



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall
330 Harbor Drive

Members: Chair – James Poulson, Beth Smith, Barbara Morse,
Brandon Marx, Rich Krupa, Susan Compagno, Sarah Lawrie
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poulson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Poulson, Barbara Morse, Beth Smith, Sarah Lawrie

Absent: Susan Compagno (excused), Brandon Marx (unexcused), Rich Krupa (unexcused)

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw, Buildings, Grounds and Parks Supervisor
Michael Colliver

Others: Lynne Brandon

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Not discussed.

V. REPORTS

Chair: None.

Members: Morse reported the Mt. Edgecumbe Pool was planning for more community programming.

City Staff: Henshaw noted it was Smith's last meeting and encouraged committee members to reach out to fill the vacancy. Colliver reported that even with the weather, there is field use; crew has been spring cleaning particularly dog waste; Lower Moller playground repair is on hold due to weather; Sandy Beach restroom was being repaired and expected to open next month; Crescent Harbor playground materials were in and would be installed.

Assembly Liaison: Knox noted the General Fund Assembly meeting and upcoming Enterprise and Special Service Funds soon.

Other(s): Lynne Brandon, Sitka Trail Works reported construction on the cross trail has been going for 3 months. She noted the city had donated rock as a match and she was working on obtaining a recreation trails grant for Sea Lion Cove trail repair.

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

None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Upper Moller Field Use

Colliver stated that staff had been working out the schedule conflicts.

M – Smith / S - Lawrie moved to place Approval of the policy on the next agenda. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the four members present.

Lawrie offered to make the changes if Marx could not.

C. Funding

Not discussed.

D. Lower Moller Field

Colliver met with city engineers and estimated cost of improvements of \$20 million as best estimated from the 2011 plan.

Lynne Brandon stated R&M had several approaches to the field which were prior to Upper Moller field being completed with the foam. She gave options and noted the cost variation and time needed for different methods. Colliver also spoke to options and stated Upper Moller field had issues with the peat moss that it was still settling. He thought to go back to R&M for recommendations. He went over items included and not included in the 2011 plan and told of options. Knox thought construction inflation was higher than estimated.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Thimbleberry trail bench

M – Morse / S - Lawrie moved to recommend replacement of the bench on Thimbleberry trail in honor of Richard Nelson. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the four members present.

Colliver stated there was currently a log there as a bench and that staff was in support of the new bench. He noted a goal of a database for such cultural properties for maintenance.

Lynne Brandon stated the Tree and Landscape Committee and Sitka Trail Works had bench policies and noted that sustainability should be considered, but that yellow cedar was long lasting.

E. Sea Walk

Colliver explained incidents of slips between the Sitka Sound Science Center and Totem Park. He asked the committee suggestions on products to use as anti-skid with low maintenance. He said the Sea Walk expansion was being designed and developed and showed aluminum punched product however noted concerns of wheelchairs and strollers and high replacement cost. Chair Poulson inquired of roofing material however noted the lack of longevity of the products. Knox stated that Ketchikan and Juneau were asphalt. Colliver stated even with pressure washing, the board walk was slippery and noted there was temporary signage up to warn the public.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items on or off the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)
None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

New items to be placed on the next agenda included: Commercial use permit applications, approval of the Upper Moller Field Use Policy, and mt. Edgumbe Pool community use.

M – Lawrie / S - Morse moved to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk