



☒ REGULAR MEETING

☐ SPECIAL MEETING

☒ Parks and Recreation
Advisory Committee
(PRAC)

Approved

COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY AND MINUTES

Meeting date: 4/20/2016

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Library

Committee members present:

Chair person: Richard Chapell

Burl Sheldon, Thom Ely, George Figdor, Patty Peters, Richard Chapell

Guests: Ron Jackson (BA Liaison), Jeremy Stephens (Public)

Person filling out form: Richard Chapell

Topics of discussion:

- Approve minutes from 3/15/2016 meeting: No changes suggested.
- Invite guest speakers to next PRAC meeting:
 - **Rich** will invite Travis Russell, State Park Ranger
- Haines waterfront walk and harbor uplands design.
 - Portage Cove waterfront trail and pavilion is a \$45k CIP item in Manager's FY17 Budget.
- Zoning downtown core park on Borough owned lot 8A for recreation.
 - Parks & Rec sent letter recommending Lot 8A rezone as REC letter to Assembly. Without discussion, Assembly referred the idea to Planning and Zoning Committee.
 - P&Z will consider at their May 12 meeting. **Burl's talking points:**
 - Value of town square to downtown businesses
 - Value to community
 - In 2025 Comprehensive Plan
 - **Burl will** invite Carol Tuynman, Lenise Fontenot, Kyle Gray, Dick Flegel to support
- PRAC prioritizes tasks identified from 2025 Comprehensive Plan
 - Town square - in progress
 - Waterfront trail - in progress
 - Identify & acquire easements needed to maintain access to shoreline and rec sites, e.g.
 - River Rd to Jones Pt, Mt. Riley trail from Mud Bay Rd
 - **George** will report back to PRAC after reviewing Comp. Plan for salient references about access challenges.

- Parks ordinance
 - Designate Borough recreation lands in code
 - Codify allowed activities in parks
 - **Burl** agreed to research parks-related ordinances contained in muni codes in other SE AK communities and report back to PRAC.
- Borough-wide recreation plan
 - Trail Mix history
 - NPS grant availability for trail planning
 - No PARC action planned at this time
- Outhouse at (or near) Mosquito Lake state recreation area
 - State Parks says they do not want install unless they get funding to maintain
 - Build on Borough property? Mosquito Lake School, skate park
 - Discuss with Park Ranger Russell at next PRAC meeting
 - **Rich** will contact Mosquito Lake School and Community Center board to ask if they are interested in taking on the task of providing a public restroom.
- Joint meeting with Ports & Harbors on April 25 re: Lookout Park during harbor expansion
 - As early as May 1, totem and memorial will be moved to prepare for construction
 - Pavilion is structurally unsound and will not be saved or moved
 - Ely believes the vista and surroundings at Dog Cart sculpture site are more suitable for Lookout Park than the expanded harbor parking bulge in 95% design.
 - The PRAC recommendation below will be conveyed at this meeting.

Action Taken:

- M/S Sheldon/Ely, passed 5-0: Approve minutes from 3/16/2016.
- M/S Ely/Sheldon, passed 4-1: Consider a permanent move of Lookout Park to the Dog Cart Sculpture area to the West of the PC Dock. Request the Manager leads land ownership and space evaluation, and procure conceptual drawings. When the expanded harbor parking lot ground work is complete, the fishermen's memorial will anchor a park space on the SE corner of the pad.

Next meeting date: May 18, 2016, 5 pm at the library.