



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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### WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6 P.M.**

**October 14, 2009**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL; DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Approval of minutes from September 9, 2009
- 6. PUBLIC HEARING** (Three minutes per person.)
- 7. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**  
Catherine Minman- Rain Gardens
- 8. STAFF REPORTS**  
Mayor Verne Rupright – Wasilla Gun Range  
James Hastings
- 9. ON GOING PROJECTS**
  - A. Discussion on Public Lands within City Limits
  - B. 4th of July Events
  - C. Parks Master Plan
  - D. Wasilla to Big Lake Trail Development
  - E. Arbor Day 2010
  - F. Council Meeting-who will attend
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 11. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Parks and Recreation Meetings 2010
- 12. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**
- 13. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: November 18, 2009**

James Staff report:

- The Maureen McCombs Equestrian Trail dedication and hanging of the sign went, short & sweet. I feel it was well attended by those who she most wanted to see attend. The city was well represented by the P&R Commission and Mr. Jim Holy cross, city planner. My apologies for the delay in making this happen, and assure you that we'll soon be working on getting the Carter Park dedication and signage underway as well.
- The fall/winter sports season has begun in full force this year. The Avalanche Hockey season is underway with fairly good attendance and showed promise to increase as the season progresses.
- The Soccer for Fun program is thus far a successful venture and also presents itself to be very user-friendly as we transition from a city run program to a private enterprise operation.
- We have extended Turf for Tots to a five day per week event as available around other booked events. I have been working on getting new toys but require some addition funding to make this happen. If any from the commission can get involved or give suggestions, we'd be very grateful to the help.
- We are seeing an increase in usage of our facility primarily due to the season I believe, but also feel that as we get the word out to the general community, we will continue to see progress. Our goal here is to reach the NON-USER and invite them within to enjoy and make use of this and all city facilities as "enhancers" to their activities as well as ours.
- I will be making a trip around our city parks with some folks from the Borough and ADF&G to look into the possibility if Rain Gardens to enhance any drainage issues as well as beautify these areas. Grants and assistance is available to make this happen along with the opportunity to partner with local young organizations and schools to take some "ownership" of these gardens and parks.