



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall / Teleconference

Members: Chair – James Poulson, Sarah Lawrie, Barbara Morse,
Brandon Marx, Rich Krupa, Susan Compagno, Ben Hughey
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Mosher

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lawrie called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Poulson, Sarah Lawrie (teleconference), Barbara Morse (teleconference),
Rich Krupa, Susan Compagno, Ben Hughey (teleconference)

Absent: Brandon Marx (excused)

Staff Present: Building, Grounds, and Parks Supervisor Michael Colliver

Others: Sitka Trail Works Executive Director Lynne Brandon (teleconference), Katherine
(K.K.) Prussian (teleconference)

III. AGENDA CHANGES

**M – Morse / S – Compagno moved to hear persons to be heard prior to reports.
Motion passed unanimously.**

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**M - Compagno / S – Krupa moved to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes as
written. Motion passed unanimously.**

V. REPORTS

Chair: None.

Members: None.

City Staff: Colliver reported the crew was working on snow and ice control, had a temporary employee onboard for custodial operations, told of vandalism of the restrooms and closures, Goddard hot tubs could have a possible valve problem. He reported on meetings for the last month. He told of future tasks for him and his crew including prep work for facilities, auditing, mitigation efforts, and Lower Moller Field and playground work. He mentioned that there were funds in the budget for the turf study on Lower Moller Field.

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Assembly Liaison: None.

Other(s): Lynne Brandon with Sitka Trail Works reported

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items OFF the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

Loyd Platson and Paulette Moreno stated they were working on creating benches to be placed in front of Harrigan Centennial Hall. Platson mentioned that they would be coming back with official proposal next month. Moreno invited the Committee to witness the progress of the project at an open house on Saturday which would give an example of a bench. Sentiments

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Sitka Cycling Club Pump Track

K.K. Prussian updated that she had met with Colliver and they went over different options. She went over the footprint and showed it overlaid at the state park area which the pump track had been scaled down to 60 x 40' from the original version. She was waiting for information from the state regarding the historical aspect of the property. She would work with the Historic Preservation Commission as well. She thought there could be an interpretive sign in that location that gave history to add to the value of the location. She noted the need of a MOU with the city.

Lynne Brandon provided background/guidance for the historical aspect of the property. She suggested Prussian go through the Historic Preservation Commission for comments.

C. Upper Moller Field Use

Krupa updated that city staff requested a more concrete calendar, and that the subcommittee was going to provide that after their next meeting. He told of the process. Their next subcommittee meeting would be May 12. Lawrie wondered how the public knew that there was a schedule and was not just first come first serve. He noted there was information on the website. Colliver stated that there was confusion, although had been better than in the past, and he felt that there could be a step-by-step document to help. Morse wondered if a PSA could assist in clarity.

D. Funding

Not discussed.

E. Lower Moller Field

Not discussed, it would be on the Comprehensive Plan.

F. Goals Matrix

Not discussed.

G. Dog Park Misuse

No updates.

H. Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Poulson noted that Hughey had done all the "heavy lifting" on the grant application. Hughey stated that the grant application had been submitted, the funds are not yet secured and hoped to hear back later this month. He felt the Subcommittee should meeting this month to continue the work from the plan that Lawrie had started writing. He stated to work on the vision, mission, and overarching items to be ready to bring in the planning assistance from the grant. Poulson told of the process, that the request came from the Administrator that went to the Assembly for approval.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

H. Sitka Trail Works Federal Lands Access grant

Lynne Brandon, Executive Director Sitka Trail Works told of the grant and project. She told of the ownership issue and the rerouting of the trail. She asked the Committee to recommend a motion to the Administrator to take this to the Assembly and to approve a letter of support for the grant package. Brandon noted that she would be retiring when the mainline of the trail was completed and was hoping that Hughey would take over. He recused himself from the discussion/motion.

M - Krupa / S – Lawrie moved to recommend the Administrator forward the Sitka Trail Works Federal Lands Access Program grant to the Assembly for their concurrence and that the Parks and Recreation Committee was in favor of a letter of support. Motion passed unanimously.

Colliver noted that the area was a primary point for emergency response. He wondered that the Planning Department has for the area as well with the proposed road. Krupa was in support.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items on or off the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting would be April 13, 2021 at noon in Harrigan Centennial Hall and via Zoom.

Hearing no objection, the Chair Poulson called the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk