

Haines Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PARC)

September 18, 2014, 5:00 PM, Haines Borough Public Library

Members present: Al Giddings (CYD), Ginger Jewell, Daymond Hoffman, Jon Gellings, Rich Chapell, Ron Jackson

Absent: Meredith Pochardt, Susan Leuscher, George Campbell,

Visitors: Senior Village resident Joan Snyder, Tourism Director Leslie Ross, Haines Ski and Hike Club (HSHC) President Bill Holton, HSHC member Jon Hirsh

Approval of Agenda

Add Public Comment, requested by Joan Snyder

Motion/Second: Jewell/Hoffman

Passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Snyder informed the committee that construction vehicles are accessing a downtown lot using Borough roads adjacent to Senior Village and Tlingit Park playground. She feels this large vehicle traffic is a hazard to Tlingit Park users. Could the Borough direct the owner to reduce hazard by accessing the lot from 2nd Ave.?

Action: Jewell will discuss with Borough Public Works Dept. head.

Approval of minutes from 8/21/2014 meeting

Motion/Second: Hoffman/Gellings

Passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes from 7/18/2014 meeting

Cannot locate minutes. Pochardt typed on whose computer?

Action: Chapell will ask Borough staff if minutes are on Christina Baskaya's Borough work computer.

Old Business

PARC Mission, Vision, and Goals

Members collaborated on edits to Jewell's draft presented at meeting. Hoffman requested Jewell's draft presented at 8/21/2014 meeting for comparison.

Action: Jewell will distribute 8/21/14 non-edited and 9/18/14 edited versions by email before next meeting. Members will make final edits and approve at next meeting.

Ski Club Grooming Equipment MOA

Ross provided update: Haines Ski and Hike Club (HSHC) and Borough Manager David Sosa did not reach agreement on MOA. Sosa encouraged HSHC to apply for next round of Community Chest funds.

Action: none at this time. Jewell and other members expressed that PARC welcomes and would strongly support a proposal to develop groomed X-C ski trails which will benefit of Haines residents and will attract winter tourists from Whitehorse and Juneau.

National Public Lands Day Sept. 27, 2014 - activity such as trail marker installation?

Gellings: AK State Parks staff (Gellings) will organize volunteer trail work project: distribute gravel on Battery Point trail. Gellings will publicize by Hainesak.com, KHNS, Chilkat Valley News Save the Date, and flyers posted around town. AK State Parks will provide 2 motorized wheelbarrow, 1 manual wheelbarrow. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own wheelbarrows.

Action: Jewell will solicit Haines High School athletes to help for community service credits they need.
Action: Members are encouraged to spread the word, enlist friends, and participate.

Battery Point trail update

Gellings: 12 super sacks of gravel were airlifted to a spot on the trail and must now be distributed by wheelbarrow. Work stopped due to trail staff leaving for other work commitments. \$7,500 of Borough funds were spent on gravel, super sacks, dump truck, and 2 hrs helicopter time. The remaining \$7,500 of Borough funds will be spent on a 2nd gravel purchase and delivery in the spring.

Chilkat State Park public use cabin update

Gellings: AK State Parks Ranger will consider the Borough proposal after he starts work in Haines in early October.

New Business

ATV park in the Haines townsite

Jackson: Item in the Chilkat Valley News said the Borough Assembly had resolved to refer this idea to the PARC. Chapell and other members said they had not received any direction or referral from the Mayor or Borough staff. There was no discussion on the merits of the idea or suitable sites. Jackson and Hoffman, the longest serving PARC members, said they could not recall this idea being considered previously.

Next meeting date

October 23, 2014, 5:00 pm, Haines Borough Public Library

Adjourned

6:50 pm