



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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To: Assembly Human Resources Committee

From: Christopher Mertl, Chair
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Date: February 5, 2018

Subject: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee 2017 Annual Report

The City & Borough of Juneau Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the Assembly Chambers. The PRAC is comprised of nine members appointed by the Assembly for three-year terms. In 2017, PRAC held ten public meetings and one day-long PRAC and Parks & Recreation Department Retreat during May to develop PRAC priorities that would benefit the community, the Department and looking at long term visioning for the Board and the community as a whole.

In 2017, PRAC continues to have members from a broad-spectrum of the community including professionals, construction trades, federal employees, local non-profits, retired community members, and sports clubs who brought their understanding and leadership in developing and maintaining CBJ Parks & Recreation (P&R) programs. In 2017, we welcomed one new member to the PRAC and continue to try to create a more diverse Committee including parents with young children, minorities and other less represented community members. We understand this can be a challenge but hope that the Human Resources Committee will keep this in mind for future nominations to PRAC.

Over the last year during its eleven meetings, the PRAC took public comment on a wide range of issues, providing support for several Parks & Recreation initiatives, and making recommendations to the Assembly. Planning and management highlights of 2017 include:

- Indian Point Land Exchange
- Priority Based Budgeting
- Project Playground Rebuild
- Tour Operator Request to Use Treadwell Historic Park Trails
- Whale Park/Seawalk Update
- Juneau Park Foundation
- Treadwell Ditch Improvements
- Eagle Valley Center Update
- Centennial Hall Upgrades

- Zach Gordon Youth Center Programs and Facilities
- Marine Park to Taku Fisheries Urban Design Plan Coordination
- Commercial Use/Permitting of Public Trails
- Recreational Camping and Homelessness Camping
- Christopher Trail/Cope Park Improvements
- Treadwell Historical Park Improvement Grant
- Chicken Yard and Capital Park Improvements
- Naming of Overstreet Park
- 1% Sales Tax P&R Funding Priorities
- Aquatic Board updates
- SAIL Ropes Course at Eagle Valley Center
- Downtown Signage Plan Update
- Snow Removal and Maintenance on the Seawalk
- Looking at Park/Trail Related Codes, Ordinances, Regulations and Resolutions
- Juneau Hut-to-Hut
- Treadwell Arena Hours/Budget Issue
- Rotary Park Playground Improvements

One key area of focus for PRAC has been the update of the P&R Master Plan that has been an on-going process. The Department is two years into the updating of the P&R Comprehensive Plan (also called Master Plan) and this year highlighted receiving public input including hosting several public meetings, surveys and other forms of outreach. The Plan once updated will provide a roadmap to achieve the long-term vision of Parks & Recreation within our community.

Once again we are happy to report that our relationship with the Department continues to grow under the direction of Mr. Duncan and the dedicated Parks & Recreation staff and leadership. We are thankful for their professionalism in supporting PRAC and our recreation facilities and programs. We also would like to thank Alix Pierce who continues to spearhead the updating of the P&R Master Plan.

On behalf of the PRAC, I would like to thank the Parks & Recreation staff for their hard work in providing the services and programs, and maintaining and running our parks and recreation facilities. The contribution these facilities make to our quality of life, contribute to our youth's development and community as a whole, and cannot be understated. Our facilities are loved by our residents and attract many visitors to Juneau who in turn support our local economy. We would also like to thank the Assembly for their support and, in particular, our new Assembly Liaison Norton Gregory for his participation.

Finally, thank you for this opportunity to serve our community. If you would like more information please call me at 907-988-9000.

Christopher Mertl
PRAC, Chair

Attachment: 2017 Attendance Record

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRAC)
ATTENDANCE 2017

Tuesdays @ 6pm unless specified	1/3	2/7	3/7	4/4	5/2	6/6	7/11	8/1 <i>Park Tour</i>	9/5	10/3	11/7	12/5
Josh Anderson	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	N/A	A	A	P	P
Edric Carrillo <small>Appointed</small>				P	N/A	P	A	N/A	A	P	A	P
Traci Gilmour	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	N/A	P	P	P	P
Brett Farrell	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	N/A	P	A	P	P
Christopher Mertl <small>Chair 3/3/15 Re-elected 4/5/16</small>	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	A	N/A	P	P(t)	P	P
Eric Ouderkirk	A	P	P	P	N/A	A	P	N/A	P	P	P	A
Chris Prussing	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	N/A	P	A	P	P
Tom Rutecki	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	N/A	P	P	P	P
George Schaaf <small>Appointed 3/7/17</small>			P	P	N/A	P	P	N/A	P	P	P	A

LEGEND: **A** – Absent / **P** – Present/ **P(t)** – Present Telephonically/ **N/A**- No Meeting

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