



City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smelcer called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Chair Matt Smelcer
Commission Member Brian Teale
Commission Member JJ Kinstrey
Commission Member Amy Goold
Commission Member Michael Britt
Commission Member Paul Nylund

Excused 1 - Secretary Gary Pauly

Also Present 2 - Senior Administrative Assistant Krystal Moulton
PRCS Director Marcie Robertson

III. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Nate Duval, the Director for the City of Valdez Capital Facilities Department, approached the Commission and informed them that the Valdez City Pool was in need of significant renovation. The liners, water supply, trenches and troughs were failing and the facility was going be out of service starting in May, 2018 through the end of August, 2018. He asked that the commission do their best to help spread the word to the community and advocate for the necessity of those repairs.

Commission member, Amy Goold, inquired about whether or not the locker room renovation was planned as well. Mr. Duval informed her that the 2018 renovation was to ensure the facility become structurally sound and that the locker room renovation was expected to take place in 2019.

Mr. Duval stated that the City was looking at larger footprint projects such as the Fire Station & Museum. Those facilities would be in need of large parcels of property. Duval wanted the commission to be aware that the City may consider utilizing property which contains Parks & Recreation activities. He ensured that any decisions made would be for the greater good of the community and would provide improvement overall. In order to eliminate any surprises, the acting Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director, Marcie Robertson, would remain informed on the status of these projects and would bring any affecting information to the commission.

Commission Member Teale inquired about the status of the Kelsey Dock project. Duval stated that a low-profile roof structure was to be built around the brick outhouse. The structure would cover the footprint to the east which would be approximately the same size as the "pringle". Duval went into detail about the intentions of the final product and said that it would be used as an interpretive center to greet guests as well as a great place for the community to gather. Teale suggested that the design ensure the view be unobstructed and asked if there was a conceptual drawing available for review. Duval said that there was a fly-over drawing that he would forward to the commission.

Commission member Britt thanked Duval for bringing the Pool information to the commission, and noted that the number of users becomes very apparent once the facility is shut down. Smelcer asked whether or not there were additional long-term maintenance projects scheduled. Duval said that the projects they had planned for 2018 would add 25-30 years of longevity to the pool.

Smelcer advised that the City, if planning on utilizing property which contains Parks & Recreation activities, create something else (e.i: park) in exchange for whatever it is they chose to take away. Smelcer felt that by doing so, it would make it easier to accept the change and would likely result in there being less resistance from the community. Duval informed the commission that City Council would be hosting a museum and fire station work session on January 16 and 17, 2018. Smelcer expressed his interest in attending those work sessions.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[Approval to Change the Name of the Woody Woodman Teen Center to the Woody Woodman Recreation Center](#)

MOTION: Commissioner Nylund moved, seconded by Commissioner Goold to approve the renaming of the Woody Woodman Teen Center to the Woody Woodman Recreation Center. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

There was no discussion regarding this action item prior to the vote.

After the commission voted unanimously in approval of submitting this recommendation to Council, commission member Britt inquired about whether or not the name, "Ike" would

remain in the title of the facility. All commission members were informally in favor of maintaining, "Ike" in the name. It was agreed that the recommendation to Council would instead read, "Changing the name of Ike "Woody" Woodman Teen Center to Ike "Woody" Woodman Recreation Center."

Yays: 6 - Chair Smelcer, Commission Member Teale, Commission Member Kinstrey, Commission Member Goold, Commission Member Britt, and Commission Member Nylund

Excused: 1 - Secretary Pauly

V. REPORTS

[Recreation Supervisor Report](#)

Nylund made comment about the Gilson Middle School Rock Wall. Nylund had visited the facility recently and said that his family had a great time and the employee running the facility was very nice. Marcie Robertson said she would pass on the comment to Rachel Sensabaugh, the Events and Activities Coordinator. Teale agreed, and said that Mallory Padron was doing a good job.

Goold made comment on the current condition of the City Pool. She said that Bridget Irish was doing a good job, the facility was clean and the printed schedules provided were excellent.

Nylund brought up the recent Santa's Workshop event. Mrs. Robertson went into details about many of the holiday events and noted that a few changes could be made in the future. Robertson discussed the idea of relocating the Tree Lighting Ceremony to the Teen Center to better accommodate large groups if the weather was poor.

[Director & Park Maintenance Supervisor Report](#)

Commission member Teale inquired about whether or not the 2018 budget was available online. Mrs. Robertson informed the commission that the proposed budget had not been confirmed, but as soon as the finalized document was made available, it would be provided to the commission.

Smelcer asked if anything had progressed since the shooting range discussion at the last meeting. Mrs. Robertson commended the Coast Guard group that cleaned up the facility in fall. She discussed the targets that were installed, and expressed uncertainty on how they were fabricated. Robertson said she would spend the winter exercising her diligence to come up with a long-term solution and develop a plan to ensure proper safety and maintenance of the facility. Robertson said she would present a report to the

commission once the research was completed.

Smelcer made comment about the ice rink design funds. Mrs. Robertson said that she had spoken with Scott Benda at Capital Facilities about the project. She said that the group who put together the design didn't have a good understanding of what Valdez's snowload had the potential of being. After the design work was done, there was more to be discussed about location, lighting, electrical, frost-free lines, drainage and more. Robertson also emphasized that there would be numerous additional costs associated with the project which were not initially thought of.

Smelcer thanked Mrs. Robertson for following up on the project and suggested going back to the Luke Horning Memorial Sk8 Park for the location of the rink. He also asked that the email thread between Mrs. Robertson and Mr. Benda be passed along to him so he could see what the findings were.

Commission Member Nylund asked about the potential disc golf area and how the location was looking. Marcie Robertson informed the commission that the area had been cleared and her intention was to bring together a group of individuals to do a walk through in Spring, and discuss the course layout. Robertson went into detail about the facility's development/maintenance plan and said that she would provide a report at the next meeting. The intention was, come July 2018, that the area be usable as a frisbee venue. Commission member Britt inquired about the trail around 1.5 Mile Pond, in which Mrs. Robertson replied that area had been cleared.

Commission member Goold asked about the Recreation Center and whether or not the hours were expanding. Mrs. Robertson informed her that the most recent months had been spent trying to re-group and re-focus on what had been done. Robertson emphasized that the department had been event driven, not program driven, and a lot of ideas and discussion were taking place to devise a new plan for the facility. She also informed the commission that a new Recreation Programmer position was coming open and the advertising for that would begin in January.

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Chair Smelcer discussed the status of the skating rink and informed the commission that he would be purchasing a skate sharpener. Smelcer said that he would charge for the use of the sharpener and that all proceeds would go back into funding the original purchase. Any donations that exceeded the cost of the sharpener would be used to purchase skates and hockey sticks for those in need. His intention was to help build a skating community, and he asked that anyone who wanted to donate be in contact with him.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Due to there being no further business, Chair Smelcer adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.