



# City and Borough of Sitka

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**SITKA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

April 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall

Present: Chris Whitehead, Jeff Mossige, Jeff Feldpausch, Ken Corson, Hans vonRekowski, Kay Turner

Excused: Clara Whitehead

Absent:

Ex Officio:

Staff: Lynne Brandon, Gary Baugher,

Others: Ben Miyasato (Assembly Liaison), Florence Welsh

**Approval of Minutes:** (*Motion: vonRekowski*): Approve March 19, 2015 minutes. Passed with Jeff Feldpausch abstainin.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Update on Playground added to discussion.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Persons to be Heard:**None.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Edgecumbe Drive update - David Longtin, Senior Engineer presented an update on the project's signage for the shared use path. The riders will have stop signs at intersections. A Yield to Pedestrians sign will be at every intersection for bikers to yield to walkers in the SUP. The "No Motorized Vehicle" signs will be deleted. "Steep Grade" will be added. Designers decided that the fast bike riders should share the road with cars but no share-road symbols will be painted on the road. There won't be any shared use path dashed white line painting at intersections.

Jeff F. asked if there would be any bike speed regulation or control devises like speed bumps in the SUP. The other members didn't think there would be compliance and the bumps might be hazardous. A speed limit without an associated ordinance wouldn't be a ticket'able offense. Kay predicted that people will get hit.

Dave will return at the next meeting with the next iteration of the sign plan based on feedback from the group.

Letter of support State Parks - (*Motion: vonRekowski*): To approve the letter regarding the State's plan to cut the local State Park position. Passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

#### **Reports:**

PR Manager's Report -P&R Manager's Report: Moller Field Mound: Gerald Gangle has completed the mound and it is easier to move. A trailer will be constructed to help with moving the center section which is the heaviest. DOT Bicycle/Walking Assessment: Members are invited

to participate in the event at 9AM on May 7. A walking route and biking route will be completed and then assessments filled out.

Trails: Cross 4/5: The Yaw Drive separated path is nearly complete. The easement permit has been signed with USGS. USCG Chiefs Crew will help fix up the Cross Trail: Yaw Drive to Indian River on April 17.

Ballfields, Parks and Greenspace - Grounds Crew - Five applicants so far for the Grounds Summer Crew. Vilandre Maintenance - Coastal Construction volunteered to perform major maintenance on Vilandre Field. Crescent Planting – The Arbor Day event will be mid-May. Tree and Landscape will be planting 8 Sargent’s crabapples along the road. Kimsham Parking Lot – S&S, the contractor for Edgecumbe Drive is using the back lot at Kimsham to store materials and equipment for the project.

**Discussion:** Playground Project – The project is on hold until after the budget is signed off on. Gary tried a number of approaches to get \$40 - \$50,000 included in the FY16 budget for deferred maintenance of the playgrounds. He wasn’t successful getting it through the first tier of review although a financial commitment for the project by the City is seen as an important starting point to get more grants. Upper management regards street repairs as the funding priority.

**Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM

**Next meeting:** **Thursday, May 14 at City Hall.**