



**City of Unalaska  
Parks, Culture and Recreation Committee  
Annual Report to Council  
January 01 - December 31, 2021**

The City of Unalaska Parks, Culture and Recreation (PCR) Committee Annual Report to Council highlights the Committee's accomplishments during the 2021 calendar year.

**PCR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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I would like to begin with a "Thank You" to our PCR Staff for all their hard work in yet another difficult year.

The Committee's major role was to provide insight and feedback on programming, events, and operations. The Committee serves as another set of eyes looking at all of PCR from the perspective of the public.

The Committee has been active in the playground improvement projects and reviewing the programming of PCR. This has included the progress of the Sitka Spruce Playground plans and construction of the playground. The playground is completed and is awaiting a grand opening in the late spring /early summer.

The Committee reviewed the CMMP Plan for the Department and made recommendations for the upcoming projects. We reviewed the annual budget and business plans that were created by each division of PCR.

The Business Plan Project developed a format for anyone to look at the department in a more in-depth way without getting lost in spread sheets and schedules. The Business Plans have made it possible to look at the goals and outcomes by division and to track the progress of each of the division's goals and objectives.

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The Committee tackled PCR concerns that included pandemic lock down procedures, and how those would be accomplished. This included new times of operations and how many people could be in the buildings at a time.

This year during the COVID-19 pandemic we have seen many changes in the way the PCR has provided programming to the community. Last year's basketball program became a skills camp competition while this year we had an in-person full youth basketball league. Despite this, we were still able to hold an Independence Day parade, a Heart of the Aleutians event, and an Easter egg event at the new UCSD School Playground. The Community Cleanup generated almost the same support as during the pre-pandemic levels. This year we were able to produce two dive-in movies at the pool.

PCR held 4 in-person races and 1 virtual race. The Halloween event was a carnival with games and a trunk or treat event in the parking lot.

One of the programming highlights was our second radio play "A Christmas Carol" where the community participated in a radio drama. This year we not only broadcast the play to Unalaska but other communities across the State of Alaska.

One of the things that has been occurring over the last year has been the alternating between high, and medium risk levels during the COVID-19 pandemic. We, like everyone else, have evolved in how we are approaching these risk levels and we have become better in transitioning between the more extreme and medium risk levels.

As vaccines become more widely available and through the efforts of the Clinic, Fire Department and PCR we held vaccination clinics throughout the year transforming the Gym into a medical facility. PCR moved to regular operating hours.

We have engaged in a very rigorous cleaning schedule and have purchased machines that have made the cleaning operation more efficient. Our team has also been involved in the food delivery program to the people placed in the quarantine facility.

Overall, we have seen great creativity from the PCR Staff in providing programming to the community during a pandemic providing physical and mental health to the city in a much-needed time. We support the PCR Staff in their continual efforts to keep the community safe while providing mental and physical health to the City. We stand behind their creative solutions to provide services, as well as their enforcement of new safety rules and protocols in order to continue to provide those services.



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