



City of Unalaska | Department of Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2023

Members present: Thomas Roufos, Greg Peters, Ben Knowles, Jill Spetz, Noel Rea, Ryan Humphrey

The Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on October 23, 2023, in the conference room at PCR

Recognized visitors to the meeting, Jolene Longo

New Business

The Advisory Board reviewed the minutes of September 18, 2023 and, it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Roger explained that the NRPA Conference had really opened his eyes about how the local recreation departments were using Mega-Data to hone in on the recreational needs of the user. It was a little like “Big Brother” watching but it was a way to market to the end user. Many recreation departments were tracking cell phone data from the users of their services. Through Ap’s and electronic media that would inform the user of activities and had seen an improvement in the recreation attendance.

Jolene, made a presentation on a climbing wall for the pool. This would be a portable wall that would be used to climb up and then drop into the water. There were a number of designs but a shorter wall with a bend toward the water was preferred for the pool. Noel said that the Alaska Club had one and it was fun for the kids. Thomas said that we should run this past the Risk Management before we went too far in our planning. Jill said that we needed to consider storage as the pool has an extreme lack of storage today.

There was some discussion on the need for more life guards. The suggestion was made that we have a life guard class on the weekends to give students and adults a chance to come while they are not engaged in other activities.

Jolene talked about a splash pad that could go in the place of the slide and inclosing the warming area of the pool into a real community hot tub. She showed a design that could be used if we went down this path. People still liked the slide and there might be push back from some members of the community. This might all come out during the Park and Recreation Master Planning process.

Jolene, made a presentation on the pump track and skate board park. While at the conference Jolene met with the pump track vendor and looked at a number of different types of pump tracks. The best type would be an asphalt track that would incircle the skate board facility. There were a number of different types of tracks available to buy from wooden, sand, rubber, and asphalt. All had uses in different venues but the one that would work best for our area was the asphalt one in that it would require the least amount of maintenance. If needed we could install a sand track until a paver could

come to the island. The Board asked Jolene for the web address to the pump track site.

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Old Business

Jolene and Jill are going to get together to order the new soccer goals for Kelty field.

Thomas thought it might be better to try to do child care for the City employees only. The issue of licensing is still an issue.

Committee Members Comments

Ben said that he was in Hawaii and they down loaded an app that informed them of all types of activities. He suggested that we also take advantage of all media to get the message out. He also suggested that when doing the master plan, we should consider all types of media to get the message out to the public, including flyers, KUCB, blast fax, instar gram and tick-tock. We should also consider using incentives like food or prizes.

Next meeting is January 22, 2024.

Adjournment at 6:30 p.m.