



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall / Teleconference

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 12:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Poulson, Brandon Marx (teleconference), Rich Krupa, Sarah Lawrie (teleconference), Barbara Morse (teleconference), Susan Compagno
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox
Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw
Others: Sitka Trail Works Executive Director Lynne Brandon

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 11, 2020

**M – Krupa / S - Marx – moved to approve the August 11, 2020 minutes as written.
Motion passed unanimously.**

V. REPORTS

Chair: Poulson reported his personal trail use had increased since COVID-19.

Members: None.

City Staff: Colliver reported on complications with rain on fields and mitigation; Lower Moller playground had opened; a temporary crew had started through the CARES Act Transitional Employment Program which will go through the end of the year.

Assembly Liaison: Knox reported that there would be an Assembly meeting tonight.

Other(s):

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items OFF the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)
None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Upper Moller Field Use

Marx reported on a stakeholder subcommittee meeting in which the schedule was resolved. He felt that the issue of a Subcommittee decision of disallowing a large tournament over Labor Day weekend had passed, but he noted that if it were to come up in the future, he recommended a discussion to decline hosting events at athletic fields and to amend the user policy to include language for declining. Poulson explained that at the Subcommittee level there was disapproval of hosting events at the athletic fields, and that the Administrator refused the use of the athletic fields for a tournament that involved travelers coming from out of town.

C. Funding

Colliver noted that funding with the CARES Act for the Transitional Employment program offered job opportunities with the city which included general maintenance. He told of Sitka Conservation Society's (SCS) program that was assisting Public Works. He told of a list of projects that would be worked on. Marx thought to have a list of priorities and get those projects to a shovel ready position. He would like to see Lower Moller at the top of the list and to help improve Kimsham fields. Colliver noted the small window of time with the CARES Act funding to be able to have large scale projects but felt that foundations could be put in place. He stated the 2011 turf update for Lower Moller was not in the budget at this time, and it would have to have Assembly approval. Morse spoke to a priority list that had been drafted in the past. Colliver stated that four employees were hired to focus on projects around Sitka. Knox told of SCS's program of trail prep work from Great American Outdoor Act funding. He felt like Lower Moller could be worked like that. Morse thought to look at the priority list to see if there was something on there to build on with the funding.

D. Lower Moller Field

Morse gave history that there were portions that were wetlands. Colliver noted in order to expand the field, there would have to be mitigation for wetlands.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Mountain bike trail from Harbor Mountain Road to the new Cross Trail

Not discussed.

IX. F. CARES Act Funding as it relates to Parks and Recreation

Marx inquired with regards to resurfacing improvement to Kimsham field. Colliver told of options to scrape the field and put sand down, scrape current infrastructure and grow sod, or to turf one or two of the fields. He told of concerns of drainage and exploratory work.

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Add priority list to the next agenda, keep CARES Act Funding agenda item.

Hearing no objection, the Chair Poulson called the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk