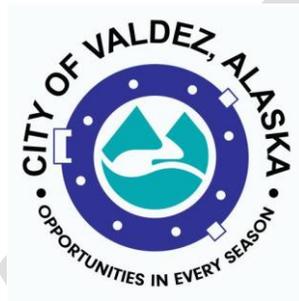


City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
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DRAFT - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Parks and Recreation Commission

REGULAR AGENDA - 6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present 5 – Chair Sarah Jorgenson-Owen
Chair Pro Tempore Pete Carter
Commission Member Aidan Shafland
Commission Member Benjamin Rush
Commission Member Heidi Johnson

Absent 2- Commission Member Jeremy Robida
Commission Member Kyle Klause

Also Present 2- PRCS Director Ken Wilson
PRCS Office Manager Lisa Anderson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes for June 11, 2024**
Minutes were adopted by consent

IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Develop a Trail Sub Committee**
Director Wilson requested the commission find community members to join a Trail Sub Committee. He requested that a couple of the commissioners also join. The new Park Maintenance Supervisor will also be included. The committee will tour projects, to include the Meals Hill project, and report back to the commission. Some topics will be gates, rules, signage for other trails, make sure trails are ADA compliant.
Commissioners are asked to bring names of candidates to the next meeting.

VI. REPORTS

1. Director Ken Wilson's Update on Meals Hill Project

Work has started but is slow going. The goal is to get 2 miles in the section they are worked on. There have been issues with turning radius, there is a consultant coming in.

2. Director Ken Wilson's Report on 2024 PRCS Mid-Year Operations

Director Wilson reported on each division's mid-year operation reports.

3. Commission Member Pete Carter Report on DNR Visit and Shoup Bay Trail

The City brought in Federal and State officials to Valdez that included the DNR Commissioner. They walked up Shoup Bay Trail, had a boat tour and took a walk to the beach. We had a great lunch and then they went up to the pass. At the end of the day there was a great dinner with lots of conversations.

VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commission member Rush commented that PWSCC received funding and they now have a fleet of kayaks and kayak equipment and hope to do some classes.

Chair Jorgenson-Owen thanked the city staff who helped with Gold Rush Days

VIII. ADJOURNMENT