

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Mary Champine, Seat A
Mr. Dave Tuttle, Seat B
Ms. Joan Matthews, Seat D
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Commissioner Debbie Martin was excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Joan Klapperich, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Menard Center Secretary

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Tuttle asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Tuttle asked if there were any changes to the April 16, 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

VIII. STAFF REPORTS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joan Klapperich:

- Seven High School Graduations at the Menard Center the week of May 12th through the 16th with an estimated 11,000. people in attendance.
- Wasilla High and Mat-Su Career Tech held their Grad Blast at the Menard Center after their graduations.
- Upcoming events at the Menard Center: Alaska Republican Assembly Saturday May 24th, Great Alaska Swap Meet Saturday May 31st from 10am to 6pm.

IX. ON GOING PROJECTS

Parks Master Plan:

- Commissioners will look at the Pedersen land that was donated to the City for a Park and give input/recommendations at the next Parks and Recreation Meeting June 11.
- Suggestion was made to look at Lake Lucille Dog Park for input and recommendations.

Volunteer Program:

- Suggested contacting Mat-Su Youth Court for volunteer opportunities.

X. ON GOING PROJECTS-SEASONAL

Clean up Days:

- Suggested purchasing additional banners, and thank you banner for clean up days.
- Parks and Recreation Commission on several occasions has been informed by the Finance Department that Clean up Days funds can stay in the account that is set aside for and respectfully want to retain the way it is.
- Suggested purchasing a grill for the Parks and Recreation Department for events such as the Clean-up Days picnic.

Special Events:

- Commissioner Robinson would like to have a community event twice a year for kids in the community.
- Commissioner Robinson suggested an Oktoberfest event.
- Commissioner Tuttle asked if information on last year's teen dance at the Menard Center could be brought to the next Parks and Recreation Meeting on June 11.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Armed Forces Honor Garden Project:

- An Administrative agreement was made with Loi Ricker with the understanding that this is a volunteer project to enhance the center island flower bed at the City's Armed Forces Garden at Iditapark.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Yoga in the Park:

- Doty from the Alaska Club would like to have yoga in Newcomb Park once a week free to the public on a Tuesday or Thursday evening starting in June and run through August.

MOTION: Commissioner Shampine made a motion to recommend yoga in the Park in collaboration with the City of Wasilla for social web site and community resources.

SECOND: Commissioner Robinson second the motion.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

XIII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Ms. Shampine:

- Requested better communication from Public Works on what is going on in the City Parks.

XIV. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Robinson:

- Thanked Commissioner Tuttle for the use of his grill for the Clean-up Days picnic; and
- Excited about hosting new events for the upcoming year.

Ms. Matthews:

- Asked if the City was hosting the Mayor's picnic this year?

Commissioner Shampine:

- Commented that food vendors in City parks should post their license and food permits for the public to view; and
- Will be gone for the June 11, Parks and Recreations Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:27pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2014, 6:00pm at Menard Sports Center.



DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:



TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: June 11, 2014.