

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Co-Chairman Joan Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:02 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:

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 March 25, 2014 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

Loi Ricker- presentation of a request for proposal for Alaska's Healing Hearts Organization to assist the City's beautification efforts by taking over upkeep and management of the Armed Forces Honor Garden for a three year security of the site.

MOTION: Commissioner Shampine made a motion to table decision of support for the project until next Parks and Recreation Meeting May 21, 2014 due to further questions and reservations.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. ON GOING PROJECTS

X. ON GOING PROJECTS-SEASONAL

Clean up Days:

- Call Mat-Su Borough regarding dumpster and bags.
- Pavilion at Iditapark is reserved for picnic on Saturday May 10th.
- Commissioner Matthews will attend the Spring Fling Vendor Fair at the Museum May 4th to hand out fliers and bags for Clean up Days.
- Commissioner Shampine with check with Carr's/Safeway regarding donation for the picnic.
- Commissioner Robinson will check on soda donations for the picnic.
- Commissioner Martin will check with Church of LDS, Jr. ROTC, and On Mission Church for working the dumpster hours.
- Commissioner Matthews noted that the hot dog buns for the picnic might be donated.
- Commissioners decided on hot dogs, ketchup, mustard, chips, cookies, and soda for the picnic.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014 Anniversary Celebration:

- Commissioners requested a thank you letter sent to Just Imagine Toys and submit a thank you letter in the Frontiersman.
- Suggested more juice and water for future events.
- Suggested water in the dance floor area and by the cake.
- Cake area in Dry Floor Ice Arena needed a server; signs listing the flavor of the cakes; needed more lighting; and suggested just two cake flavors.

- Suggested more candy for kid's prizes.
- Suggested making announcements early when kids activities are about to end. Thought the 7-9pm time was good for the kid's activities.
- Kid's activities tables worked well.
- Needed more serving room for food in the kid's activities area.
- Need to advertise the event on Facebook.
- Photo Booth very popular.
- Suggested either a band or a DJ but not both.
- Dry Floor Ice Arena seemed too large, suggested sectioning it off.
- There was enough food for the event.
- Suggested ending event with fireworks.
- Suggested changing the event ending time to 10pm.
- Everyone loved the corvette display, suggested more displays.
- Suggested handling the volunteer sign up list differently.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

XIV. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Robinson:

- Remarked on the land that is leased by Pop Warner Football and asked why it is not being maintained by the organization; and
- City resident asked why the Menard Center is not open a 5am for walkers; and
- Would like Parks and Recreation to do a fun activity for community families every few months.

Ms. Martin:

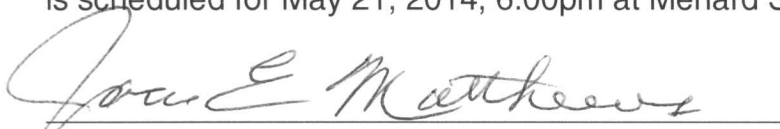
- Would like Parks and Recreation to do a seasonal project every few months month's for the community.

Commissioner Shampine:

- Would like to see a painting project to paint tiles for the amphitheater.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chairman Matthews adjourned meeting at 7:53pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2014, 6:00pm at Menard Sports Center.



 JOAN MATTHEWS, Co-Chair

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tammy Ostrom", is written over a horizontal line.

TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: May 21, 2014.