



# Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 12:00 p.m.  
Harrigan Centennial Hall / Teleconference

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

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poulson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

## II. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Brandon Marx (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox (teleconference)

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

Others: Sitka Trail Works Executive Director Lynne Brandon, Sitka Forest Service Annemarie  
LaPalme

## III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

## IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### A. June 9, 2020

**M – Krupa / S Compango – moved to approve the June 9, 2020 minutes as written.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

## V. REPORTS

Chair: Poulson reported the mats were replaced at Sitka Community Playground.

Members: None.

City Staff: Colliver reported on scoreboard fixes, Tom Young cabin repairs, bear issues,  
downed trees, Community Playground tiles, pickleball use of the tennis courts, and  
vandalism. He gave an update on baseball, softball, rugby, soccer, and other user groups.

Assembly Liaison: Knox reported on the upcoming Assembly meeting with regards to the CARES Act funding budget appropriations and mentioned the transitional job funding that would be available and hoped of employing under or unemployed folks with the possibility of the work that may include recreational benefits.

Other(s): Lynne Brandon with Sitka Trail Works reported the Cross Trail Phase 6 constructed at over 5500 lineal feet. She reminded of the Alaska Trails Initiative Plan comment period. She felt that existing plans of trails could be potentially used from COVID-19 funding. She gave a biking trail update. Annemarie LaPalme with Sitka Forest Service reported on the Harbor Mountain Road bathroom and a road closure beyond the picnic site along with a period that the entire road would be closed for grading. She stated the Starrigavan host had arrived and camping was open. The shelter could be reserved or was on a first come first serve basis. She noted there was a crew on Kruzof improving the Shelikof trail.

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

Tom Gamble recommended that Sitka Tribe of Alaska be involved with regards to the impacts to expansion of trails. He asked that the committee look at overflow parking at boat launches and work with state parks. He noted that Baranov statue dialog was necessary and invited the committee to be a part of a dialog on August 8.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**B. Upper Moller Field Use**

Not discussed.

**C. Funding**

Not discussed.

**D. Lower Moller Field**

Not discussed.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**E. Statue Commemorating the Lifework of Elizabeth Peratrovich**

Tom Gamble was collecting input from city boards and commissions and requested a recommendation on how to allow for a community project for unity. He asked for support for a statue or significant artwork that commemorated Elizabeth Peratrovich.

Hal Spackman encouraged all to start to explore what could be done to represent those in history and cautioned making it so specific by naming an individual to commemorate as he felt it narrowed the opportunity. He recommended an inclusive process that promoted unity and developing recognition of leadership in the native community. Tom Gamble stated his original intent was to have it specific to Elizabeth Peratrovich. He asked

to leave the name in the recommendation and let it be removed later in the process if need be.

Compagno liked the idea of a project and thought to involve children. Poulson was in support and open to the discussion and the process. Lawrie was in support of the concept. Morse was in support of including Peratrovich but also allowing for other ideas.

**M – Compagno / S – Krupa moved to recommend the Administrator and the Assembly support a future project of a statue or significant artwork commemorating the lifework of Elizabeth Peratrovich or other suggested leadership. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

#### **F. City Seal Redesign**

Committee members went over their top 3 choices and narrowed them down. Comments by committee members: noted the bridge was an important aspect to include, they like the *Sheet Ka Kwaan* name inclusion, the less complicated, fresh, and not overdone entry of #7 and the canoe inclusion of entry #6.

**M – Lawrie / S – Compagno moved to recommend submission #6 as first choice, #7 as second choice, and #4 as third choice from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

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

Lynne Brandon clarified that an extensive public process went into building the Cross Trail that was inclusive of a cultural resources inventory and in which the Sitka Tribe of Alaska was consulted.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objection, the Chair Poulson called the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Attest:  
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk