

AGENDA  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, February 3, 2004  
Assembly Chambers, 7PM

I.

**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- A. January 6, 2004
- B. January 15, 2004

**V. REPORT FROM ASSEMBLY LIAISON**

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Waterfront Plan
  
- Board Comments

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**IX. CHAIR REPORT**

**X. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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**XII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2004**  
**Assembly Chambers, 6PM**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

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

Members Absent: Lynn Bartlett, Ken Dean, Jeff Wilson

Staff Present: Kimberly Kiefer, Diane Mastin

Assembly Liaison Present: Marc Wheeler

Ex-Officio's Present: None

**I. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None**

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Wheeler requested he be able to report on Assembly news after IV. King requested he be added to the Agenda and would talk about three subjects - a grandstand, GIS system and State Parks Committee. O'Keefe Motioned to approve Agenda after noted changes. There were no objections.

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- A. November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 - O'Keefe motioned to approve after noted corrections by Hood. There were not objections.

**III. ACTION ITEMS – Lena Pt Master Plan**

Wheeler reported on the decisions of the Assembly regarding the waterfront plan, Treadwell locker rooms, Zach Gordon Covered Play area and the money transfer for the covered play area and Glacier Valley Restrooms. He also mentioned the RFP being put out to bid for the planning of the Valley Recreation Center. It is his hope that this get put on the ballot for this fall.

**Hood motioned adding "Assembly Liaison comments" to the Agenda between Minutes and Action Items. There was unanimous approval.**

Lena Pt Master Plan - Kiefer met with Rotary. Rotary wants to look at projects more centrally located, possibly the new West Juneau Park. Kiefer talked to the Lena neighborhood chair, Kirk Miller and suggested they upgrade some of the trails which would fit into the environment. When NOAA gets there then the plan could be looked at again. A short term master plan was recommended at this time. **O'Keefe motioned to approve the Lena Pt Master Plan that focused mainly on trails at this time. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Revision to Regulations of Commercial Use - Kiefer explained that there was a need to revamp the regulations because not all applicants fit the regulations. She explained that these regulations are different from the vending regulations.
- B. Alcohol in Parks – Kiefer said that this item was being postponed. She is working with the Chief of Police to see if there is a problem before she comes back to the public. She is also working with the chief on drug free zones at schools since this would encompass a major portion of this complicated issue.
- C. CIP List – Kiefer reviewed the top priority list and why they were the top priority.
- D. Cope Park – Kiefer mentioned that on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, the PRAC would be only hearing public comment. After hearing public comments the department and engineering would reevaluate and make changes. Currently there is only money for the restrooms which are 30 years old and aren't ADA.
- E. Police Station Trail - King would like to see this trail expanded. He believes there will be mitigation money available from the highway changes and would like the Lands Committee to give a report on the value of the property there. It would be nice if we had a proposal ready when mitigation came up and then we could submit for money.
- F. GIS System - Global Information Systems - King asked if Bruce Simonson from Community Development could do a presentation to the PRAC. This system could essentially save a lot of money in planning if put into use. King suggested this committee make a recommendation to the Assembly to implement.
- G. Under Thunder Trail - Identified in the Juneau Trail Plan and located behind Fred Meyer. Trailmix looking at lobbying for funding from DOT. Trailmix would like to have a letter of support from the PRAC and assembly.

**Hood motioned a letter of support be written from the PRAC to the Assembly along with a letter of their support. Unanimous approval.**

II. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** King reported that the State Park Board is going to build a cabin at Camping Cove. The board was asking if the joint committee could continue to work on the north end of the green zone. Kiefer requested the state possibly come up with the money for this project since the city paid for the last portion. Kiefer suggested the joint committee resume meetings later in the fall and the state possibly do some ground work first.

III. **CHAIR REPORT:** Lukshin reported that the Youth Activity Board would be meeting in March to review application grants.

Lukshin asked that we recognize the active duty military by offering senior rates at facilities for their service.

IV. **DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- A. New Method for Reporting Minutes - PRAC will continue to do minutes as normal but will submit briefer ones to the clerks office.
- B. Boy Scout Road – Road will be chipsealed and the department is currently working with neighborhood to do maintenance.
- C. Follow up on Tree Policy – packet was sent out and all members should have received all the minutes.
- D. Dimond Park/Community Center - Master plan changing a little. Gold Rush reviewing their needs. There might be a private field house built in the area similar to Adair Kennedy but covered. School would be able to use. Hope to have the center on the ballot this fall.
- E. Trails Working Group – Reviewing Commercial Use of Trails and will have recommendations by April to take to public and PRAC for comments. Maybe an area at Eaglecrest and switching Rainforest and Outer Point are some possibilities.
- F. Dog Task Force, plus a wildlife, off-leash and education subcommittees formed to address the issues of dogs on trails.
- G. Reminder Cope Park Master Plan meeting on Jan 15, 7pm in the Chambers.
- H. Butts Bench installed, Quote –looks out at salt chuck. Butts sold property well below value. Terry Quinn gave \$2000 for bench at North Tee Harbor Kiefer will check with Grochow to see if Butts want a memorial.
- I. Park Matrix (draft) – will go on web page so people can see what amenities are at each location. Maps will eventually be put in place. This will be a continual work in progress.

- J. Kiefer distributed the invitation to the board to attend the legislative reception.
- K. Budgets due by mid Feb. Will be putting in reductions.
- L. Savikko shelter being bid out to replace with another log shelter that is higher off the ground. It has to have done by June 15.
- M. Glacier valley restrooms –additional funding was found and the project to be done by mid June.
- N. Zach Gordon covered play area to be completed. Money switched around. Hopefully done by fall.
- O. Received grant to restore historic area in Treadwell.
- P. Working with Forest Service to address Treadwell Ditch Trail.

V. **EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:** None

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

Board Comments

Adam attending tennis workshop. Will look for possible speaker for the ARPA meeting.

O'Keefe mentioned that Kiefer had a lot of things on her plate.

King impressed with the list that Kiefer gave the board and with the variety of parks.

Lukshin asked if the city's insurance covered volunteers. Kiefer said yes while representing parks.

Hood mentioned that the Parks and Recreation magazine was great and many things fit with what our department is currently doing.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** O'Keefe motioned to adjourn 8:20pm

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2004**  
**Assembly Chambers, 7PM**  
**Cope Park Master Plan**

**VII. Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Members Present: Alex Lukshin, Jim King, Joan Herbage O'Keefe, Lynn Bartlett, Dixie Hood

Members Absent: Ken Dean, Jeff Wilson, Kathleen Adam, Tom Rutecki

Staff Present: Kimberly Kiefer, Diane Mastin, Bob Grochow, Skye Stekoll

Assembly Liaison Present: None

Ex-Officio's Present: None

**VIII. Public Testimony on Non-Agenda Items – None**

**IX. Information Items**

Cope Park Master Plan – Kiefer mentioned that from the Prop 3 sales tax, money was made available to redo the restrooms and bring them up to ADA standards. It was thought that possibly the restrooms could be moved and if the restrooms were to move to a different location we might consider updating the park if money became available. Engineering and Parks and Recreation came up with 4 different scenarios that can be mixed or matched to give ideas of what the park might look like.

Stekoll gave a Powerpoint presentation of current problems and possible solutions and reviewed the 4 plans.

**Public testimony:**

**Cindy Boesser – 875 Basin Rd** – She would like the old stand of trees to remain. Does not want to see relocation of tennis courts moved to the upper terrace because of lighting, sight lines and safety. She wants that area for children because it's safer, away from the parking area and river. She does not want the sledding hill removed. None of the plans have addressed the erosion or drainage problems. Does not want to see such a large portion of the park given to a dog area. Lights on the trail would be good too. Would like to see a Port-a-Potty installed in the winter if restroom not kept open all year. Does not like the idea of having a mining theme for the park.

**Dana Owen – 949 Goldbelt.** His house overlooks the park. He watches people coming and going on a daily basis. He doesn't see safety addressed on any of the plans. Drivers behavior make it unsafe for walkers. Unsafe driving goes on 24hrs per day, before school, during lunch and all hours of the night. He would like a barricade installed during the night and suggests speed bumps. He also doesn't want trees removed because the wind blasts through there and trees are stabilizers for the hill and other trees. Hardly a week goes by when he doesn't have occasion to call the police.

**Dick Stokes – 3800 Glacier Hwy** His main interest is the tennis courts. He doesn't see logic in moving as an economic issue. Courts were put there for the wind and sun situation. Does see making an appealing entrance. Area where you sit to watch tennis could possibly be used for greenery. Likes the idea of controlling cars after dark. It would be nice to have a place to have lunch by the creek. If it's covered it might attract the wrong kind of people. Doesn't see spruce needles as a problem on the court.

**Aaron Brakle - 546 Hemlock St.** He uses the park daily with his dog. He would like the shelters visible from the parking lot so police can see and would like a public phone installed too. He is in favor of moving the restroom next to the tennis courts and sheltered in the trees. He is concerned about the many transient campers. Likes the idea of a trail around the park and would like to see the stairwell with lights. He likes the idea of splitting the courts and keeping the kids in the upper areas. He is concerned about police not being able to get into the park if there is a gate.

**Bev Smith – 1511 Beach Dr., Douglas** – The tennis courts were place where they are now because of wind and sun. Would like them to stay there and not split. She likes the idea of making them lighted. Needles aren't a concern and a broom left there would be good for the needles and water puddles. She doesn't like the idea of having the bang wall located on the court. Likes the idea of having the restroom next to the courts. A nice entrance would be nice too.

**Nancy Waterman – 227 Gastineau Ave.** Interested in how the park connects into the basin. There should be a pleasant way of getting into the basin. Occasionally there are problems with the trestle. The entrance to the park should be slow and vehicles secondary. Likes the idea of changing configuration to the parking lot which allows pedestrians the opportunity to go straight into the area. Likes Cindy Boessers idea in the upper area and thinks a lighted stairway would be good.

**Leo & Ben** - Two young men who like the idea of keeping fields and moving sledding hill into the field. They like the idea of a fountain and artificial lights for tennis. They would like separate areas for the big and little kids. Would like a log to sit on while playing sports because the parents get the seats. They would like a lunch area by the creek. Would like to see a dog course. Like to see the dog area where the kids area is because a lot of kids have dogs.

**Dave Ottison – 212 West 9th St.** Walks dog every day and plays tennis 3-4 times per week when weather is good. He is in favor of closing off the park and installing speed bumps. It is very hazardous entering the park. Sidewalks have ice and so frequently have to walk in the street. Possibly have some kind of elevated area to walk. He would like trees taken out along the creek and have a bench added. The area has become an overgrown thicket. Doesn't like the economics of moving the tennis courts, they are in fine condition and should last a long time. The stairway from 7<sup>th</sup> Street is extremely hazardous with railings moving and very icy. Would like to see a covered shelter for watching sports.

**Kurt Iverson 242 7<sup>th</sup> St.** His principle concern is regarding the hillside. The area is very unstable and is moving. Railing is tilted at a 45 degree angle and is the home of a former placer mine. The glue that holds it together is the trees and so he discourages development that would disturb this hillside. Cutting trees would encourage wind to increase. Swing sets are heavily used in the park so don't remove them. Likes the idea of shelters in safe areas. Shelters where police can see into the shelter and where spectators can keep dry.

***Marilyn Holmes - 969 Goldbelt.*** She would like to see the crossing over the pipe repaired because its dangerous. There is a cave on the other side where homeless people sometime live. It's an old mine shaft past dam. Would like to see it walled off. Like to see ownership map of area across the creek and see planning access in a broader area.

Bartlett sees great ideas in each plan and appreciates everybody's comments.

O'Keefe appreciates thoughts and peoples concern but mentioned its hard to please everybody but the plan will incorporate as much as it can into the park.

Hood is impressed with how the park is treasured by everyone. Letters were very detailed and thoughtful.

King appreciates everyone coming out and sometimes there are too many quiet evenings. Likes to see people come out because they can make a difference.

Lukshin doesn't see any designs for winter use. Kids like to sled. Maybe thought should be given into putting in a portable ice rink. Place is to dark. Sun sets right across tennis court. If you change orientation of courts you would get sun in eyes.

The following are statistics on how the public heard about the meeting:

1 person heard PSA, 5 received letters in the mail, 3 saw it in the newspaper, 1 saw it on the wall at the Parks and Recreation office and 3 heard it from Dean Williams.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT: 8:20PM**