



# CITY of BETHEL

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## Minutes

### Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

March 26, 1980

City Hall

7:30pm

#### Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm.. Committee-members present: Alder, Parker, Reich, Twitchell.. Absent: B. Hoffman, C. Moses..

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Twitchell to approve the minutes of January 30th meeting. Seconded by Reich. Minutes approved...

#### Approval of Agenda

Agenda was amended to add: Item B under Old Business: Report on Progress of 21-acre Park - Phase 2 Construction, and Item A under New Business: New Senior Citizens Center. MOTION made by Parker to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Twitchell. Agenda approved as amended.

#### Communications

Parks and Recreation Director Alder presented the committee with a letter from Robert Toalson, Director Champaign Park District (Illinois) informing Alder that he has been selected as one of two nominees from the Pacific Northwest District to serve on the American Park and Recreation Society Board of Directors. Alder explained that APRS is one of the several professional branches of the National Recreation & Park Association. If elected Alder would serve on the Board of Directors through 1983..

#### Chairperson's Report

NONE

#### Director's Report

Parks and Recreation Director Alder reported that Winter Recreation programs officially end March 28th. He stated he was pleased with the success of this year's winter programs and commended his staff for a job well done.

*"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"*

The 8-week Spring Recreation Programs will begin March 31st and run through May 23rd.

Alder reported that he had submitted the Senior Citizens Grant for FY 81 funding to the Office on Aging in Juneau.

He also reported that the Parks and Recreation Department will be hiring 3 CETA Youth Workers for the Summer. Summer recreation programs will start on June 2nd.

The Committee expressed concern to Parks & Recreation Director Alder regarding the need for improvements to the recreation lot behind the Parks and Recreation building to avoid problems encountered last year due to an excessive amount of water on the recreation field during the summer months. The committee will be making a recommendation in regards to field improvements in the near future..

### Old Business

#### Item A: Teen Center Discussion

Committee-chairperson Ron Parker asked that this be tabled until the April meeting to allow committee members more time to research their assigned areas and it was also felt the entire committee should be present to discuss Teen Center plans. Areas of responsibility were: Committee-members Ron Parker and Bev Hoffman were going to talk with George Hohman regarding availability of funding for a teen program, Committee-member Twitchell will talk with Bethel Native Council regarding their future plans and Parks & Recreation Director Alder will check with Bethel Social Services on latest tentative date for moving to the new daycare facility..

#### Item B: Report on Progress of 21-acre Park: Phase 2 Construction

Parks & Recreation Director Alder reported that bids for the children's play area were opened on March 14th. Three bids were received. Alder reported that piling should be going in within the next month and construction will take place this summer..

### New Business

#### Item A: New Senior Citizens Center

Parks and Recreation Director Alder reported on the plans for the new Bethel Senior Citizens Center. He explained that Bethel received \$1.5 million in the 1978 State Bond Issue Proposition #3. Alder reported that a Planning Committee of community members has been working with Design Lab, Inc. (Anchorage architect firm) in developing plans for the facility which will undergo construction this summer, anticipated completion date around December. When completed the Senior Citizens Program presently housed in the Parks and Recreation Building will move to the new facility..

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Adjournment

Motion made by Twitchell to adjourn, seconded by Reich. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm..

---- NEXT PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR :  
APRIL 16th at 7:30pm....