



☒ REGULAR MEETING

☐ SPECIAL MEETING

☒ Parks and Recreation
Advisory Committee
(PRAC)

COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY AND MINUTES

Meeting date: 9/21/2016

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Library

Committee members present: George Figdor, Meredith Pochardt,
Patty Peters, Burl Sheldon (telephone)

Chair person: Richard Chapell

Members absent: Thom Ely

Guests: Carol Tuynman (Art on Main St), Margaret Friedenauer (BA Member), Pam Randles, Lori Smith, Jeremy Stephens

Person filling out form: Richard Chapell

Action items:

- Approved minutes from 8/30/2016 meeting - unanimous.
- Approved agenda – unanimous.
- Approved recommending Lori Smith to fill the last vacant seat on PRAC - unanimous.

Topics of discussion:

- Presentation by Pam Randles on a proposed trail network in the townsite area that links properties owned Takshanuk Watershed Council (TWC), SE AK State Fair (SEASF), Port Chilkoot Co., Chilkoot Indian Association, Haines Borough, and 2 private parties. Private non-profits (TWC, SEASF) will approach landowners to request easements and to develop a Memorandum of Understanding. Haines Borough Assembly would be approached as a signer.
- Filling the 7th PRAC seat: Lori Smith described her experience developing an exercise walk for Wounded Warriors, providing youth recreation services in the military, and her Haines area recreation project ideas: road bike trails, senior citizen accessible exercise trail, harbor uplands park development. From his application, John Brower is also qualified and interested in PRAC membership. PRAC members decided to give weight to Smith's earlier application (June 2016) and recommend her to fill the seat. John Brower's application should be kept on file for a future vacancy.
- Planning Commission and PRAC subcommittee on parks ordinance language is scheduled for 5 pm on October 6. Subcommittee members are Sheldon, Lende, and Goldberg.

- The Borough RFP for a Portage Cove trail and Lookout Park planning process is set to close Oct. 5, and the planning process is scheduled to conclude in Feb. 2017. There is not enough time to meet the 2016 Recreational Trails Program grant cycle dates: Oct. 1 public notice, and agency consultation and landowner agreements before the November 1 application deadline.
- Public Comment: Jeremy Stephens encouraged PRAC to stay engaged in the Portage Cove trail and Lookout Park planning process. Steps are reviewing Proposals, recommending contractor selection, and providing input during the process.
- Developing Parks ordinances in Borough code: PRAC reviewed and commented on Sheldon's draft language. Sheldon, as a member of PC/PRAC subcommittee (Sheldon, Heather Lende, Rob Goldberg) will refine and finalize code. Planning Commission will approve code and forward to the Assembly.
- Next PRAC events:
 - Sept. 29, 6:30 at Assembly Chambers: Joint PRAC, PC, Waterfront Aesthetics meeting.
 - October 7, 12:30 pm, PRAC work session at Carr's Cove Borough property, meet there.
 - October 19, 5 pm, PRAC regular meeting at the library. Guest Speaker Travis Russell.