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# Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 12:00 p.m.  
Harrigan Centennial Hall

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Members: Chair – James Poulson, Ben Hughey, Brandon Marx  
Rich Krupa, Kevin Knox, Katherine Prussian  
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Mosher

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair James Poulson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:03 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: James Poulson, Ben Hughey, Brandon Marx, Rich Krupa, Katherine Prussian, and Steve Black

Absent: None.

Assembly Liaison: None.

Staff Present: Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk, Barb Morse, Temporary Parks, and Recreation Coordinator

Others: None.

**III. AGENDA CHANGES**

None.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**V. REPORTS**

Chair: None.

Members: Marx provided input on the motion that was approved during the previous meeting concerning scheduling.

City Staff: Barb Morse, the Parks, and Recreation Coordinator, announced that Kevin Knox would officially assume the role of Parks, and Recreation Coordinator starting this upcoming Thursday. Connor Dunlap, Buildings, Grounds and Park Supervisor reported they were working on winterization prep work.

Assembly Liaison: None.

Other(s): None.

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

None.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Sitka Trail Plan

Ben Hughey Sitka Trail Works provided a background on the draft 2023 Sitka Trail Plan. He stated that the plan focuses on the greater Sitka areas, the entire City and Borough of Sitka on Baranof, Kruzof, southern Chichagof and outlying islands that encompass over 50 formal trails. He mentioned that the Sitka Trail Plan called for 13 new trails and 11 trail reconstructions. And it also included recommendations for policy, programming, and infrastructure to enhance outdoor recreation in Sitka.

**Marx moved to recommend the Municipal Administrator sign the Sitka Trail Plan, MOU, which was a part of the plan that is non-obligatory. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.**

**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 on November 14, 2023, at noon in Harrigan Centennial Hall. Hearing no objection, Chair Poulson called the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Attest:  
Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk