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Haines Borough Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 22, 2024, 5:30 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER –** Mayor MORPHET called the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to order at 5:41pm.

2. ROLL CALL -

<u>Present:</u> Thom ELY, Kathleen MENKE, George FIGDOR, Darcie CULBECK, Lori SMITH were present. Shannon SPRING and Evangeline WILLARD were absent.

<u>Staff Present:</u> Kiersten LONG/Deputy Clerk, Debra SCHNABEL Assembly Liaison, Mayor MORPHET,

<u>Visitors Present</u>: Cindy JIMENEZ/HEDC, Erik BORAAS/Haines Huts and Trails, were also present.

MOTION: MENKE moved to "nominate **ELY** as chair" and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: ELY moved to "nominate **MENKE** as co-chair" and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent objection the committee decided to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30pm

Public Comments:

SCHNABEL – Look at code 2.105, suggested to get rid of the bylaws, establish an agenda, minutes are action minutes it might be useful to have more detailed minutes JIMENEZ – There are a lot of grants for community development, the first week of March representatives for UA Land will be in town.

BORAAS – Looks forward to work with the committee to develop trails.

The meeting was a free-form brainstorming session discussing ideas and priorities for the committee

Some questions/ideas raised were:

- 1. Training to help develop a Trail Mix plan
- 2. Rural Economy document for the Assembly to adopt
- 3. Have a paid staff member at the Borough
- 4. Figuring out what the best way to get community input
- 5. Picnic and surveys for the community
- 6. How to best collaborate with local groups and funding sources
- 7. How to collaborate with private land owners and state/federal government

Topics for the next meeting:

- 1. Redefine Definition of PRAC
- 2. Comprehensive Plan
- 3. Identify/Partnering with other organizations

Committee Comments:

MENKE – Borough Planner and Assembly liaison would be great people to go to with recommendations and requests.

Public Comments:

Mayor MORPHET – Assembly members who are currently elected are in favor in helping with recreation development; ask other people from different organizations to come to the parks and recreation advisory committee meetings and start developing these relationships.

Adjourned at 6:25 pm