

Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

February 20, 2018

- A. **Wendy Ranney** called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm
- B. **ROLL CALL:**  
**In attendance:** Wendy Ranney, Marvin Van Den Broek, Miriam Dunbar, Karen Hallquist, Dave Zastrow, Anne Schaefer, Stephen Phillips, Susie Herschleb, Heather Brannon and Mary Anne Bishop.  
**Absent:** none
- C. **Approval of Agenda:** **M/S.** Phillips **S/D.** Zastrow. **V/**Unanimous Approval.
- D. **Visitor Communication:**  
none
- E. **Consent Calendar:**  
Minutes of 1-23-18. **M/D.** Zastrow to approve. **S/** A. Schaefer. **V/**Unanimous Approval.
- F. **Director's Report by S. Herschleb:**
1. CAYAC- A. Schaefer asked if anyone from CAYAC had committed to any children's activities yet. S. Herschleb said no one had yet but she thinks the organization will do so soon. The CHS Boys Basketball coach, Bert Adams, has said that he will organize youth basketball with the high school players as coaches after their season ends.
  2. Other sports may begin at Bidarki in the near future. Alyssa Kleissler spoke with S. Herschleb about starting gymnastics and urban ninja classes for children. She also noted that an instructor for Krav Maga, a type of martial arts, is moving to town and that may be offered. S. Herschleb thinks Judo might also be taught again, as there are many people in town that were involved with that before. Ron Horton donated a wrestling mat to Bidarki which can be used for these sports.
  3. Odiak Camper Park- the few spaces not already reserved for 2018 will be available through a new lottery process. S. Herschleb thinks this is the fairest way to fill these spaces. Present tenants had the opportunity to pay a \$950 deposit, which most did.
  4. DTK- A. Schaefer and K. Hallquist volunteered to be ticket takers.
  5. Possible sales tax repeal- D. Zastrow wondered what will happen to Parks & Rec if it happens. S. Herschleb doesn't know what will happen.
- G. **Unfinished Business:**
1. Review of Master Plan/ Draft: Odiak Camper Park-- Commission reviewed the draft created at the last meeting. W. Ranney noted that moving the playground to the other field will make it accessible to the whole community, which may make it easier to get more funding for it. **M/S.** Phillips to accept the Master Plan of Odiak Camper Park. **S/** A. Schaefer. **V/**Unanimous Approval.
  2. Review of Master Plan: Skater's Cabin 2<sup>nd</sup> review- S. Herschleb explained the history of jet skiers on Eyak Lake. The lake is not considered a state park, so the state does not oversee it for recreation activities. Present boat launch was put in by Parks & Rec many years ago, but it is against FAA regulations since it is at the end of the runway. Who should remove it? Copper River Watershed Project might find funding to remove it since it is a salmon spawning area. Skater's Cabin section of the Master Plan was reviewed by each member. S. Herschleb noted that materials to repair the back wall of the cabin have already been purchased. Work will be split between Parks & Rec staff and a contractor. Side walls will be done next. The relocation of the boat launch will need to be studied more to determine best materials and optimal angle of the ramp. Parking for boat trailers may impact parking for other activities, so signage will be needed. Commissioners listed goals for Skater's Cabin in this priority:
    1. Cabin restoration
    2. Boat launch location

3. Beach management, improvement, and expansion
  4. Parking pattern and traffic flow
  5. Lakeshore restoration funding
  6. Researching grants/partnerships for improvements
  7. Make sure rates reflect costs for future capital projects.
3. Nirvana Park Committee met on January 30. W. Ranney explained that they decided to look at the zoning of the park. It is under Parks and Open Spaces, City Cemeteries. The code needs to add verbage for burial grounds. Then the committee can go forward to decide on appropriate activites in Nirvana Park. Old Eyak Burial Ground is the original name for the area. There are 30 identifiable gravesites within Nirvana Park, and 43 on the spit. Easter Egg hunt may be moved after this year. The Committee will ask churches and others to be involved in finding a new location for the Easter Egg Hunt. Next Committee meeting will be on February 27 at noon.
4. Disc Golf- USCG Commander Collin Bronson will be purchasing the baskets for the course. Location still to be decided.

#### H. **New Business**

1. Waterfront property near PWSSC-- Mary Anne Bishop noted that there are currently 4 community parks and they are on the south side of town. Waterfront property near PWSSC is not for sale right now, so this is the time to make it a small park. During the summer there are many cannery workers close to this area, and they need a place to recreate. It is also a popular place for many people in town to watch the fishing boats come and go. Perhaps the old pavillion from Nirvana Park could be moved there, or at least some picnic tables, and kept there from April through September. Food venders could still be there during this time. Most of the north fill is privately owned, so this spot is the only part of the area that could easily be made into a pocket park. S. Herschleb thinks the pavillion could be moved there and then 4 picnic tables would fit inside. Planning and Zoning would make the decision if it should be a pocket park. If food vendors are allowed the city would still make some money on leasing the land and sales tax collected. Perhaps the canneries would provide the picnic tables. We would need to a designate parking area. S. Herschleb is curious to the size of the property. She will talk to Sam Greenwood to get the details. M. Bishop would like to see the proposal to make it a park go to the Planning and Zoning Commission soon, in case someone wants to buy the property.
2. Crater Lake Hydro Project- W. Ranney explained that there is a feasability study about this project on the city website. The city has not yet decided whether it will be cooperating with C.E.C. on it. Geotch survey will be happening soon. W. Ranney is worried about the 25 foot dam failing, which risks her property below. The changing water level of Crater Lake will affect recreation. She wants Parks & Rec to be aware of the project.

#### I. **Pending Agenda:**

1. Orca Inlet Recreation Area Master Plan
2. Fisherman's Park Trail
3. Pocket Park Proposal
4. Skater's Cabin Master Plan final review.

#### J. **Commission Comments**

A. Schaefer noted that PWSSC camps do provide scholarships. S. Herschleb added that N.V.E. Scholarships can cover a variety of camps also. She hopes that Bidarki will be able to have single day adventures for kids next summer. S. Phillips said that this was a great meeting. K. Hallquist appreciates all the work Park & Rec does. M. Van Den Broek thinks we need a 10 year plan to get a recreation programmer. D. Zastrow felt it was a very productive meeting. W. Ranney likes the Master Plan notebooks.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6 pm, and April 24, 2018 at 6 pm. Possible Special Meeting in March to discuss the Pocket Park.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Miriam Dunbar, Secretary