

# City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686



## DRAFT - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

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  
Commission Member Ben Rush  
Commission Member Heidi Johnson  
Commission Member Jeremy Robida

Also Present – PRCS Director Bridget Rich  
City Clerk Sheri Pierce  
PRCS Park Maintenance Supervisor Cole Beck  
PRCS Office Manager Lisa Anderson

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2025  
Minutes were adopted by consent.

### **IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

1. 2025 Gold Rush Update

Sarah Jorgenson-Owen gave the Commission an update on the progress of the 2025 Gold Rush Days event.

### **V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Commission Assessment of Trail Reports

The Commission discussed the report.

**VII. REPORTS****1. PRCS Park Maintenance Supervisor Report**

PRCS Park Maintenance Supervisor Cole Beck gave an update on the Mills Hill project.

**2. PRCS Director Report**

PRCS Director Bridget Rich gave an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and other department happenings. ARPA will be hosted in Valdez for the next two years, and Director Rich invited Commission Members to register for the events.

**VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Commission Member Johnson thanked the department for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

Commission Member Shafland wanted clarification on whether Director Rich was officially the new director for the department. Director Rich shook her head in the affirmative. There was a discussion about the path from the park strip onto Pioneer.

Commission Member Robida commented on the difference from his trip to Germany compared to Valdez and American standard for parks. Requested to have new or touched-up murals. City Clerk Pierce recommended that they bring that up with the Beautification Committee.

Commission Member Rush commended the great job with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

Chair Jorgenson-Owen requested that the department send out the next set of trails to the Commission for the next set of trails that need to be reviewed for our next meeting. She also enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. She also welcomed Bridget Rich as the official PRCS Director.

Chair Pro Tempore Carter commented that he was a 4<sup>th</sup> of July event fan.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**