

# City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686



## DRAFT - Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 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 – remote  
Commission Member Aidan Shafland  
Commission Member Ben Rush  
Commission Member Heidi Johnson  
Commission Member Jeremy Robida

**Also Present 2** – PRCS Acting Director Bridget Rich  
PRCS Office Manager Lisa Anderson

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES****1. Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes for March 11, 2025**

Minutes were adopted by consent

**IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR****V. REPORTS****1. PRCS Acting Director Bridget Rich Report on Change in Leadership for PRCS Department**

Acting Director Rich stated that she will be acting director in Ken's absence and will be taking over the position full-time in July.

**2. Commission Trail Report**

Commissioners will be going out and visiting trails and filling out a report that will be compiled for the next meeting. The first trails will be the Homestead and Dock Point trails.

Faith Harris from VCVB commented that Homestead, Dock Point, and Overlook trails are the ones they recommend to cruise ships. Next year, they will have some software to track visitors who travel to the trailhead and will share the information with the department.

**VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

- Commissioner Johnson welcomed Acting Director Rich.
- Commissioner Shafland welcomed Acting Director Rich and stated he has some ideas that he will be forwarding.
- Commissioner Robida welcomed Acting Director Rich and is looking forward to the trial report format.
- Commissioner Rush welcomed Acting Director Rich and for adding stability to the department, as she is a local and will likely stay for many years. He also thanked the department for helping in the first kayak symposium; it was well attended.
- Chair Pro Tempore Carter requested to have commission meetings at a round table instead of on the dais. Chair Jorgenson-Owen stated she would ask the clerks what is appropriate.
- Acting Director Rich gave an update on Meals Hill. There will be a few changes, and we will know more after our next meeting with the contractors. If we take something away, we will always put it back in somewhere else. We ran into issues with the terrain. We are also working with the American Ramp Company and are in the process of repairing the damaged skate park ramps.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**