



Parks and Recreation Committee Agenda

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 12:00 PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive

Members: Chair Candace Rutledge, Vice Chair Steve Black,
Brandon Marx, Katherine Prussian, Manoj Battar, Ben Hughey
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Mosher

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Candace Rutledge, Manoj Battar, Brandon Marx, Katherine Prussian, Ben Hughey, Steve Black
(left at 12:47 p.m.)

Absent:

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Mosher (not present)

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Manager Kevin Knox, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Kent Smith, and
Deputy Municipal Clerk Holley Bayne

Others:

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(For items OFF the agenda – not to exceed 3 minutes)*

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 14 & 21, 2026

Prussian moved to approve the July 14 & 21, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

VI. REPORTS

Chair: None.

Members: Black told of the Baranof Ballers summer camp. Prussian commented on a newspaper article related to the off-leash rules item discussed at a previous Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Marx noted the improved condition of upper Moller Field.

City Staff: Kent Smith provided an update on current and upcoming ground maintenance projects, thanked volunteers for Pioneer Park maintenance, and told of cross trail work completed. Kevin Knox provided an update on summer programs, welcomed a new volunteer AmeriCorps member, and said he would soon have an update on commercial recreation plan use numbers.

Assembly Liaison: None.

Other(s): Hughey spoke of deferred Cross Trail maintenance, gave an overview of an idea for a Redoubt-Goddard trail, and announced a kayak trip planned to Siginaka Islands.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

B. Parks and Recreation Foundation Master Plan Update

Hughey gave an update on the Sitka Recreation Foundation master plan and thanked those who attended the assembly meeting to advocate.

C. Discussion of the Draft Sitka Marine Trails Design Narrative

Hughey gave a presentation of the design narrative as a Sitka Trail Works representative. Members expressed support of the draft and offered some suggestions such as an additional fox farm loop, camping safety, and bear safety.

D. Discussion and presentation for a disc golf demonstration course

Knox gave an introduction. Mike Miller and Trevor Pruitt gave an overview of the course details and discussed basket placement options. Members discussed concerns about competition with track activities, course etiquette, and alternate course locations. It was determined to bring back this item at the following meeting to provide due process.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(For items ON or OFF the agenda – not to exceed 3 minutes)*

Kelly McElligott commented on off-leash rules at Kimsham Field.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting would be September 8, at noon in Harrigan Centennial Hall. Hearing no objection, Chair Rutledge called the meeting to adjournment at 1:08 PM.

Attest:
Holley Bayne, Deputy Municipal Clerk

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