Park Service after the shutdown. Massey spoke to coaches of spring SHS teams however they are not up and running yet. She would need to wait until spring team sign up. Poulson relayed Sitka Fine Arts Camp could use the compost if made available. Farmers Market would be open to selling bags or having an outside group sell bags. Lil said she would attend the January 26th Farmers Market and report back to the committee in February.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Cycle FY20

Chair Massey handed out a previous budget cycle letter for review. Colliver spoke to capital expense versus normal operations. He gave an example that lower Moller Field projects such as reopening the playground used operating funds but the work was over a certain dollar amount and would be considered a capital project as it would have new value. Agreement was made to review the letter at the meeting in February.

IX. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING Of February 12, 2019

Agenda items for the next meeting would include FY20 Budget Letter to the Assembly, Chair and Vice Chair Election, Cross Trail Education Campaign, and Maintenance and Trail Operations Presentation by Colliver.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, Chair Massey adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:34pm.

Attest:
Renee Wheat, Administrative Coordinator