

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Co-Chairman Joan Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Mary Shampine, Seat A  
Ms. Debbie Martin, Seat C  
Ms. Joan Matthews, Seat D  
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Commissioner Dave Tuttle was excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Menard Center Secretary

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Co-Commissioner Matthews led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Co-Chair Matthews asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Co-Chair Matthews asked if there were any changes to the August 10, 2016 minutes.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Tammy Ostrom:

- Joan is currently attending the Alaska Recreation Parks Association Conference in Petersburg through Saturday and will report at the next Parks and Recreation Meeting.

- The last of the Park Rangers will leave on Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Lake Lucile campground will lose the summer host on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>; City will try to keep the campground open one more week.
- Parks maintenance has completed the railing on the bridge and ramp at Cottonwood Creek Park. Ribbon cutting is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
- Luanne Urfer will meet soon to unveil the work the French interns have worked on this summer for the Menard Center.
- 2016 Emergency Preparedness Expo is Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm at the Menard Center. The first 100 will receive a first aid emergency kit.
- Department of Corrections is brushing out the Menard Center front area by Clapp St. for better visibility to the building.
- Menard Center going to Fall/Winter schedule starting Monday September 12<sup>th</sup> 7 days a week 7:30am-8pm.
- New this year at the Menard: Sunday night family public skate starting Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm-7:45pm.
- Booked a 3 day car show for the Centennial July 7-9<sup>th</sup> 2017 49<sup>th</sup> Street Rodders.
- Update from Archie: Tunnel Mural painting near Newcomb Park completed and lights will be installed.
- Fall Learn to Skate for Tuesday Mornings and Evenings successful with a total of 26 students registered. Saturday's classes start September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Halloween Pumpkin Patch is scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> with fireworks after the event.
- 17 truckloads of weeds have been removed from Lake Lucile since new operator began work.
- Menard Center is a voting precinct for the October 4<sup>th</sup> election.
- Rotary Uncorked event is October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Menard Center.
- The Menard Center will be closed October 13-15<sup>th</sup> for the Alaska Association of Student Government Conference.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)**

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Committee of the Whole**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Champine moved to enter into Committee of the Whole for the discussion of Unfinished Business.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** No objection noted.

Parks Master Plan:

- Suggested putting shrubs and Pavilion for Nunley Park and sign boards for Wonderland on the Parks Master Plan idea list and for CIP.
- Suggested putting in a service announcement in the Mayors minutes regarding organizations looking for projects that the City is in need of such as the sign boards or pavilion.
- Suggested contacting the local High Schools Carpentry classes to make the sign boards for the parks. Commission asked for clarification if this is something they can do.
- Suggested contacting local companies to sponsor the building materials for a park pavilion.
- Suggested putting a Dog park at Iditapark on the Parks Master Plan idea list.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Wasilla:

- Planning for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball.
- In the process of planning events for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Other Special Events:

- Friends of the Library Book sale September 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Post 35.
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Library.

October 31<sup>st</sup> Free Halloween Public Skate at the Menard Center :

MOTION: Commissioner Robinson made a motion to donate apple cider and cookies for the Halloween skating event.

SECOND: Commissioner Martin second the motion.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- Commissioner Robinson suggested posting Menard Center events in the Alaska Coast Magazine under their calendar event page.

## **X. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)**

## **XI. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Shampine:

- Looking forward to the new library; and
- Asked what happened to the security cameras that were going to be installed at Wonderland Park; and
- Asked if there was any park rules regarding pets at the parks?

Commissioner Matthews:

- Suggested the Park Rangers stay on until the end of September; and
- Suggested contacting the Veterans organizations to sponsor the free Halloween public skate.

Commissioner Martin:

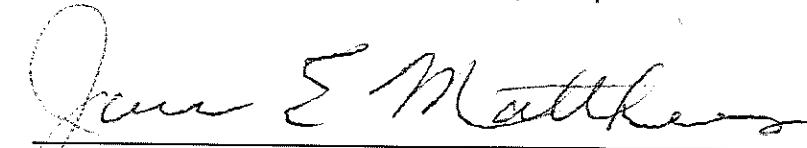
- Asked if the Police Department could make more patrols at Wonderland Park since the Park rangers are now gone.

Commissioner Robinson:

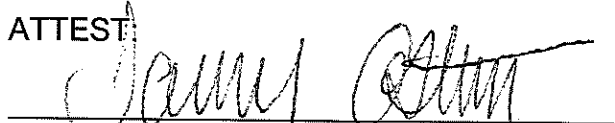
- New Library is absolutely beautiful!

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chairman Matthews adjourned meeting at 6:56pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2016, 6:00pm at Menard Center.

  
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JOAN MATTHEWS, Co-Chair

ATTEST

  
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TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: October 12, 2016.