

Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)

August 17, 2015 at the Haines Borough Library conference room.

Meeting convened at 5:30 pm

Attendance

PARB members: Tresham Gregg, George Figdor, Burl Sheldon, Richard Chapell

Public/Media: Tom Morphet

Approval of agenda:

M/S Sheldon/Figdor, approved unanimously

Approval of minutes from 7/17/2015

Approved unanimously without changes.

Portage Cove Harbor expansion project

Members said they had reviewed the 95% design documents on line.

Members Burl Sheldon and Tresham Gregg reported to PRAB on last week's Harbor Expansion Aesthetics Committee meeting.

By consensus, PRAB members provided these recommendations which PRAB representative Burl Sheldon will bring to the next Harbor Expansion Aesthetics Committee meeting:

- Accommodate a beach-level trail connecting Port Chilkoot Dock to Lookout Park. This element is specified in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.
- Accommodate a 15-ft wide pedestrian easement running north-south across the harbor development. This element is specified in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.
- Vegetate the embankments of the harbor parking lot.
- Lower parking lot elevation so vehicles and trailers are less intrusive to the view from Lookout Park. The Borough should have PND create a more realistic conceptual view from Lookout Park with vehicles and trailers using the parking lot.
- Create a perimeter separating Lookout Park from the parking lot; could be a slope or landscaping.
- Add benches on platforms to the water (east) side of the parking.
- Borough should create a planning group to execute the seaside trail from Portage Cove Campground to Picture Point, as specified in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

Recreational Trails Grant ideas

- Build a beach-level trail from Lookout Park to Port Chilkoot Dock.
- Fund the planning of a Picture Point to Portage Cove campground trail.

RTG application period closes November 15, so there will be time after the Harbor Expansion plan is approved by the Assembly for PRAB members to develop these ideas for consideration at future PRAB meetings.

Downtown core park land

PRAB members toured the area adjacent to new brewery, Borough office bldg., Library, and school track, and members will develop a vision for this area.

Next meeting

5:00 pm Tuesday, September 1. Meet at the Port Chilkoot dock to tour the PC dock to Lookout Park trail route.

Adjourn 7:00 pm