

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Dave Tuttle, Chair  
Mary Shampine  
Joan Matthews  
Sarah Sanderlin  
Brandon Wall

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### WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6 P.M.**

**October 8, 2008**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m.

**2. ROLL CALL; DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Dave Tuttle, Sarah Sanderlin, Mary Shampine, Joan Matthews and Brandon Wall.

Staff in attendance:

Bruce Urban, Recreational & Cultural Services Manager

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Joan Matthews led the Pledge of Allegiance

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented. No objection was raised.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on September 10, 2008 were approved as presented. No objection was raised.

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

No public hearing was held.

**7. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**8. STAFF REPORTS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bruce Urban-UAA Hockey games went well with 1200 people in attendance for U18 USA Development team and about 1000 people in attendance for the British Columbia game.

Soccer for Fun- largest season with 170+ kids signed up.

Mat-Su Holiday Bazaar will be at the Sports Complex November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Fall Home Show- vendors said it was a successful show in terms of quality customers.

Opening Hockey games for the Alaska Avalanche will be October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sports Complex. Players will be wearing 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Statehood jersey's that will be auctioned off.

Kitchen-cut part of wall from turf court to kitchen, most of outside work is complete.

White Stallion Productions (Lipizzaner) has contacted Bruce about putting on a show in July at the Sports Complex.

Pumpkin Patch-October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Sports Complex, put on by King's Chapel.

## **9. ON GOING PROJECTS**

Discussion on Public Lands within City Limits-Land donation by Target side of creek will be up for discussion at City Council meeting. Edith Erickson and Meritage are discussing who will pay for the land appraisal and get the write off for the land on the other side of the creek. Commissioner Sarah Sanderlin commented that the Valley Tech School has an engineering class which may have an opportunity to work on a bridge.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Events- Commissioners need to have a decision for Grand Marshall by January or February Park and Recreation Meeting.

Parks Master Plan- will be delayed until the next fiscal year when more funds are available in the CIP. Commissioner Dave Tuttle asked about the Rotary Trail system. Bruce stated the Rotary is moving forward on this project. Dave asked if possibility of trail connecting to Big lake.

Brandon Wall will attend the next City Council Meeting on October 27, 2008.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Maureen McCombs Equestrian Trail-Unable to have dedication sign installed this year due to weather. Possible dedication on National Trails week in June of 2009.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

Statehood Celebration-Commissioners would like to have fireworks, bonfire, and skating on January 3<sup>rd</sup> for Statehood Celebration. Commissioner Mary Shampine recommended that fireworks show be at Iditapark on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 in honor of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Statehood Celebration starting at 7:00pm with all day events preceding. All Commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Dave Tuttle asked to move Statehood Celebration from New Business to On Going Projects. Commissioner Sanderlin will talk with Borough Fire Department about the bonfire for the Statehood Celebration. Dave will invite Cheryl Metiva to the next Park and Recreation Meeting to discuss Statehood Celebration.

CIP Nominations- Recommended by Commissioners to move trails funding to video system FY09 and move bleacher funding to trails FY10. Commissioner

Mary Shampine questioned why Newcomb Park has priority over Nunley Park. Bruce will check with Archie and find out what the money for Newcomb Park is allocated for. Commissioner Dave Tuttle would like the Greenhouse put back on the CIP list. Commissioners will bring any ideas or additions for CIP list to next Park and Recreation meeting.

Rose Garden-Commissioners Mary Shampine and Joan Matthews would like to see a Rose Garden in the small plot of land across from Iditapark on Weber Drive. Green trees in the back drop with hardy roses on the property with benches. Bruce will check with Archie to see if the land has any future plans.

**12. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

**13. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS**

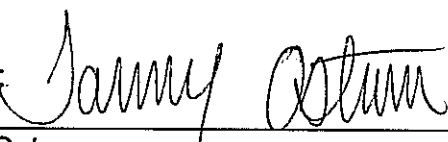
Mary-wanted to know what is happening with the land behind Iditarod Elementary School. Bruce stated that the land belongs to the Mat-Su Borough. The City would welcome the piece of land, however, still no legal access to the land.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dave Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:55 pm.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: November 12, 2008 at Multi-Use Sports Complex.**

  
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Dave Tuttle, Chair

ATTEST:   
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Tammy Ostrom  
COMMISSION SECRETARY

Adopted By the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission on 11/12, 2008.