



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 2024, 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Members: Chair – James Poulson, Ben Hughey, Brandon Marx
Rich Krupa, Steve Black, Katherine Prussian, Candace Rutledge
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Mosher

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poulson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Poulson, Ben Hughey, Candace Rutledge, Katherine Prussian, Rich Krupa, and Brandon Marx

Absent: Steve Black (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Chris Ystad

Staff Present: Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Kevin Knox, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, and Connor Dunlap, Facilities Division Supervisor

Others: None.

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 8, 2024

Black moved to approve the October 8, 2024 minutes as written. Motion passed 6-0 by voice vote.

V. REPORTS

Chair: None.

Members: None.

City Staff: Kevin Knox, Parks, and Recreation Coordinator provided an update on the Parks and Recreation programs.

Assembly Liaison: None.

Other(s): Ben Hughey of Sitka Trail Works reported the Mosquito Cove grant had been submitted.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items OFF the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

B. Review and Recommend for approval, Commercial Recreational Use Permit Ordinance

Knox reviewed the proposed changes to the commercial recreation use permits process. He mentioned this ordinance was to improve the permit process to include expansion of the definitions, establishing regular public engagement to establish carrying capacities and land use guidelines, empowering staff to review and issue permits, establishing a new process for application, public comment and other administrative guidelines.

The Committee discussed the potential for raising fines for operating without a permit in special use areas and sought to clarify the language concerning permit transfers and credit payments in the commercial recreation ordinance.

Prussian move to recommend approval to the Assembly on the Commercial Recreational Use Permit Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

XI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items on or off the agenda - (Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting would be on December 10, 2024, at noon in Harrigan Centennial Hall. Hearing no objection, Chair Poulson called the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Attest:
Jess Earnshaw,
Deputy Municipal Clerk