

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Co-Chairman Joan Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:07 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. Bert Cottle, Deputy Administrator  
Ms. Joan Klapperich, Recreation & Cultural Services Director  
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Menard 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 November 13, 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**

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bert Cottle:

- Fireworks on New Year's Eve at Iditapark 8:00pm.
- Mat-Su Homeless Connect at the Menard Center January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Joan Klapperich promoted to Cultural & Recreational Services Director.
- Christmas Friendship Dinner at the Menard Center December 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm.
- Asked the Commissioners to make a list of events or ideas that they would like to see at the Menard Center.

Joan Klapperich:

- 5000 in attendance for the gun show at the Menard Center December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2013.
- Birthday party packages available at the Menard Center for ice rink or turf court.

**IX. ON GOING PROJECTS**

**X. ON GOING PROJECTS-SEASONAL**

Commission suggested hosting a Family skating party at Newcomb Park Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 from 12-2pm. Commissioner Martin will call Public Works regarding reserving Newcomb Park.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2014 Anniversary Celebration:

- City Council approved \$10,000.00 for the event.
- Clerk's Office is organizing a Luncheon for past and current Council members, Mayor's, and host the luncheon at City Council Chambers.
- Suggested making up an article for Make A Scene.
- Suggested contacting Knik Tribal Council to see if they would like to volunteer for the event.
- Suggested Board games for kids during the event at the Menard.
- Suggested a band for the event at the Menard.
- Suggested the Museum supply pictures in the upper lobby of the Menard Center for the event.
- Suggested contacting Phenie Miller at Alaska USA for volunteers.

- Suggested water, juice, coffee, finger foods for the event.
- Suggested contacting Alaska Club to see if they would donate bottled water for the event.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XIII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

**XIV. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Robinson:

- How can the Parks and Recreation Commission help the Menard Center; and
- Suggested contacting Envision Mat-Su regarding trails at the Menard Center; and
- Suggested sending information on Menard Center events to Mat-Su School District; and
- Excited about City events that are coming up.

Commissioner Martin:

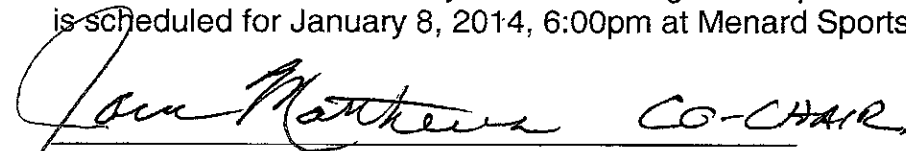
- Would like to see trails at the Menard Center; and
- Suggested contacting Mat-Su Trails Foundation regarding trails here at the Menard Center; and
- Suggested contacting Mat-Su College regarding trails and the possibility starting a program regarding trails here at the Menard Center; and
- Announced that she is expecting another child in May.

Commissioner Champagne:

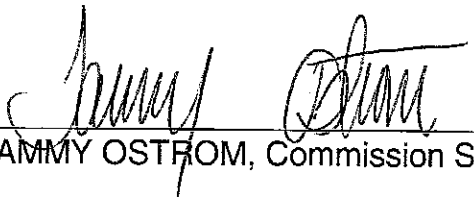
- Suggested contacting AmeriCorps, Mike Janneck, or Job Core regarding trails here at the Menard Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chairman Matthews adjourned meeting at 7:38pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2014, 6:00pm at Menard Sports Center.

  
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JOAN MATTHEWS, Co-Chair

ATTEST:

  
TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: January 8, 2014.