



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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To: Assembly Human Resources Committee

From: Jeffrey Wilson, Chair  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Date: March 21, 2011

Subject: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee 2010 Annual Report

The City & Borough of Juneau Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) meets monthly the first Tuesday at 6:00P.M. in the Assembly Chambers. The PRAC is comprised of nine members appointed by the Assembly for three-year terms.

In 2010, the PRAC represented a broad-spectrum of diverse members that include a Professional Engineer, Presidents of the Juneau Snowmobile Club and Roughriders OHV group, professional wilderness guide, recreation specialist for persons with disabilities, a Ph.D. Ecotoxicologist, community activists, retired USFWS biologist and author that also represents the senior community, a Psychologist, a Landscape Architect, active recreation users and parents of children who participate in CBJ Parks & Recreation programs. Their terms are staggered so there is continuity by overlapping appointments. This past year three new members were reappointed. There were more applicants than seats available.

In 2010 there were twelve meetings. One of the meetings included a full day retreat held at the University to set priorities for the year and reflect on achieved goals for 2009. Another was a joint meeting was held with the Docks & Harbors Board.

Over the last year the PRAC took public comment on a wide range of issues, provided support for several Parks & Recreation initiatives. Visitations to CBJ's Parks & Recreation facilities remained strong at more than 500,000 in 2010. Highlights of 2010 include:

Several Planning Initiatives were reviewed by PRAC.

These included review and public comment of the Marine Park Seawalk, Under-the-Bridge Park development and Willoughby District Plan.

- On the heels of P & R's Assembly adopted Juneau Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, PRAC reviewed and took public comment on Parks & Recreation's 2010 State Transportation Improvement Plan submissions. Nearly \$20 million in trails and bike path projects have been budgeted by DOT

through the STIP for FY 11-13 to fund Auke Lake Trail Wayside amenities and separated bike path from Brotherhood Bridge to UAS along Glacier Highway. DOT gave us an update and encouraged more non-motorized TRAAK project submissions for 2010. This year's package included continued restoration of the Treadwell Ditch Trail and parking and interpretive facility for the Jensen-Olson Arboretum.

- In the joint PRAC-Docks & Harbors meeting several issues were discussed including Statter Harbor Rec Launch Facility; Under-the-Bridge Park and Seawalk; Marine Park Design and others.
- PRAC celebrated Parks & Recreation Volunteer Appreciation Day's 600 volunteers who contributed 15,000 hours of volunteer service as coaches, refs, trail volunteers, Museum and Youth Center support, Friends of Flowers, Arboretum projects—and others.
- PRAC took public comment on other issues including Cross Country Track enhancements at Savikko Park; Docks & Harbors request to transfer management of Auke Bay—Lot 5; Heard from and encouraged new recreation initiatives and park advocacies in Juneau including the Juneau Roller Girls and Friends of Capital Park.
- PRAC participated in celebrating the completion of new and restored Parks facilities and special events including:

Zach Gordon Covered Basketball Court Grand Opening  
funded in part with a \$275,000 grant by the Rasmuson Foundation.

Under-Thunder-Trail (funded almost entirely by grants).

Fish Creek Bridge (funded in part by the Land & Water Conservation Fund)

Treadwell Ditch Trail Lawson Creek footbridge.

Governor's Picnic at Savikko Park.

Playful Cities USA designation.

Poetry-in-the-Park series.

Juneau Day of Play.

Sundays at Savikko Music Series (sponsored by JAHC)

Gold Rush Days at Savikko Park.

Aukman Mini-Triathlon (P&R was a co-sponsor)

On behalf of the PRAC, we would like to thank Parks & Recreation staff, and in particular Marc Matsil for his great leadership and many accomplishments in 2010. The Department's facilities, staffing and programs add significantly to the quality of life of Juneauites and visitors to the Capital City. We would also like to thank the Assembly for their support, and in particular Mayor Botelho and PRAC Liaison Bob Doll for their vision.

Finally, thank you for this opportunity to serve our community.

If you would like more information please call me at 586-2100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Wilson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey Wilson  
Chair  
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee  
City & Borough of Juneau

Attachments: 2010 Attendance Record

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ATTENDANCE 2010/2011

Tuesdays @ 6pm unless specified	1/5	2/2	3/2	4/6	5/4	6/1	Optional 7/6	8/3	9/7	10/13	10/28	12/7	1/4
James Tipps	A	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	A	A	A
Jim King	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	A	P
Melissa Goldstein Appt - 2/08	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Dixie Hood	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jeff Wilson Chair	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A
Jeff Sloss	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Ray Howard	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P
Kate Walters	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P
Christopher Meritt	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
R. Wanamaker Assembly Liaison	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	P	P	A	Mr. Doll P	P	P

LEGEND: A - Absent / P - Present