

City Of Bethel
Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes 1/24/01

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Robb
- II. Present were: Rick Robb, Chairman, Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo, Council Representative, Lisa Wulvik, Member, Amber Vukich, Member, Darcy Anderson, Member.
Community Members attending the meeting: Willie Keppel, Allen DeSousa, Steven Kovach, Larry Athanas, Hal Jones, Michael Brown, Zack Brown, Duke Ballard, Bill Lang, Robert Petitt, Ross Boring, Phillip Perry, Roger Seavoy, Scott Vukich, Pete Ebertz, Gary Hames, Bob Carlson, and Patrick Snow.
- III. Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo moved to approve the agenda.
Lisa Wulvik seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo moved to approve the September minutes.
Lisa Wulvik seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
Lisa Wulvik moved to approve the December 6 minutes.
Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo seconded the motion
Motion passed unanimously.
- V. People to be heard
 - a. Community Members
 - 1) Willie Keppel talked about using the dumpsite as a shooting range. He stated that the current wall could be built up and widened to meet the regulations. He felt the tundra could be pushed out to make a bunker wall. He also told the group that there is Federal money available if we make the range handicap accessible. It would be an added advantage to hydroseed the ground to keep the sand from blowing. We would need a 10-mile free space behind it and electricity and bleachers would be nice.
 - 2) Pete Ebertz told the group that the Environmental Protection Agency has shut down many ranges around the State. The expense of cleaning up the lead is prohibitive. He is not certain that the National Guard will be involved in the project.
 - b. Directors Report
 - 1) The Committee Members have the written report. There were no questions at this time.
 - c. Council Member Report
 - 1) Children at Play signs have arrived. Are the signs up? Janet Athanas will check with Public Works.

VI Old Business

a. Shooting Sports

Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo moved to suspend the rules and move to item b.

Lisa Wulvik seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. City Shooting Range

- 1) Ross Boring, Past President of the Natalinut Shooting Club, gave a brief history of the old shooting range. The range was closed down when YKHC began developing their new subdivision in that area. BNC said no to the request for land for the range. 21/2 years ago, the city looked into the use of the sandpit and the dump as possible shooting range sites. They did not want to have the legalities of operating the range. They were looking for land to give the Shooting Club. The Club charged \$35 for individual members and \$50 for family memberships. The Club has insurance through the NRA. Some of the money was used for hearing protection. BNC wants the building that the Shooting Club utilized moved. The specifications for a legal range are 30 feet on the burmes. The Club has a balance of \$10,000. Ross will contact Betty with a list of the Board Members. LKSD would allow Ross to teach the 6-hour Hunter Safety Class in the schools only if there was an armed Police Officer on hand. Kipnuk has Gun Safety classes through KuC. Quinhagak holds Gun Safety classes in the Mormon Church. He has been teaching 4-H Shooting Sports Classes for 30 and had never had an accident.
- 2) Allen DeSousa stated that he thought the Shooting Club should gather members and work on getting a new range going.
- 3) Steve Kovac talked about the Isaac Walton League and said that the Fish and Wildlife Refuge Firearms Safety Training Program needs a place to train people. They can provide in-kind labor for construction. His expertise is as a Certified Range Safety Officer and Shooting Instructor. Lead Containment is a major issue with shooting ranges. Steve also talked about a possible land swap and a donation to the shooting club.
- 4) Larry Athanas talked about the dumpsite because there are no people around. He further commented that the new presidential administration is not as negative toward the gun issue as the old administration was.
- 5) Hal Jones talked about the Resolution from the Chamber of Commerce to the City of Bethel supporting the Shooting Range and Hunting Safety that was presented. He personally supports the Shooting Range. He feels that children need to be taught Gun Safety, and safe gun handling. If the Range is a Public

Range they will need to have an Officer on duty at all times. He recommended the Range be a Shooting Club Range.

- 6) Mike Brown stated that he loves to shoot and that he feels that children need to be educated in gun safety and in the reality of guns.
- 7) Janet Athanas will recommend that the task force members lobby the LKSD Board Members to get permission to teach Gun Safety and shooting sports in the school again.
- 8) Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo talked about teachers and staff feeling very apprehensive about having guns in the school building since the school shooting several years ago.
- 9) Duke Ballard, Alaska State Trooper likes to shoot. The current Range used by Law Enforcement Agencies is not large enough. He agrees that liability is a large issue. He states that there are no shooting accidents, There is negligence. Troopers have many uses for a Shooting Range. Lead is a big problem. The White Alice Station is already contaminated with asbestos and from fuel spills and probably is not a good site. The Troopers do not want to control or supervisor the Range.
- 10) Janet said that the City does not want to control or supervise the Range either.
- 11) Pete Ebertz talked about the new Armory. It will not be open soon but it will include an indoor Shooting Range.
- 12) Bob Petitt talked about the needs of the Police Department. They promote safety, gun safety and hunting safety. The Police Department does not want to control or supervise the Range.
- 13) Phil Perry talked about remembering when we did have a range. He said that there were over 200 members.
- 14) Roger Seavoy stated that the Range is important. He works for Fish & Game Area B and Hunting Safety Education is an important part of his job. They are requesting Pittman Robinson funds for the Range. All agencies need to work together on financial support and liability issues.
- 15) Scott Vukich voiced his support of the proposed range for both personal and professional use.
- 16) Bob Carlson stated that White Alice was not a safe site.
- 17) The City Manager told Janet that if we find a safe place that the City will work with us on the land. She will contact NRA about available grants.
- 18) Bob Carlson will check with Senator Ted Stevens about State money for ranges. This is an important project and we need to work with our Legislators. Bob will look into the lead contamination problem and solutions. He suggested that we might need to go to the Congressional Committee to get an exemption(??)

19) Rick Robb stated that he thought we should use the existing Shooting Club to operate the Range and use the land by the dump, if it is available. We should look into a land swap with Fish and Wildlife if needed.

Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo moved to form a Task Force to work on the Shooting Range issue for Bethel. Who will be involved? Where will the Range be located? Set a time line. The City will be involved in the land issue but not the liability issue.

Amber Vukich seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Volunteers for the Task Force are Rick Robb (Parks & Recreation Committee Chair), Roger Seavoy (AK Dept. of Fish and Game), Hal Jones (Chamber of Commerce), Steve Kovach (US Fish & Wildlife Service), Bob Carlson (DEC), Ross Boring (Shooting Club) & Larry Athanas. The Task Force will meet on January 30 at noon at the Bethel Youth Center. Darcy Anderson, Janet Athanas and Bob Carlson will serve as a subcommittee to the Task Force.

c) Karol Sanchez- Pobrislo moved to table the Shooting Sports until the next meeting.

Lisa Wulvik seconded the motion.

Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote.

VII New Business

a) Election of Officers

1) Nominations were opened for Chairperson.

Darcy Anderson nominated Rick Robb as Chairman.

Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo seconded the nomination.

Darcy Anderson moved to close nominations.

Lisa Wulvik seconded the motion.

Question called

Rick Robb was elected Chairman unanimously.

2) Nominations were opened for Vice Chair

Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo nominated Lisa Wulvik as Vice Chair.

Darcy Anderson seconded the motion.

Lisa Wulvik nominated Darcy Anderson.

Darcy declined.

Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo moved to close nominations

Amber Vukich seconded the motion.

Nominations closed.

Lisa Wulvik was elected Vice Chair unanimously.

3) Nominations were opened for Secretary

Karol nominated Amber Vukich.

Lisa Wulvik moved to close nominations.

Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo seconded the motion.

Amber Vukich was elected Secretary.

VIII. The next meeting will be February 21st at 6PM at the Bethel Youth Center.
Agenda Items will include:

Old Business:

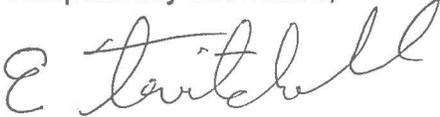
- 1) Shooting Sports
- 2) Child at Play Signs
- 3) Task Force Report

New Business:

- 1) Sea Wall Park – Willie Keppel

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Twitchell

Approved



Rick Robb, Chairman

City Of Bethel
Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes 3/28/01

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Robb at 6:45PM.
- II. Present were: Richard Robb, Lisa Wulvik, and Darcy Anderson.
Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo was excused.
- III. Darcy Anderson moved to approve the Agenda.
Lisa Wulvik seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Richard Robb moved to accept the minutes as written.
Lisa Wulvik seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- V. People to be heard
 - a) James Randal would like to have a shopping mal.
 - b) Director's reports were discussed.
 - c) Council member was out of town.
- VI. Old Business
 - a) Shooting Range Task Force Report
Richard Robb reported on the Shooting Range Task Force.
One of the first major issues is road improvement.
The land has been offered as a donation.
- VII. New Business
 - a) Sea Wall Park – Willie Keppel
Attached is the Draft of Willies Plan for this Campground & Park. He feels that we need a campground and play ground that is handicap accessible and located close to the river. It would be a place for visitor to rest. Willie has talked with Janet about the necessary procedures. He would like the Parks & Recreation committee to write a Resolution in support of this project. Darcy Anderson stated that she thought it was a good idea, however she had some questions. How much land in that area does the City own? Who would keep the campgrounds clean? Richard Robb stated that he thought it was a good idea. Lisa Wulvik moved to have the committee support the intent and location of the proposed Seawall campground & park. Darcy Anderson seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. The next Parks & Recreation Committee will be April 18 at 6PM at the Bethel Youth Center. Summer Sports Activities will be the New Business.

IX. Richard Robb moved to adjourn the meeting.
Darcy seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Twitchell,

Approved

  
Richard Robb, Chairman

City Of Bethel
Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes 4/18/01

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Robb at 6:15PM.
- II. Present were; Darcy Anderson, Richard Robb, Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo, and Diane Taff-Roy. Lisa Wulvik was absence.
- III. Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo moved to accept the Agenda as presented.
Darcy Anderson seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo moved to accept the minutes as presented.
Darcy seconded the motion
Motion passed unanimously.
- V. People to be heard
 - a) There were no community members to be heard
 - b) The Directors reports were discussed.
 - c) Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo reported that the Playground signs would be ordered bigger and brighter than the current ones. She also stated that the water & sewer prices would be increasing 20%.
- VI. Old Business
 - a) Shooting Range Task Force Report
Shooting Club is reactivated. Membership Fee is \$10 a year. They have elected new Board members to fill their vacant seats. They are actively recruiting new members. The road is a major concern. They have not finalized the selection of land. The most promising site is the site in Haroldson Subdivision. Tundy Rodgers has offered to lease us some land out at BIA Site. They are doing title searches. Hal Jones went to the Advisory School Board and requested Hunter Safety and Gun Safety Course training be reinstated in the Bethel Schools. Betty Twitchell will contact the City Clerk to confirm that the resolution supporting these classes was sent to the Advisory School Board and the LKSD Board.
- VII. New Business
 - a) Summer Sports Programs
Soccer program and archery are being planned. Steve Hayden is working on setting up a Little League Program this summer. Final Programming decisions will not be made until we hire our summer staff. Field Trips are being planned. Rick Robb suggested a trip to the new Post Office Site as a field trip.

Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo moved to suspend the rules and go back to People to be heard. Darcy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Willie Keppel addressed the committee. He stated that John Malone, City Planner, said the proper procedure was to draft a resolution to support the Water Front Park and send it to the Planning Commission. He said there were tentative plans to build a fuel tank farm on that land. Karol said she would support a resolution to support the intent & location of the proposed park on the riverfront.

Darcy made the motion to draft the resolution and sent it to Council. Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Whereas: Parks & Recreation Committee supports the use of City owned Property for Family and Community recreation

Whereas: The Parks & Committee recognize the need for a river entrance and green space to welcome visitors

Whereas: A preferred site would be on the waterfront

Whereas: The original seawall plan included community green space.

Whereas: This is the last city owned water front space

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Committee supports the intent and purpose to use the identified waterfront property for the proposed seawall park and campground.

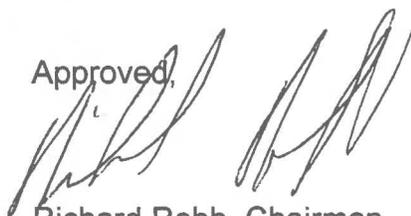
- VIII. The next meeting will be held May 16 at 6PM at the Youth Center.
The agenda will include Old Business: Update on MOA for summer activities, Shooting Range Task Force update, Water Front Park Update
New Business: Swimming Pool
The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Twitchell,

Approved,



Richard Robb, Chairman

City Of Bethel
Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes 8/22/01

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Robb at 6:00PM.
- II. Present were: Darcy Anderson, Richard Robb, Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo, Diane Taff-Roy, Lisa Wulvik, Janet Athanas, Director, & Elizabeth Twitchell, BYC Program Specialist.
- III. Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Diane Taff-Roy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Darcy Anderson moved to accept the April minutes as presented. Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. People to be heard
 - a) Betty Twitchell spoke about the need for more space at the Youth Center.
 - b) The Directors reports were discussed.
 - c) Karol Sanchez-Pobrislo reported that the City Council commended the Parks & Department on the good job they did on the 4th of July. Problems with some items being sold are being dealt with. Children at play signs have been changed and are a little bigger. The Dust Buster Forum Minutes were briefly discussed and were distributed to all Parks & Recreation Committee members. This will be put on the agenda for discussion next month.
- VI. Old Business
 - a) 4th of July Update - Jim Kohl gave away free hotdogs on 7th Ave. He was demonstrating the old values where everything was not about money. It was recommended that we give him a free booth next year. This is a Community event and the Parks & Recreation Department cannot assume the jobs of the Police Department. We work with PD, ROTC, Scouts and State Troopers. The need for more Porta Potties and better cleaning of them was discussed.
 - b) Owl Park Update – WE are in the last phases of the Park. We could not get the asphalt this summer as no one was doing asphalt in Bethel. We are discussing cement slabs for the basketball court; however it is not ideal as it buckles in the winter. Janet will be meeting with Bob Herron tomorrow to make the decision. Janet will call Anchorage and inquire about Skatelite (a laminate board that is shot with surface cover that holds up to the Anchorage weather).

- c) World Horizons – Put this project on the February Agenda. They will be back next summer. We need to expand the Community awareness & involvement of this youth group.
- d) Park Projects Update - We have some spring riders and teeter-totters to be placed. The AC Park will be taken down. The park has been surveyed and the new lot lines will be marked. We will write a grant to obtain new equipment for the AC Park. Willie's Park has gone to Planning Department.

VII. New Business

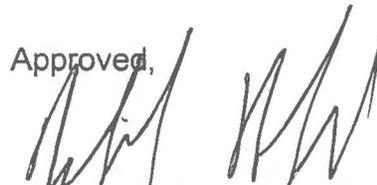
- a) Day Use of BYC Building – Sundays - Adults only – Sunday/Monday football, computer center, Janet will look into staffing etc.
- b) Adult and Teen use of BYC – evening

VIII. The next meeting will be held September 19 across from the Lion's Club at 6PM. The agenda will include Dustbuster review & response, Park Update, Water Front Park Update
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Twitchell,
Secretary

Approved,


Richard Robb, Chairman

City Of Bethel
Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes 10/24/01

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Robb at 6:10PM.
- II. Present were: Richard Robb, Chairman, Darcy Anderson, Hugh Short Jr. Council Representative, Diane Taff-Roy Member, Janet Athanas, Parks & Recreation Department Head, Elizabeth Twitchell, BYC Program Specialist & Lisa Wulvik were excused.
- III. Darcy Anderson moved to accept the agenda as presented.
Hugh Short Jr. seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
Darcy Anderson moved to approve the minutes of August 22, as written.
Hugh Short Jr. seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- V. People to be heard
 - a) Community Members
 - 1) Joanne Galliard does not want a campground on the site of the proposed Seawall Park. She feels that it is dangerous for children. She stated that there is Community buy in for two areas. They would like to see these as Community use areas. One piece is the small triangular piece at the upper river end. The other piece is at the lower end from the last steps at the end of Mission Road down to Petrol Fuel. There is a cove there that was set aside for intended use as a boat launching ramp. The land is designated by Corp of Engineers as Port controlled area.
 - b) Directors Report was discussed.
 - 1) Digital Hero's Program
 - 2) Vista Volunteer will start in November
 - 3) Friends of NRA fundraiser
 - 4) Grantsmanship Workshop
 - 5) Shooting Sports Leaders Training
 - 6) AfterSchool Program, cooking Program
 - 7) Parks maintenance & Certification
 - 8) PowerUp Lab
 - 9) New Computers in the office
 - 10) Owl Park
 - 11) Day use of BYC
 - 12) The Planning Commission is putting together a draft resolution to lease the land that is called Datu's Park to

300. That will then go back to City Council. Put Datu's Park on the next agenda and request the K 300 Director attend the meeting.

c) Council Members Report

- 1) Tundi Rogers is the Mayor.
- 2) Karol Sanchez Pobrislo is now on the Finance Committee.
- 3) Agnes Phillips is now on the Port Committee.
- 4) The Committee suggested to Hugh Short Jr. the need for formal debriefing of outgoing council representatives to the new representatives prior to their 1st meeting.

VI. Old Business

a) Dustbuster Review & Response

Darcy Anderson talked with some residence in the Tundra Ridge and Ptarmigan Street area and they expressed the need to pave the roads, particularly Ptarmigan Street. They also stated that it was much better when the City watered the roads and expressed interest in why the City did not oil the roads. People also asked why the EPA hadn't been out to do air quality testing. Discussion followed. The Committee supports the Citizens movement known as Dustbuster and designated that Hugh Short Jr. take to Council; the recommended solutions suggested by the Bethel Citizens Mobilize at Dustbuster/UAF Forum as listed on page 2 of that report.

b) Owl Park Update was discussed during the Director's report.

Seawall Park

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c) ~~Willie's Park~~ – the packet that Willie gave the Committee will be given to Hugh Short Jr. before the next meeting. We need more information on who owns what land and the intended use of the land. Where are the locations of the proposed bulk fuel plant? Does the Port have control of that land or is it a part of the Parks & Recreation Department? The need for a park and handicap access for people coming in to Bethel for medical needs, as well as people coming into town to shop, has been established and this committee has submitted a formal Resolution supporting the idea of a Park/Campground in this area that was established as a green area along the Seawall. Janet Athanas will check with John Malone on other possible sites for a Seawall Park.

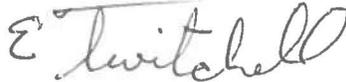
d) We need to invite the K-300 Director to attend our next meeting. We need to set a Working Committee meeting to walk through the proposed sites and invite John Malone to attend.

VII. New Business

VIII. The next Parks & Recreation meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2001 at 6:00PM at the Bethel Youth Center. The agenda will include Old Business: - K-300 building/Datu's Park, Final Report on Owl Park and update on working committee meeting.

IX. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Twitchell

Approved



Rick Robb, Chairman

City Of Bethel
Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes 12/12/01

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Robb at 6:10PM.
- II. Present were: Richard Robb, Chairman, Darcy Anderson, Diane Taff-Roy & Lisa Wulvik , Janet Athanas, Parks & Recreation Department Head, Elizabeth Twitchell, BYC Program Specialist. Hugh Short Jr. was unexcused.
- III. Darcy Anderson moved to accept the agenda as amended.
Lisa Wulvik seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
Darcy Anderson moved to approve the minutes of Nov 24, as corrected.
Diane Taff-Roy seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
- V. People to be heard
 - a) Community Members
 - b) Directors Report was discussed.
 - 1) NRA Dinner
 - 2) Resource Library
 - 3) Owl Park has had budget increase \$8000 & will be completed in June
 - 4) Gingerbread House Workshop – 45 families attended.
 - 5) Bethel Tobacco Control Alliance Coordinator, Denise Ebertz has been in Anchorage in training. Her training was paid for by a scholarship
 - 6) The Fire Chief has stated that there may be no dances at the Log Cabin. It does not meet necessary fire codes for dances.
 - 7) Ultra Donahue has the PowerUp Lab up and running. It is a busy program.
 - 8) Datu's Park K-300 has been given a lease by Omni Enterprises. Pitt Lake was given to the National Guard by Council and Seawall Park was given to the Port as part of the Bank Stabilization Project.
 - c) Council Members Report
 - 1) None
- VI. Old Business
 - A) Sea Wall Park
 - 1) Port Land – Discussed
 - 2) Comprehensive Plan was discussed. We will get copies for the committee members.

- 3) Bank Stabilization Project was discussed. Janet will get a definition and a copy of the plan.
- 4) Land Status – When does City Council plan to review the long term Comprehensive Plan?

Action Item – Darcy Anderson requested the City Clerk review the information on Sea Wall Greenbelt and Datu's Park going back 10 years. Lisa Wulvik seconded the request.

Action Item - The Council Representative will request that the Committee Representative implement a file that will be given from the outgoing Council Representative to the Incoming Council Representative and from outgoing members to new members. These files will contain information to update the new members on the issues the committee is dealing with.

Action Item – The Committee asks the Council Representative to request the City Council review the Comprehensive Plan with special regard to #10.

- 5) Darcy Anderson moved that the Committee request from the Planning Department information on the history of the Green Belt and Sea Wall Park as well as a definition of bank stabilization and information on the Bank Stabilization Project.

Lisa Wulvik seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

- 6) Darcy Anderson moved that the Committee ask the City Council to schedule a Public Meeting to review the Comprehensive Plan.

Lisa Wulvik seconded the motion.
Motion passed 3 yes, 1 no.

- 7) Darcy Anderson moved to promote clear communication and information to new members.

Diane Taff-Roy seconded the motion
Motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

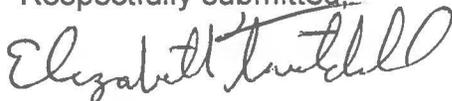
- a) Board strategies for recruiting new members.
 - 1) Discussed

VIII. The next Parks & Recreation meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2001 at 6:00PM at the Log Cabin..

IX. Adjourn

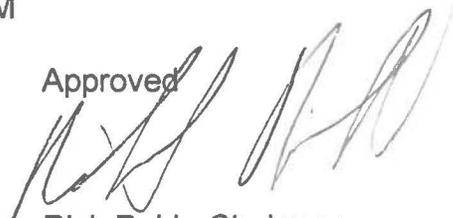
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Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Twitchell

Approved



Rick Robb, Chairman