



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall / Videoconference

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Poulson, Barbara Morse (video conference), Brandon Marx (video conference), Rich Krupa (video conference), Ben Hughey (video conferenced), Kevin Knox (videoconference)

Absent: Sarah Lawrie (excused), Susan Compagno (excused)

Staff Present: Jessica Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk; Holley Dennison, Administrative Coordinator

Others: None.

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

V. REPORTS

Chair: None.

Members: Morse proposed the committee contact Sara Lawrie regarding the revival of Community Schools, now called Community Recreation Program. Marx reported mold issues at the Tom Young cabin.

City Staff: Colliver reported on snow removal efforts for community safety. He spoke on current projects and issues which included waste disposal, Birds and Benches discussion with Administration, Baranof Warm Springs update, FY23 budget, Crescent playground vandalism, stock fertilizers and seed mixes damaged by rodents and light out at Moller field was investigated.

Assembly Liaison: Knox spoke of upcoming Assembly topics to include the FY23 budget and the Community Recreation Initiative funding priority.

Other(s): Ben Hughey with Sitka Trail Works reported no construction due to weather. Delayed opening anticipated.

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

Christian Fabian spoke of outdoor concert possibilities at the skate park or under the bridge and the license requirement. Kevin Knox spoke of Baranof Barracudas' athlete events at end of January to include a senior championship meet, special coach clinic, and speaker Olympic Gold Medalist Lydia Jacoby.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sitka Cycling Club Pump Track

Hughey spoke of a meeting last month and a pending draft memorandum of understanding from the Municipal Attorney. Morse said there was a letter to the editor with an update.

B. Upper Moller Field Use

Marx said there would be a sub-committee meeting Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and it would include scheduling procedures and requests for use.

C. Lower Moller Field

No updates.

D. Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Hughey said there would be a meeting soon and will address the completion timeline. Knox spoke of the need for the plan to be relevant and developed. Hughey addressed key focal points of the plan. Colliver discussed the need to use strategy and prioritize achievable comprehensive plans following the budget.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Nominations for Chair/Co-chair

Marx moved to vote Poulson continue as Chair. Motion passed by unanimously of the five members present.

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

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting would be February 8, 2022, at noon in Harrigan Centennial Hall and via Zoom.

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

Attest:
Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk