

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PARC) meeting

5:30 PM May 27, 2015

Location: Library Conference Room

Minutes

Attendance

PARC Members Rich Chapell, Tresham Gregg, Burl Sheldon, Meredith Pochardt

Approval of Agenda

Approved unanimously without amendment

Approval of Minutes from 1/29/2015

Approved unanimously

Public Comment

Small boat harbor expansion and Lookout Park – No public in attendance

New Business

Elect PARC officers

No volunteers for Chair. Chapell will remain as Chair. Secretary duties will rotate to Sheldon next meeting.

PARC recommendation on Lookout Park in Portage Cove Harbor expansion plan

Motion:

Assuming that the expanded harbor parking area will be built to surround the current location of Lookout Park as shown in the 65% design, and recognizing that the value of unimpeded scenic waterfront views will be sacrificed to expand the Haines working waterfront that will serve the Haines fleet, PARC recommends moving Lookout Park to the SE corner of the expanded parking lot with these design criteria:

- Adequate pedestrian access, at least 10 ft wide corridor from Front St, paved walkway, railings at edge;
- Memorial, gazebo, and totem pole moved or replaced;
- Attractive landscaping and design;
- Interpretive signage;
- Designated shuttle stop for cruise ship passengers.

Motion carried 4-0 with Gregg abstaining.

The abstaining member's recommendation was that the harbor expansion be smaller so that Lookout Park is not behind the wave barrier, or that a separate Lookout Park development with beach level access and picnic areas is sited in the current natural waterfront between Harbor parking and Port Chilkoot Dock.

PARC chair will bring the PARC recommendation to a meeting of the Chairs of the Tourism Advisory Board, Planning Commission, and PARC.

Old Business

PARC membership

Members are encouraged to recruit for the 2 vacant PARC seats.

Resume PARC action plan template

Members will review the Comprehensive Plan and will each bring their 3 top priority ideas to be ranked and advanced by the Committee, as in Jewell's Action Plan.

Next meeting

June 22, 5:30 pm at the Library

Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm