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## Haines Borough Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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### 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** –

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

**Staff Present:** Kiersten **LONG**/Deputy Clerk, Debra **SCHNABEL** Assembly Liaison, Mayor **MORPHET**,

**Visitors Present:** 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