
City of Bethel, Alaska

Parks, Recreation, Aquatic, Health & Safety Center Committee Minutes

January 8, 2018

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting was held on January 8, 2018 in the City Hall council chambers in, Bethel, Alaska. Michelle DeWitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Comprising a quorum of the committee, the following were present: Michelle DeWitt, Judy Wasierski, Kathy Hanson, Barbara Mosier, Beverly Hoffman, Brian Lefferts, Justin Wintersteen, Mitchell Forbes arrived at 6:21 p.m.

Unexcused absent: Kathryn Baldwin

Also Present:

Committee Recorder, Ashley Dade

YKFC Director, Stacey Reardon

Property Maintenance Forman, Luis Lemas

Finance Director, Jim Chevigny

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

Thomas Kalistook-Phase II for the fitness center, armory not available, would like an open gym to play sports, started Petition and received 100 signatures so far.

Peter Evon-Positive impact for Phase I and II. Need options for indoor activities.

Faith Brink- Here to support Phase II for fitness center. Barbara Mosier shared that she is not asking to remain on the Committee now that her term is up.

Justin Wintersteen is interested in going from alternate to permanent Committee member.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY:	Judy Wasierski	Motion to approve the agenda to move item G up to item A.
SECONDED BY:	Michelle DeWitt	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED BY:	Beverly Hoffman	Motion to approve minutes for November 13, 2017 meeting. No discussion.
SECONDED BY:	Brian Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

G. Phase II YK Fitness Center, multi-purpose community center- Concept drawing of previous plan shared and now need community meeting for vision. Consider a petition to Council to place on 2019 Capital Projects list. Subcommittee of Brian Lefferts, Beverly Hoffman, and Justin Wintersteen formed.

B. Individual to provide report to February 13 City Council meeting

C. Unresolved Recommendations and Action Memorandums/Finance- Not certain status of Tracts D and H in Kasayuli to be designated as recreation space. Luis reported Owl Park still fenced off and will check into new timeline for rehab. Cherry-picker for pool maintenance costs \$40,000 + shipping. Motion made by Kathy Hanson, seconded by Judy Wasierski to recommend to City to purchase a cherry picker. Motion carries. Stacey will look at what City wants to order.

VIII. Approval of Cherry Picker:

MOVED BY:	Kathy Hanson	Motion to recommend to the City Council that the City move forward on the purchase on the Cherry Picker for YK Fitness Center.
SECONDED BY:	Judy Wasierski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

D. Privatizing Recreational Services- Calendar/budget Discussion-Tabled.

E. Pinky's Park- E. Boardwalk connection included in the rehab of Pinky's Park and field.

F. Owl Park- Will get an update next month from Luis.

A. Kasayuli Park Development-Tabled for February meeting.

IX. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

F. Balance on dedicated Pool Fund- City Finance Director Jim Chevigny shared updated Balance on dedicated Pool Fund at \$3.5 million, based on audit report dating back to 2011 and 2016 audit. Jim answered questions from the Committee.

G. Sub Committee reports: Physical Facility- Water Temp and Marketing were removed from Subcommittees and Phase II was added.

H. Arts at the YK Fitness Center- Three contracts to 3 artists were signed and work will be completed by end of August 2018. Rene is submitting a plan for the local artist residency.

K. Maintenance Schedules and Checklist at YKFC-Schedules and Checklists are being developed.

X. YKFC FACILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Stacey reported they are working on improvements in ladies locker room and have dedicated more of Bridget's hours to keep up the cleanliness. Working on options to replace the shower handles that are economic. Talked about Community swim event and Basketball tournament happening in February. Currently conducting a special activity schedule.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Outdoor Fitness Court- John Sargent, City Grant writer shared a video, information and grant availability. Committee not interested in pursuing it.

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS:

- M. DeWitt – No comment
- J. Wasierski –No comment
- B. Mosier – No comment
- B. Hoffman – No comment
- J. Wintersteen – No comment
- L. Lemus – No comment
- B. Lefferts – No comment
- M. Forbes - No comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY:	Beverly Hoffman	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED BY:	Brian Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote	

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF February, 2018.


 Ashley Dade
 Recorder of Minutes


 Michelle DeWitt
 Chair