

## **Haines Borough Parks & Rec Advisory Committee meeting**

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the library. Meeting called to order 5:05 pm.

### **Attendance:**

Members: George Figdor (by teleconference), Burl Sheldon, Meredith Pochardt, Richard Chapell

Public: Tresham Gregg (Assembly), Travis Russell (AK State Parks), Carol Tuynman (AK Arts Confluence)

### **Agenda:**

#### **Tuynman presented an update on Ft. Seward signage**

Draft copies of 13 interpretive signs designed for Ft. Seward are posted at Art on Main Street office for November. PARC members and the public are encouraged to review and comment on them.

#### **Approve minutes from September 23, 2015 meeting.**

Approved unanimously.

#### **Letter of support for AK State Parks' Recreational Trails Grant application to finish the Battery Point trail.**

The grant proposal funds hardening the remainder of the Battery Point trail on the beach level. a spur trail to the beach, finishing water crossings with structurally adequate bridges or culverts.

M/S Sheldon/Pochardt, passed unanimously.

#### **Letter of support for Takshanuk Watershed Council's Recreational Trails Grant application for Jones Point trailhead and trails.**

The grant proposal funds rerouting a Jones Point road to bypass large seasonal puddle, and trailhead improvements to make the Jones Point property more welcoming to public recreational access. Vehicle access on a restored road will be allowed during the subsistence hooligan fishery each year.

M/S Sheldon/Figdor, passed 3-0 with Pochardt abstaining because she is a Takshanuk Watershed Council employee.

#### **Outreach message for planning a downtown core park**

Consensus that Pochardt will edit the draft letter for presentation to the Planning Commission chair and the Borough Manager to initiate a collaborative planning process with possible park creation in the Borough land parcel bounded by Main Street, 3rd Avenue, the Borough Administration Building, the library parking lot, and the school track. A future open house to gather public comments was discussed.

#### **Parks and Rec objectives chart in HB 2025 Comprehensive Plan**

Consensus that Figdor will consolidate tasks assigned to PRAC for shorter time frame in section 8.4 Implementation Plan. This list can be presented and prioritize by public comment at a future open house.

### **Next meeting**

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 5:00 pm at the library.