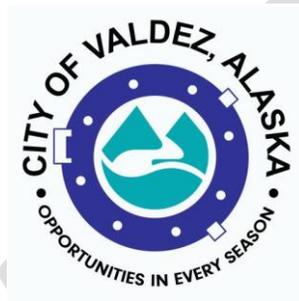


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## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, November 12, 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 6 – Chair Sarah Jorgenson-Owen  
Chair Pro Tempore Pete Carter  
Commission Member Aidan Shafland – Remote  
Commission Member Benjamin Rush  
Commission Member Jeremy Robida  
Commission Member Heidi Johnson

Also Present 3 – PRCS Assistant Director Bridget Irish  
PRCS Park Maintenance Supervisor Cole Beck  
PRCS Office Manager Lisa Anderson

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes for August 13, 2024  
Minutes were adopted by consent.

**IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Move or Cancel November 2025 Meeting Due to Veteran’s Day Holiday**

The November 2025 Commission Meeting was moved to November 13, 2025

2. **Selection of Trail Committee Members and Start Date for First Meeting**

The selection of trail committee members was postponed to the December 10, 2024, meeting

3. **Recognition for Retained and Outgoing Commissioners**

Commission Members Heidi Johnson and Jeremy Robida were thanked for their continued service as members.

Kyle Klause, who was present, was thanked for his service as a Commission Member that ended on October 31, 2024.

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **1. Park Maintenance Supervisor Cole Beck's Update on the Nayurluku Park and Meals Hill Project**

Park Maintenance Supervisor Cole Beck gave an update on the Nayurluku Park and the Meals Hill Project. Council Member Jimmy Devens helped with the pronunciation of the park's name.

Commission Member Rush asked about the multi-use for both hikers and bikers, and if there was going to be bathrooms

Park Maintenance Supervisor Beck said there will be signs on the trails for who they are intended for, and there will be bathrooms.

Commission Member Rush asked about the chain link fence and if public safety can be looked at with a less visible obtrusive way. Park Maintenance Supervisor Beck said not to his knowledge, and he would have to report back.

## **VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Commission Member Johnson thanked Kyle Klause for his service as a commission member and thanked for her continued time as a commission member.

Commission Member Robida thanked Kyle Klause for his service as a commission member. He would like a work session for trail committee. Congratulated Cole Beck on his new position. Commission Member Robida was thankful for his own continued time as a commission member.

Commission Member Carter was confused about the forward action of the trail committee. Chair Jorgenson-Owen stated that the matter will be continued.

Commission Member Shafland would also like a work session. Chair Jorgenson-Owen stated she will speak with Director Wilson about the work session. Commission Member Johnson agreed that Director Wilson needs to be involved in the work session discussion.

Chair Jorgenson-Owen thanked everyone in attendance and for Cole Beck's report. She also thanked Kyle Klause for his service a commission member.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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