

AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 2, 2004
Assembly Chambers, 6PM

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**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 3, 2004
Assembly Chambers, 7PM**

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Members Present: Alex Lukshin, Jim King, Kathleen Adam, Tom Rutecki, Joan Herbage O'Keefe, Dixie Hood

Members Absent: Lynn Bartlett, Jeff Wilson

Staff Present: Bob Grochow, Diane Mastin, Greg Chaney

Assembly Liaison Present: Marc Wheeler

Ex-Officio's Present: None

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – O'Keefe motioned to move the Waterfront Plan presentation to after PRAC business was completed. There were no objections.

IV. REPORT FROM ASSEMBLY LIAISON - Wheeler reported the assembly had met with the City lobbyist regarding federal projects. Wheeler suggested with regard to PRAC's letter to the Assembly about the Under Thunder Trail, they request the Washington lobbyist add this to his list.

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. January 6, 2004 - O'Keefe motioned for approval of Minutes - there were no objections.

B. January 15, 2004 - O'Keefe motioned for approval of Minutes - there were no objections.

VI. ACTION ITEMS - King provided a letter and resolution to the Mayor and Assembly requesting support of the Under Thunder Trail. He asked that the PRAC approve. Hood mentioned that she had heard that under the present DOT administration trails had been eliminated. King said under the Federal Highway Act there was a formula set for trails and other amenities and that the State has no jurisdiction for eliminating. **O'Keefe motioned that PRAC approve sending letter and resolution to Assembly, with additional recommendation that encourages the City lobbyist advocate for this project. There were no objections.**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Waterfront consultants reviewed the current draft of the plan. He has presented the plan to the Assembly, Planning Commission, PRAC, Waterfront Development and Docks & Harbors Board. The consultant said it was now up to the various committees to take it to the next level and define. Some members are concerned about current projects and what they look like. The consultant said that they could recommend a Design Review Committee be set up and that many communities do this. Chaney mentioned the Assembly would be addressing all consolidated comments from the various committees at their March 4th meeting.

The consultant recommended the PRAC come up with a short list that:

- focuses on what they would like to see changed or want more clarification
- list what they are supported of
- what components they feel strongly about
- and what components they feel the consultants are off mark about

Rutecki mentioned that to save time each PRAC member come up with their individual list and emailed to Mastin for consolidation and organization and then these items could be reviewed at the work session on Wednesday, February 11, 6pm, room 224.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS: King reported the State Parks Board met and they discussed the possibility of both board working together again to do the planning of the northern half of the Green Zone of the Amalga Meadows area. There is a model in place and the process would be similar to the southern section. The board would like to get together with PRAC in the next couple of months to discuss a potential schedule for next fall. Funding the project was discussed.

VII. CHAIR REPORT: None

VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORT: None

IX. EX-OFFICIO REPORTS: None

X. CORRESPONDENCE: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT: O'Keefe motioned to adjourn 8:55pm

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 11, 2004
Room 224, 6pm

I. Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.

Members Present: Alex Lukshin, Jim King, Joan Herbage O'Keefe, Kathleen Adam, Dixie Hood, Tom Rutecki

Members Absent: Jeff Wilson, Lynn Bartlett

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, Diane Mastin

Assembly Liaison Present: None

Ex-Officio's Present: None

II. Public Testimony on Non-Agenda Items – None

III. Recommendations to Assembly for Waterfront Plan

Everyone commented that they were impressed with the plan. The consultant was imaginative and showed an enhanced vision with a mix of unique developed areas.

A list of possible recommendations was distributed to all members. This list was submitted by PRAC members beforehand and compiled by Mastin to save time at this meeting. Each item was then reviewed by all members for possible recommendations to Assembly.

The CBJ maintenance shop was discussed. If shop were removed nothing else could be built because it's probably contaminated. The removal of the shop for a park should be a "high priority".

A lot of people fish along this area and it is not safe for kayaks because of the tides. This would be a good pedestrian area and could possibly be modeled like Sitka. It would be good to connect under the bridge to harbor. Seawalk holds the whole area together.

Lukshin suggested getting elephant trains for the seawalk. The East Coast uses them on their seawalks. They are similar to long golf carts, go very slow and run on batteries. He suggested maybe using seasonal transit people to run the trains and this could possibly be a revenue source.

King is concerned that the plan isn't connected to a major part of the community. He would like to recommend that this issue be addressed if not by the consultant than another group. He recommends this mass transit system should connect from the bridge to airport hotels, malls, UAS campus etc. There are many examples from other parts of the country. One is where his son went to the University in West Virginia. The university had 3 campuses and electric cars would transport students. They were similar to a horizontal elevator.

These last two items were recommended for the miscellaneous section for exploration.

A water taxi, which brought people from Douglas to the downtown core area, would be a solution for reducing congestion and add as another activity for tourists and locals. This should be a "high priority" along with no parking along the water.

Everyone agreed Item 4 was a "high priority". To support the long range waterfront plan for open spaces and park areas for public use & recreation as noted in A3, A4, B1, C2, between D1 & D2, F1 as noted on pages 27 & 28 and mini park easement which would provide green space between commercial facilities as noted in B3.

Number 5 is a "high priority" which encourages the expansion of Marine Park and implementation of Phase II into this expansion which will extend plaza to Merchant's Wharf. Encourage purchase noted in C2. On page 51 seawalk should go straight instead of squaring off. This would be a good area to view tide going in and out. Possibly could view from both sides of seawalk.

Everyone was in agreement that the reinstatement of the Design Review Board for downtown core and entire waterfront be listed as a "high priority".

King felt there was a real inconsistency in plan of not extending the seawalk. There needed to be a walkway for the cruise ship passengers if a dock was built. After review of page 59 it was decided that this item be addressed under the miscellaneous section and request since this was an industrial area possibly make this trail or walkway pedestrian friendly and appealing.

There was discussion about whether to extend docks to accommodate 950' super ships, D3. A consensus wasn't agreed upon and it was recommended members submit individual letters. If D3 goes forward explore moving the Fisherman's Memorial and USS Juneau to an open view plane to water.

There was discussion regarding the development of A4. Everyone was supportive of preserving tideland area and Gold Creek Zone Enhancements and were strongly opposed to any construction that would be inconsistent with this plan.

Lukshin said he would like a vertical visual of the 950' ships depicted on the plans. He would like to see the view plane.

Everyone agreed with suggesting the AEL&P be pursued for an artisan shop.

There was discussion about funding and how head tax money was being currently used. Everyone thought using head tax money for the development of the Long Range Waterfront Plan should be explored.

King mentioned it would be nice to have a tidepool walk in A4 and possibly spots where eagles could rest.

Hood is concerned about the development of 4A and suggested we recommend the moratorium be submitted again. This item was not supported by the group.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: 8:20pm