

WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8, 2013

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Co-Chairman Joan Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:00 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:

Mr. John Combs, Recreation and Cultural Services Director  
Mr. Bert Cottle, Deputy Administrator  
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Sports Center Secretary

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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 April 10, 2013 and the April 26, 2013 minutes.

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

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)**

No public hearing was held.

## **VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Taffina Katkus spoke regarding the Southwest Wasilla Trails Plan. Asked the Commissioners to follow up on the trails plan and see if there are any grants or funding for this trail.

## **VIII. STAFF REPORTS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Cottle:

- Clean up days bags were dropped off at Library, Museum, City Hall, Sports Center, and Wasilla Chamber.
- Airport Road extension will be paved in June.
- Dog Park in the plans this year at Lake Lucille Park.

Mr. Combs:

- New concession owners at the Menard Sports Center.
- Advertising for Clean up Days on radio Q99.7 from May 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.
- Reported on the balances of the Parks and Recreation accounts.
- This summer 30 amp power outlets will be installed outside of the building at the Sports Center for RV's.
- A bid will be going out for a marquee sign for the Sports Center.

## **IX. ON GOING PROJECTS**

Discussion on Public Lands within City Limits:

- Will know the status on the land exchange at Cottonwood Creek in July 2013.

## **X. ON GOING PROJECTS-SEASONAL**

Clean up Days:

- Volunteers still needed for dumpster watch. Commissioner Matthews will call Michelle with My House to see if anyone can volunteer.
- Commissioner Matthews will bring a grill; and has a volunteer to cook the hot dogs for the picnic on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Need a new large banner or display for next years Clean up Days.
- Commissioner Shampine asked for a lock for the dumpster when not in use.
- Drawings for kid prizes will be at 3:00pm Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at Iditapark.

## **X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

4<sup>th</sup> of July:

- City will need help with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic.

## **XII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

### **XIII. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Shampine:

- Asked when the City was having the Arbor Day celebration; and
- Commented that Ms. Heaven's memorial service in on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Commissioner Martin:

- Asked about the status of Music in the Park.

Commissioner Robinson:

- Asked Ms. Katkus if she would be able to help with the community gardens.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chairman Matthews adjourned meeting at 7:06pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2013, 6:00pm at Menard Sports Center.

  
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JOAN MATTHEWS, Co-Chair

ATTEST:

  
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TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: June 12, 2013.