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# Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 12:00 p.m.  
Harrigan Centennial Hall  
330 Harbor Drive

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Members: Chair – James Poulson, Beth Smith, 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 12:01 p.m.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: James Poulson, Beth Smith, Barbara Morse, Brandon Marx (arrived at 12:02 p.m.),  
Rich Krupa

Absent: Susan Compagno (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox

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

Others: Lynne Brandon, Karen Case

## **III. AGENDA CHANGES**

None.

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. September 10, 2019**

**M – Smith / S – Krupa moved to approve the September 10, 2019 minutes. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

## **V. REPORTS**

Chair: None.

Members: None.

City Staff: Colliver gave updates of the open position, winterizing, rain storm repair, graffiti, cameras installed at the Kimsham Complex, Lower Moller playground materials which volunteers were needed to help install them.

Assembly Liaison: Knox reported that he hoped to remain on as Assembly Liaison and of the change of the Assembly that evening.

Other(s): None.

**VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD** (Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

Lynne Brandon told the Sitka Community Playground was nominated for recognition by the Alaska Recreation Parks Association and of a video presentation associated with the nomination. She said that Sitka Trail Works was trying to get the contract together for Phase 6 of the Cross Trail.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**B. Upper Moller Field Use**

Marx stated there was still work to do but reported that the subcommittee would meet at the end of this month and should be ready to present a recommendation that was signed off by all stakeholders. He gave details on the policy and alterations discussion and work that still needed to be done.

**C. Funding**

Marx felt there was good discussion last month, but that other issues took priority. He asked if anyone else had funding source ideas.

Public Comment: Lynne Brandon told of a statewide general obligation bond opportunity and thought that the Committee could work with staff for Lower Moller.

Poulson thought that making Lower Moller field an appropriate place for soccer a good goal. Henshaw would find history and send out via email for Lower Moller with regards to legislative priorities. Marx felt there was private funding sources that would be available. He thought to devote a lot of attention to it along with grant writing and bonding sooner rather than later. Morse had previously worked with Stedman and city staff in this subject. She noted that the School Board also put Lower Moller on their priority list and she would be willing to follow up on it.

**D. Locking fields for use**

Colliver noted when fields are not in use, there was misuse. He told of a question that came forward regarding locking fields for events/tournaments so there would be no conflict of interest and other users (dogs and their owners) would be redirected while the tournament or event was under way. He would like the option to redirect users to other sites during specific events that were for dog walkers.

**M – Marx / S – Smith moved to recommend to close the dog walk park at Kimsham for specific events based upon Mr. Colliver’s research. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**E. Letter of Support for Sitka Trail Works, Inc. Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application**

Chair Poulson explained the letter of support was from Sitka Trail Works to fund repairs to Sea Lion Cove trail.

Public Comment: Lynne Brandon stated every year Sitka Trail Works submitted for grant funding from RTP. She noted that this year the program was restricted to existing footprint trails only as to not trigger an environmental process due to lack of staffing. She informed they would ask for \$50,000 that requires a 10% match and there was no obligation to the city.

**M –Smith / S – Morse moved to approve the letter as written. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**IX. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING of November 12, 2019**

- Gate installation for Upper Men’s field at Kimsham

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Smith moved to adjourned the meeting, seeing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Attest:  
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk