



REGULAR MEETING

Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Committee  
(PRAC)

SPECIAL MEETING

**APPROVED**

## COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY AND MINUTES

Meeting date: 5/18/2016

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Library

Committee members present:

Chair person: Richard Chapell

Burl Sheldon, George Figdor, Patty Peters, Richard Chapell

Guests: Ron Jackson (BA Liaison), Margaret Freidenauer (BA), Debra Schnabel (Public),  
Jeremy Stephens (Public)

Person filling out form: Richard Chapell

### Topics of discussion:

- Approve minutes from 4/20/2016 meeting: No changes suggested.
- Public testimony
  - Schnabel – Park lands in the Borough are suffering from a lack of use planning. For example, on the DNR Chilkat River Beaches parcel, fire pits and social trails are proliferating, there needs to be trash cans and dog waste bag dispensers.
- Haines harbor uplands design and waterfront walk.
  - We need to make sure there is a balance between two important uses of the Borough waterfront on Portage Cove: a working harbor and public recreation.
  - The Dog Cart sculpture site is not adequate to replace the functions of Lookout Park due to limited space and parking.
- Zoning downtown core park on Borough-owned lot 8A for recreation.
  - Sheldon – At the May 12 Planning Commission meeting, several members were opposed to rezoning Borough-owned Lot 8A as Recreation, so the matter was dropped.
  - **Sheldon will meet with the Manager and the Planning Technician** to learn about other avenues for designating certain Borough parcels as parks.
- Develop parks definition and regulation in Borough code - Not discussed due to lack of time.
- Request that the Mayor ask Alaska State Parks to rebuild the outhouses at Mosquito Lake Recreation Site - Not discussed due to lack of time. **Peters will circulate her draft letter** to Parks & Rec members by email for discussion at the next meeting.

Action Taken:

- Minutes from 4/20/2016 meeting unanimously approved.
- M/S Sheldon/Figdor, passed unanimously: Rescind PRAC's 4/20/2016 meeting motion to consider a permanent move of Lookout Park to the Dog Cart Sculpture area to the West of the PC Dock.
- M/S Sheldon/Figdor, passed unanimously: *PRAC requests that the Haines Borough harbor expansion design include an area equivalent in size to the current Lookout Park to be allocated for the relocation Lookout Park, and that the new park include professionally designed landscaping and safe, pedestrian access to the park and across the harbor parking lot. The PRAC also requests that the Borough Manager designate a Borough employee to manage the harbor development project so that the Borough waterfront uplands continue to meet the dual needs of a working harbor and public recreational use.*

Next meeting date: June 22, 2016, 5 pm at the library.