

Meeting Minutes

Approved

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PARC) meeting

12:00 noon, Friday July 17, 2015

Location: Library Conference Room

Attendance

PARC members: Burl, Tresham, Meredith, Rich,
Guests: DPOR Ranger, Travis Russell

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda passed

Approval of Minutes from 5/27/2015

M/S: Sheldon/Pochardt

Motion to approve May 27 minutes.

Motion carries 4-0

New Business

Chilkat State Park trail building update from Ranger Travis Russell

Ranger Travis Russell introduced himself to the PARC. He is the new DPOR ranger. Russell noted that July 27 is a planned airlift to get gravel in to continue the work on Batery Pt. Trail improves. He noted that DPOR tech., Dallas Anderson is his "lead" w/ Haines DPOR. Gravel (10 tons) will be used to further the trail. Russell characterized the nature of the development as "one step below wheelchair access." He noted that "the last third" of the old BP trail will be "cut out", with the new lower/beach-front trail development being added to avoid the need for bridges and high flow/high erosion areas. Ranger Russell said that he would keep the PARC committee apprised of the Bat Pt. developments as they change.

Discussion on Public Use Cabins in the Haines Area and Funding

Abbreviations: Public Use Cabins (PUC), Chilkat State Park (CSP)

Ranger Russell described the potential for the CSP "Host Cabin" becoming managed as a PUC. Russell noted that there is a ventilation issue in the CSP host cabin log building, but that with repairs it could be made available as a PUC. Booking is on line and entry key would, in theory, be available through DPOR office in Haines. Pochardt expressed support about the possible change to the cabin designation and having this be avail. through the winter for ski-in access. Ranger Russell noted that window replacement was an immediate need which "might improve the ventilation (mold) problem."

Pochardt expressed her support for a back country “huts” or “cabins” (back county ski huts) and noted that the first priority, to her taste, is establishing a low elevation cabin in the Battery Pt trail area. Other areas that were suggested include Moose Meadows and Twin Coves, on the Seduction Pt. Trail. Ranger Russell posited that the total cost for fully constructed PUC, w/ logistics and construction included, might range around \$100,000. He described this price-tag as being “typical” for the 16X16 size. Sheldon discussed the prospect of there being a collaboration with Haines High School T&I for partial pre-fabrication or full construction. Maintenance and vandalism issues were discussed.

Lookout Park in Portage Cove Harbor Expansion

Purpose: Choosing a PARC member to serve on the new Joint Portage Cove Expansion aesthetics committee

Motion/Sec. – Chapell/ Pochardt

Motion to appoint Sheldon to the Joint Portage Cove Expansion Aesthetics Committee, being formed to address aesthetics in the SBH Expansion project.

Motion passes 3 to 1 with Gregg voting in opposition.

Application by George Figdor for PARC membership

A vote was held to approve George Figdor’s appointment as a PARC member
The application of George Figdor was unanimously approved and forwarded to the Assembly for consideration.

Pochardt departed meeting.

Downtown core park land discussion

Purpose -- Discuss a strategy for identifying park and recreation lands adjacent to the track, library, borough administration building, brewery, and hotel.

Item was not discussed and will be re-considered at the next meeting.

Old Business-- None

Public Comment --None

Next meeting – The next meeting scheduled for 5:00pm, Monday August 17th.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:05pm