I. ROLL CALL
Members Present: Jeff Wilson, Melissa Goldstein, Jim King, Dixie Hood, Alyssa Ellsworth, Jeff Sloss.
Members Absent: Kate Walters, Ray Howard, James Tipps.
Staff Present: Marc Matsil, Helene Bennett.
Assembly Liaison: Randy Wanamaker.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - none

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Chair Wilson requested that the order of the agenda shift and that the Action Item follow the Information Items, as Mr. Jeff Sloss notified the Chair and Director that he would be late to the meeting. There are presently five PRAC members present and according to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Park Naming Policy dated September 5, 2006 naming new parks must be approved by a two-thirds majority or six out of nine PRAC members. Motion to approve. Approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
A. May 5, 2009
Dr. Melissa Goldstein motioned to approve.
Approved.

V. REPORT FROM ASSEMBLY LIASION - Randy Wanamaker, CBJ entered into agreement with Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA)--Memorandum of Understanding--to receive federal funds to maintain and repair roads and trails in areas where federally recognized tribes reside. Gordon Jackson, Chairman of committee and Director of Transportation Services met to discuss options and possibilities to improve trails and streets. Mr. Wilson suggested Director Matsil arrange a meeting to discuss these options. Director Matsil agreed to schedule a July meeting.

VI. CHAIR REPORT - Mr. Jeff Wilson reminded the committee that July 2009 will be Alyssa Ellsworth's last meeting and the PRAC vacancy would be advertised.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT -
Action Items:
A. Park Naming Proposal: On May 5, 2009, a proposal sponsored by the Juneau Chapter of Veterans for Peace requested that the pocket park at Third and Seward Streets be named the Bishop Michael H. Kenny Memorial Peace Park. Three members of the public representing Veterans for Peace and the Juneau People for Peace and Justice testified in support of naming the park the “Bishop Michael H. Kenny Memorial Peace Park”. According to City & Borough of Juneau/Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Policy dated September 5, 2006—naming of Juneau City & Borough Parks & facilities must be approved by two-thirds majority of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and approved by the CBJ Assembly.

Information Items:
A. Southeast Alaska Land Trust Airport Wetland Mitigation Update:
In September, 2008 PRAC meeting, Diane Mayer, Executive Director of SE Alaska Land Trust
provided an overview and methodology for potential wetland and natural land purchases from $6 million derived from the Juneau Airport Mitigation Plan. Fourteen sites were presented for potential mitigation. An interagency team of State and Federal regulators developed guidance for selecting mitigation sites.

The geographic priority scheme that will guide the advisory committee as they evaluate potential mitigation projects includes projects within and adjacent to the existing boundary of the Mendenhall Wildlife State Game Reserve, projects within the City & Borough of Juneau, and projects in the Southeast Alaska region. Ms. Mayer will give an update of the potential projects, progress and process.

B. Juneau Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update:
On May 26th, following unanimous recommendation by PRAC that the Assembly adopt the draft 2009 Juneau Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, the Planning Commission unanimously approved and recommended that the Assembly adopt the plan. The present draft reflects public comments received in five public meeting attended by more than 100 residents; a questionnaire and map mark-up generated more than 400 individual comments from meetings and the website; research and field surveys and safety and data analysis from JPD and DOT. Comments and recommendations from PRAC, Parks & Recreation, CDD, Land & Resources, and Engineering, ADOT and a suite of community organizations were also integrated into the plan.

C. CBJ-Trail Mix Update/Seasonal Work Plan:
Trail Mix will give an update on priority projects for the 2009 summer season, including Perseverance Trail maintenance; DZ trail brushing; Breadline Bluff Trail; Auke Lake Trail completion and collaboration with UAS; Fish Creek trail improvements.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS
A. Southeast Alaska Land Trust Airport Mitigation Update – Ms. Diane Mayer, Executive Director of Southeast Alaska Land Trust is the sponsor for the Army Corps of Engineers in-lieu fee program for the airport wetlands mitigation program. The goal is to acquire or restore lands in the watershed of impact resulting from the filling of wetlands at Juneau International Airport. At last September’s PRAC meeting, PRAC and the public were given an overview of 14 potential sites for acquisition for restoration including Hilda Creek, Mendenhall Wetlands Reserve lands, West Juneau Coastal Park and others. Mr. King, for example, has agreed to donate a portion of his accreted lands on Sunny Point to the Refuge. Hilda Creek Cove has been proposed as a Natural Area Park. The 36 acre forested wetland parcel, Ms. Mayer explained from the September PRAC presentation, is at the confluence of two anadromous streams is ideal for camping, fishing, kayaking and public access. Ms. Mayer stated that she was in negotiation with the current landowner and acquisition could be immanent. Mr. Wilson stated that due to the timing, and PRAC had been previously given a presentation of the potential acquisition, that a motion to consider recommending acquisition of the approval of the site would be timely. A motion was made by Ms. Dixie Hood to recommend approval of the donation by Southeast Alaska Land Trust of approximately 36 acres of land in the Hilda Creek area (U.S. Survey 1481) as a CBJ Natural Area Park. Mr. King seconded that motion. Motion unanimously approved.

B. Juneau Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update – Mr. Matsil stated that the Planning Commission unanimously voted to approve the JNMTP, and would go before Public Works and Facilities Committee on Monday, June 22nd prior to Assembly action.

C. CBJ-Trail Mix Update-Seasonal Work Plan – George Schaaf, Executive Director of Trail Mix, Inc. thanked PRAC and Director Matsil and Parks & Landscape Superintendent Kevin Brady for their great support of Trail Mix and Juneau’s magnificent trail system. This Saturday, June 6, Trail Mix and Parks & Recreation will co-sponsor the Gastineau Meadows trail opening beginning at 8:30am. Mayor Botelho will preside over the ribbon cutting. Historic and natural history tours
will commence at 10am, and a children’s hike and activities have been planned. There was a recent rock slide on the Perseverance Trail, but not as bad as years’ past. Installation of the Perseverance safety railing will be completed over the next month. Mr. Schaaf said Trail Mix brushed the DZ trail last week. The trail is used daily by Dzantik’i Heeni Middle School students and science classes in the spring. Chair Wilson asked about Treadwell Ditch Trail progress, and was notified that there has been some recent brushing by Trail Mix and SAGA crews—along with the Treadwell Mine Historical Trail. CBJ will install a footbridge over Lawson Creek on the Treadwell Ditch Trail this year. Mr. Schaaf and Director Matsil summarized progress of the Auke Lake trail—nearly 85% complete. UAS is still awaiting NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service sign-off of the foot bridge over Auke Creek. Ms. Ellsworth commented that the upkeep of CBJ’s 50-miles of trails has been terrific.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS
A. Bishop Michael H. Kenny Memorial Peace Park Proposed Park Naming. Ms. Ellsworth asked if the project sponsor, Juneau Veterans For Peace plans to provide signage summarizing Bishop Kenny’s important work for those who may not know him. Mr. Wilson stated that at this time the vote is specifically for the Park naming and should the motion pass, signage could be discussed. According to the Policy dated September 5, 2006, naming new parks must receive a 2/3 majority vote by the PRAC before moving forward to Assembly. Phil Smith, President of the Juneau Chapter of Veterans for Peace stated he would be pleased to work with Parks & Recreation to support appropriate signage as suggested by Ms. Ellsworth. Motion was made by Ms. Hood to recommend to the Assembly the park naming at Seward Street and Third Avenue the Michael H. Kenny Memorial Peace Park. Motion unanimously approved.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Youth Activities Board: Jeff Sloss – YAB, no report.
State Parks Board: Jim King – State parks will sponsor an upcoming workshop and public meeting on the Channel Islands State Park plan. Mr. Wilson suggested coordinating a joint State Parks Board and PRAC meeting in August.
Lands Committee: Jeff Wilson – met last month. Auke lake ramp and OHV issues were discussed.
Urban Forestry Committee: Alyssa Ellsworth- Ms. Ellsworth suggested a new PRAC rep on the UFC as she was departing Juneau in August.
Dimond Park Aquatic Center Task Force: Dr. Melissa Goldstein updated the PRAC on the additional two lanes (eight lanes) proposal.
Jensen-Olson Arboretum Board: Ray Howard – not present.
Docks & Harbors Board: Dixie Hood expressed concern for the mercury testing in the channel. Corps of Engineers requested additional testing; there is money set aside to allow for more testing. Director Matsil received a CD from Port Director John Stone of the test results that Dr. Goldstein will review.

X. CORRESPONDENCE - none.

XI. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - none.

XII. BOARD COMMENTS
Alyssa Ellsworth - Thanked SE Alaska Land Trust, Trail Mix and Parks & Recreation for great jobs.
Jim King - Community should be proud of Juneau’s 60 Natural Area Parks.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: motion to adjourn by Ms. Ellsworth. Approved. (7:21pm).