

City of Bethel, Alaska
Parks, Recreation, Aquatic, Health & Safety Center Committee Minutes

April 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Judy Wasierski at 6:04 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Committee, the following were present:

Michelle Dewitt, Kathy Hanson, Barbara Mosier, Beverly Hoffman, Brian Lefferts, and Rick Robb

Excused absent(s): Kathryn Baldwin and Mary Weiss

Also in attendance were the following:

Muzaffar Lakhani- Public Works Director

Raunicka Ray- Pool Manager

Martha Schoenthal- Guest Speaker

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

Beverly Hoffman- reminded us that last month Dr. Bowerman had emailed about the need for a defibrillator at the fitness facility. The new information is that the Bethel Volunteer Services group has expressed their willingness to buy a defibrillator for the facility.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY:	Rick Robb	Motion to move item A and B from new business up to Special Order of Business
SECONDED BY:	Brian Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION:	Unanimously approved	

MOVED BY:	Barbara Mosier	Motion to approve agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Brian Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION:	Unanimously approved	

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOVED BY:	Kathy Hanson	Motion to approve the minutes.
SECONDED BY:	Beverly Hoffman	
VOTE ON MOTION:	Unanimously approved	

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- A. Guest Speaker Martha Schoenthal discussed the process of the Request for Proposal (RFP) and budgeting for the Pool Facility.

IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Director, Muzaffar Lakhani reports he has been working on the proposal on Pinky's Park board walk, and Parks Representative Matt Ross is starting on the organization of the 4th of July festivities. Pool and Fitness Center Manager, Raunicka Ray reports that in the month of March there were 8,884 customers that came to the Pool and Fitness Center. Raunicka also added some input on changing times on the weight room and on holidays due to low activity.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Trails- Funding, Safety, Updates: The Pinky's Park Bridge is in very bad shape and is recommended to be taken down immediately.

MOVED BY:	Rick Robb	Motion to direct Public Works to dismantle the hazardous portion of the bridge near Pinky's Park as soon as possible.
SECONDED BY:	Kathy Hanson	
VOTE ON MOTION:	Unanimously approved	

- B. Pool- Programs, Usage, Financial and facility operation discussion: Beverly Hoffman recommend that people be reminded about going to the fitness center with their street shoes are to be removed before entering. She also added that the exercise equipment should be wiped down.
- C. Corporate Discounts- Update: no updates this month
- D. Pool Temp and Marketing Sub- Committee Reports: Pool temp issues have been resolved. The Marketing Sub-Committee will have one full page in the year book add with the Bethel High School.
- E. Pool Financial Audit Report and Facility Performance Audit Report Update: General discussion about the status of the financial audit, and Committee was informed of the upcoming Facility Performance Audit of the pool and fitness center.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- C. Website- Development for fitness center: Contact was made with the Northwind, the wind turbine contractor. The real time information about the performance of the turbine can be included on our new website as a part of our ongoing contract with Northwind. We have the option to have many different types of data displayed on our webpage.
- D. LONG Buildings Report and City follow up to report: The committee discussed the Long Buildings report and was specifically interested in what the staff will follow up on the recommendations made in the report.
- E. 4th of July Planning: The committee brainstormed ideas for holding 4th of July activities with a smaller Parks and Recreation staff. Members offered to approach local organizations for help and suggest that potential volunteers contact Matt Ross.
- F. Dog Park Development- Mayor Robb asked that members look at the pit across from the Q2, City land that is designated for parks, and consider it for a dog park
- G. Tobacco Tax Allocation- Parks and Recreation Distribution: no new updates this month
- H. Physical Facility Sub Committee Development (Mechanical): Michelle DeWitt unavailable to discuss topic, tabled.
- I. Identification of individual to provide Parks and Recreation Committee report to City Council: Judy Wasierski volunteered to give the report
- J. Status of outstanding recommendations and action memorandums to the City Council: Action Memorandums are currently moving forward. The motion from the March meeting requesting that the Administration and IT charges to the pool budget be deleted in the FY17 budget was not followed in the City Manager's draft FY17 budget.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS:

- M. DeWitt- no comment.
- J. Wasierski-no comment.
- K. Hanson- no comment.
- B. Hoffman- We need to get people signed up for cleaning.
- R. Robb- no comment
- B. Lefferts- no comment
- B. Mosier- How about collecting rain water to flush toilets?

XII. ADJOURNMENT

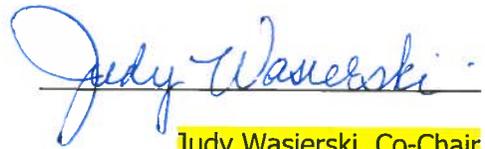
MOVED BY:	Kathy Hanson	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm
SECONDED BY:	Brian Lefferts	
VOTE ON MOTION	Unanimously approved	

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF May, 2016.



Pauline Boratko, Committee Recorder



Judy Wasierski, Co-Chair