



City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686

Meeting Agenda

Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, November 13, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting (Note Date Change Due to Holiday)

REGULAR AGENDA - 6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes for August 12, 2025](#)

IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Election of PRCS Chair](#)
2. [Election of PRCS Chair Pro Tempore](#)

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. [2025 PRCS Commission Goals Review](#)

VII. REPORTS

1. [PRCS Director Report](#)

VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

IX. ADJOURNMENT



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Legislation Text

File #: 25-0477, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes for August 12, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Anderson

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

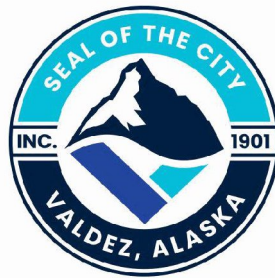
Approve Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes for August 12, 2025

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

N/A

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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 12, 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 5 - Chair Sarah Jorgenson-Owen
Commission Member Benjamin Rush
Commission Member Jeremy Robida
Commission Member Aidan Shafland
Commission Member Heidi Johnson

Absent 1 - Chair Pro Tempore Pete Carter

Also Present 3 - PRCS Director Bridget Rich
Park Maintenance Supervisor Cole Beck
Office Manager Lisa Anderson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2025

Minutes were adopted by consent

IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**V. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Commission Assessment of Trail Reports

VI. REPORTS

1. PRCS Director Report
The Meals Hill project is not done yet. Grand opening is September 11, 2025. If it is done before then, we will let the public in. All fall programming will start on August 19, 2025. The green room and dressing room remodel at the Civic Center is scheduled to begin soon. The Alaska Recreation and Park Association conference is starting September 10, 2025, at the Civic Center. Park Maintenance Supervisor Cole Beck provides a brief update on the Meals Hill project.

VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commission member Shafland said the Glacier Lake parking lot looks great
Commission Member Robida also said the Glacier Lake parking lot looks great.
Looking forward to the new map booklet
Chair Jorgenson-Owen requests that commission meetings be pushed to the next meeting date if there are not many agenda items. Commission member Johnson, Shafland, Robida, and Rush all agree.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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File #: 25-0478, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Election of PRCS Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Anderson

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Elect PRCS Chair

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

N/A



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File #: 25-0479, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Election of PRCS Chair Pro Tempore

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Anderson

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Elect PRCS Chair Pro Tempore

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

N/A



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File #: 25-0480, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

2025 PRCS Commission Goals Review

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Anderson

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Review 2025 PRCS Commission Goals

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

N/A



2025 PRCS Commission Goals

Goal 1

Trail Development

- Interconnectivity
- Title 16 easement partnerships (working on trail ord. during dev.)
- Walking trail partnerships and maintenance on DOT right of way
- Monthly commission trail reports (staff maintenance plan)
- Bike to work program (programming focused)
- Work with DNR/State Parks on paddling trails



Goal 2

Options for indoor and covered playground places

- Develop pop-up programs with existing facilities
- Feasibility study for covering a playground
- Implementation of playground capital replacement program.



Goal 3

ADA compliance plan

- Work to enhance accessibility at all parks and playgrounds
- Identify areas that need addressing and develop an action plan
- Work with Public Works to address pedestrian community walkability



Goals 4 & 5

#4 Innovative Outdoor Recreation

- Disc Golf
- Ski Hill
- Pump Track
- Gun Range
- Outdoor pickleball
- Collaboration with Alaska Sea Grant Organization



#5 CSO pre and post event meetings to enhance relationships and communication.





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File #: 25-0481, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

PRCS Director Report

SUBMITTED BY: Lisa Anderson

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

PRCS Director Report

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

N/A