

Parks and Recreation Commission

Director's and Maintenance Report

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For the Month of: January, 2018 and Year End report for 2017

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Director's report for December/January:

Year End report: See attachment #1

Events Coordinator: Mr. Doug Decorsie has been moved under Economic Development Dept.

Recreation Center Update:

Painting is complete, and the removal of ceiling carpet will be completed by end of March

Purging of old items has taken place since October, staff removed five dump bed loads of old supplies

New barn was delivered and cold storage has been made available. A new heater system is being installed in the existing storage unit behind the facility to provide the Recreation Center with both warm and cold storage options.

Trails Update: Land Acquisition of UAA Property in mineral creek trails system will be presented for commission support ; see attachment #2

Ski Hill update: The ski hill camera has been made operational again. The lift line stop gate and phone line breaks have been repaired and all necessary items on the inspection punch list have been performed and signed off on by the state

Frosty Fever Programs: The recreation staff will be providing activities as part of the frosty fever events and have increased programming throughout the department.

ICS: Training has been completed by most of the staff

Fee Schedule update and on line registration: The fee schedule is in need of revisions and must be updated to accommodate new facilities and programs. We are working with IT to get online registration in the near future.

Budget Documents: available via your email from Krystal

Glacier Campground: Contract renewal is being updated for MWR and City of Valdez Approval

Upcoming Commissioners training: Ms Sheri Pierce will be organizing training for all commissions and boards in the near future. Please watch for notification from her.

Recreation Center Grand re-opening: We will accomplish this as soon as we update the fee schedule and operations manual.

Library Closure: The library will be closed to the public beginning of February 19th through the end of May and is working cooperatively working with Park Maintenance and Recreation to move items into a storage unit in order to empty the facility for the remodel.

New monthly calendar format: Ms Krystal Moulton has developed a cleaner version of our monthly calendar and the staff is distributing them in more areas of town.

Program Posters provided: Ms Krystal Moulton has take on the overall production of advertisements for the recreation section in order to provide the highest quality and consistency in advertising. Her willingness to take on this task is commendable.

Junior Olympic Rifle Competition update: Please see attached #3

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Annual Park Maintenance Report

2017

Events: **Park Maintenance was a part of many successful community events this year. Department participation varies widely, involving; logistics, trail grooming, brush cutting, placing signage, pressure washing, construction projects and mobilizing event items. Some exciting involvement for 2017 included the:**

Quaniq Ski Race	Frosty Fever	Giant Ski Race
Raven Art Contest	Valdez Fly-In	4 th of July Celebration
Valdez Rodeo	Military Appreciation Day	Pink Salmon Derby
Fireweed 400 Bike Race	Gold Rush Days	Silver Salmon Derby
RHR Music and Art Fest	Christmas Tree Lighting	New Year Display
Ice classic	Mayors Cup preparation	

Volunteer Coordination: City parks received some spring cleaning in May as the Gilson Junior High student volunteers swept facilities, picked up rocks and trash, cut brush with loppers and prepped areas for flower planting. In September, an Eagle Scouts pitched in at the Overlook Trail in town by re-constructing the picnic table, installing a new bench, painting and installing a new interpretive sign. October saw the Salmonberry Ski Hill getting a hair cut as volunteers utilized brush cutters, loppers and chain saws to trim brush in preparation for the winter season.

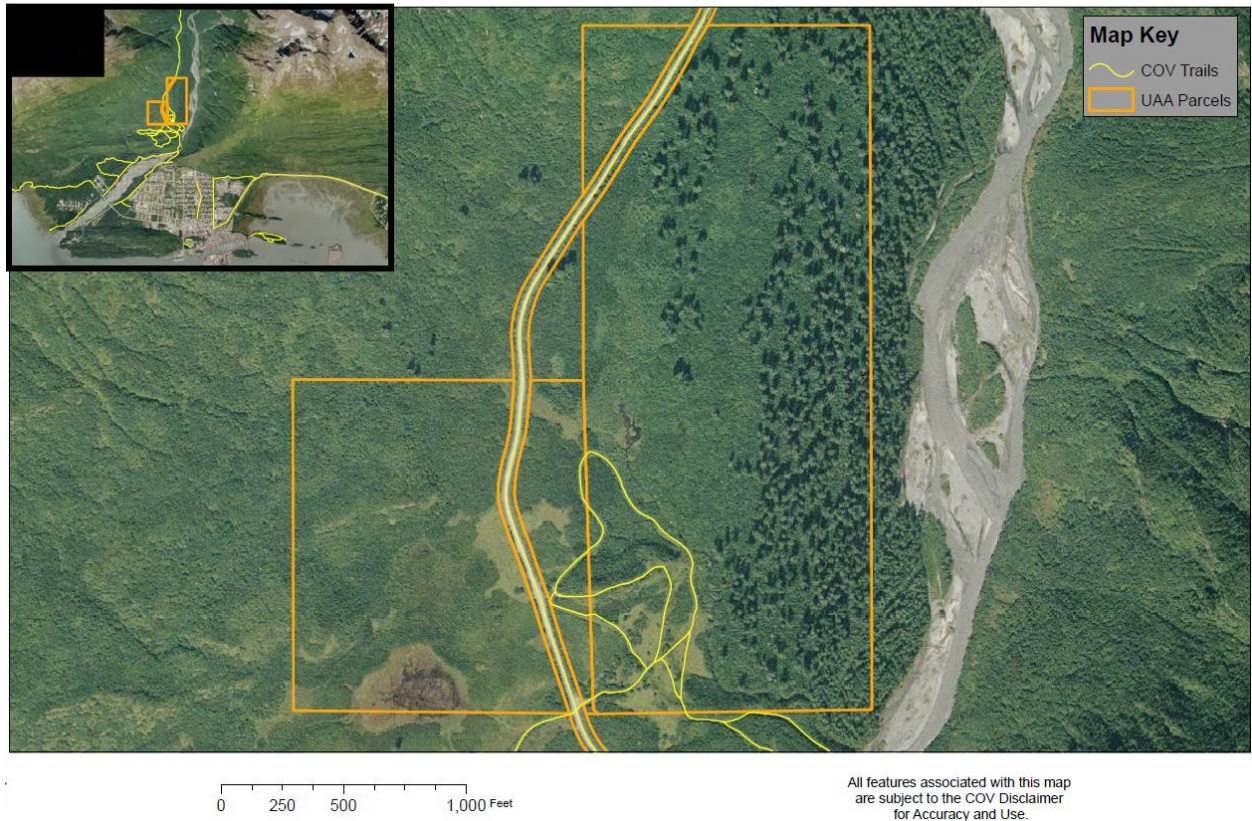
Beautification and Improvements:

- Trail maintenance on Spiral Mountain at the dog park; weed whipping, gravel enhancement and distribution of woodchip material from tree cutting activities to suppress foliage growth on the trail.
- All in-town and out of town trails were weed-whipped and pruned, all fire pits excavated, new benches and trash cans with wild life emblems distributed
- CPSI maintenance on playground structures; leveling of resilient materials, tightening and replacement of worn bolts, components, swivels and swings
- New landscaping was performed, new grass hydro-seeding was completed at Wonder Plaza and around the French drain at the tennis courts at North Meyring Park
- Temporary re-enforcement construction of North Meyring and Civic Center structures

- Remodeling of Senior Ball Field dug-outs; rotten siding and boards along the walls of structures were removed/replaced and painted
- Major upgrades to the Pioneer Cemetery; trees and brush were cleared to open up the area and provide better line-of-site for bear safety/view potential, a parking area was groomed and D1 gravel spread, the gate/archway/fence were repaired and painted, old cedar headstones were re-furbished and new ones constructed/installed for gravesites established by the research project conducted last spring
- A large clearing/seeding project was completed at Memorial Cemetery; a new walking path around the B section was constructed, the over-grown drainage swath between sections B and C was cut/cleared to provide open space that is visually pleasing and provides better line-of-site to avoid bear encounters
- South Meyring Playground enhancement project; large boulders surrounding the playground were removed, the ground was tilled and a new fence was installed around the playground
- A fence was constructed around the upper Ruth Pond trail as a safety precaution to prevent users from stepping off the abrupt edge
- Permanent “No Life Guard on Duty” signs installed at Ruth Pond and new sign posts with “No Motor Vehicles” concreted in at Pioneer Cemetery
- Soil tilling operations; Memorial and Pioneer Cemeteries, T-Ball Field, Gold Fields, Senior Field and Corbin Playground to up-root foliage
- New tennis rebounder installation completed at North Meyring tennis courts
- Trail improvements and site enhancements/brush clearing at Goldfield ponds area
- Construction of Book Barns for the new book exchange program in kiosks at the harbor
- A new rock art piece with the City Emblem was completed and moved to City Hall
- New Bean Bag tossing game bases constructed and placed at Ruth Pond
- New Aeration Housing constructed and hard wired for an air pump at Ruth Pond to help negate algae problem
- Replaced several Russian Orthodox wooden grave markers broken by bears. Initial install of concrete replacements has been completed and three more have been poured for summer 2018 installation
- New Cottonwood playground constructed and fenced at Shoup Bay Trail Head
- The Tillie Wonder Plaza project was completed and dedicated on October 22nd

- An Arborist completed the removal of many very large trees at Pioneer /Memorial Cemeteries and at Robe River Playground-staff shredded the limbs and used them as weed suppressant at several areas, including Dock Point
- The Snowshoe Trail Project was completed with the entire trail and parking area being re-surfaced with gravel provided by the State of Alaska
- Staff completed the organizing, painting and furniture/desk moves for several offices at the new Community Center
- Permanent trail-use sign kiosks were constructed for the East River Dike and Mineral Creek Canyon
- Repairs on the top railing of the Dog Park fence were completed
- Staff completed the painting and furniture/desk moves for several offices at the Civic Center
- The north end of the old harbor shop was cleaned out and reorganized-FEMA materials stored
- Handles were installed on the Ski Hill lift line and the annual inspection completed
- Trails from Allison Point campgrounds to the ocean were improved and the fences repaired
- Re-wiring of Salmonberry ski hill stop gate was completed and broken phone and stop gate wires were found and repaired
- 4 months of groomed ski and multi use trails were provided

UAA Land - Mineral Creek Canyon



JORC Results December 11 & 12 2017 (Junior Olympic Rifle Competition)

The kids had a great time competing in Fairbanks again this year! The final results of the Valdez Competitors are below:

Standing 40 Air Rifle @ TVSA Fairbanks Range Dec. 11th

Tiffany Larcom	370 points with 13 shots 10.25 or higher	11 th Place
Ashlee Schaeffer	365 points with 9 shots 10.25 or higher	18 th Place
Sara Bauman	350 points with 6 shots 10.25 or higher	27 th Place
Sydney McKay	313 points with 1 shot 10.25 or higher	35 th Place

3 x 20 (3 position 20 record shots in prone, standing, and kneeling) @

UAF Range Dec.12th

Tiffany Larcom	545 points with 14 shots 10.25 or higher	4 th Place
Ashlee Schaeffer	536 points with 11 shots 10.25 or higher	10 th Place
Sara Bauman	527 points with 7 shots 10.25 or higher	13 th Place
Sydney McKay	515 points with 10 shot 10.25 or higher	15 th Place

We have some amazing young competitors and are looking forward to the next three competitions in Anchorage, Valdez, and Delta. The Valdez Junior Rifle Club thanks the Valdez Parks and Recreation for sponsoring our club by providing us with a safe place to practice and compete.