

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Mary Shampine, Seat A
Mr. Dave Tuttle, Seat B
Mr. Andrew Chambers, Seat C
Mr. Lee Mitchell, Seat D
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Joan Klapperich, Director of Recreation Services
Ms. Lyn Carden, Deputy Administrator
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Menard Center Secretary

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Tuttle asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Tuttle asked if there were any changes to the July 12, 2017 minutes.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Klapperich:

- Centennial Valley Fitness Expo held at the Menard Center August 5th with over 100 in attendance for the event.
- Compete Hockey Camp at the Menard Center a success with 30 participants.

- Hockey tryouts first week in August for the new competitive hockey team Valley Thunder at the Menard Center.
- Alaska Goaltending Academy hosting a week long camp at the Menard Center August 7-11th.
- Summer Learn to Skate Program concludes on August 10th with 14 students participating in the program. Fall classes start September 5th for Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening, and Saturday classes.
- Upcoming events at the Menard Center: Alaska Military Youth Academy drill competition Saturday August 12th, and a senior lock in/overnight August 19th. Project AK 2 Music Fest Saturday August 26th. Alaska All-stars hockey team will have an overnight stay over Labor Day weekend.
- In the process of scheduling turf and ice for the upcoming season at the Menard.
- Garden of Reflection replacement pedestrian bridge completed at Iditapark.
- New benches installed last week at Carter Park.
- Parks Maintenance working on Lake Lucile Park boardwalk extensions.

Ms. Carden:

- Fence going up at Newcomb Park to keep drivers off of the grass.
- Entrance at Park will have a new barricade.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

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

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection noted.

Parks Master Plan & Recreation Idea list:

- Suggested visiting City parks and bring back suggestions or ideas.
- City Parks need soap in the restrooms.
- Suggested extending the paved bike path on southwest corner of Iditapark.

Volunteer Program:

- Suggested adding to web site volunteer form: volunteers will be contacted by text for volunteer service.

100th Anniversary:

- Discussed Centennial Fitness Expo.
- Discussed time capsule.
- October will be Centennial Autumn Fest.

Other Special Events:

- Volunteers are needed for the Parks and Recreation Halloween free Public Skate night.
- Suggested a Community skate night on Sunday nights with prizes for the community.
- Suggested contacting Knik Tribal Council for collaboration with Parks and Recreation.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

XI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

XII. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Tuttle:

- Suggested finding an organization that would fund transportation for students from schools to Menard Center for activities.

Commissioner Robinson:

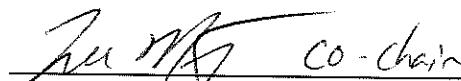
- Suggested attending Wasilla Chambers of Commerce meeting to present Parks and Recreation ideas and projects for possible collaboration.

Commissioner Chambers:

- Suggested outdoor gym equipment for city parks or trails.


XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:17pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2017, 6:00pm at Menard Center.

 co-chair

DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:



TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary
Approved: September 13, 2017.