



REGULAR MEETING

Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Committee  
(PRAC)

SPECIAL MEETING

## COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY AND MINUTES

Meeting date: 1/27/2016

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Library

Committee members present:

Chair person: Richard Chapell

Burl Sheldon, Meredith Pochardt, George Figdor, Patricia Peters, Richard Chapell,  
Ron Jackson (Assembly Liaison).

Guests: Thom Ely (prospective PRAC member), Lee Heinmiller (Planning and Zoning member)

Person filling out form: Richard Chapell

### Topics of discussion:

- Approve minutes from 12/17/2015 meeting, with no changes.
- Approve Thom Ely's application for PRAC membership.
- Consultation with Planning & Zoning Commission member Heinmiller on process for planning a waterfront trail from Port Chilkoot dock to harbor parking lot.
  - Land ownership is mixed
    - Port Chilkoot Co. beach uphill from mean high tide, plus 2 lots crossed. Heinmiller says PC Co easement is possible.
    - AK DOT ROW at reconstructed Front St/Old HNS Hwy intersection
    - Haines Borough
  - Scope of design
    - PC Dock to Lookout Park? or
    - Continue design scope to Picture Point per 2025 Comprehensive Plan?
  - Materials
    - Gravel or elevated boardwalk? Elevated just over wet areas?
    - Stairs up to new Lookout Park location on harbor parking lot?
  - ADA accessible or not?
    - The sidewalk is already ADA accessible
  - Request design money in FY17 Manager's budget
    - Rich is getting a trail design fee quote from Corvus Designs

- Consultation with P&Z member Heinmiller on for planning downtown core park
  - Draft proposal to P&Z Comm. to zone Lot 4A and Lot 8A for recreation.
  - Chapell will contact Downtown Revitalization Commission member Lende to get notes on park design.
  - Trail from school to Main St, not through Aspen Parking lot
  - Is Starvin Marvin an allowed use under recreation zoning?
  - Bike Rack, water fountain.
- Identifying and prioritizing tasks for PRAC in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.
  - Members will review Figdor's handouts from Plan: Chapter 8 text, Table 8-3, and Table of Other Tasks. Members will bring their top 5 identified PRAC projects to the next meeting.

#### Action Taken:

- M/S Sheldon/Peters, passed 5-0: Approve minutes from 12/17/2015.
- M/S Sheldon/Figdor, passed 5-0: Appoint Thom Ely as PRAC member.  
Thom's strengths, particular to the goals of PRAC, related to his well known personal interest in recreational access and recreational planning for the community, and that Thom owns a thriving recreation-based business.  
Thom discussed with the committee his ideas relevant to Borough parks and recreation. These include: delineating and expanding municipal parks, establishing a core green-space as well as planning for green-space, identifying certain areas for certain types of recreation, establishing a "mountain hut system" and planning for "100 years from now."
- M/S Pochardt/Sheldon, passed 5-0: Request funds through the Manager's FY17 budget to pay for for design of a waterfront trail from Picture Point to the Port Chilkoot Dock.
- M/S Figdor/Sheldon, passed 5-0: draft a proposal to the Planning and Zoning Commission to zone downtown Borough-owned lots 4A and 8A for recreation.

Next meeting date: February 24, 2016, 5 pm at the library.