



**City of Unalaska | Department of Parks, Culture and Recreation
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2024**

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

The Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on January 22, 2024, in the conference room at PCR

Recognized visitors to the meeting, Jolene Longo

The Advisory Board reviewed the minutes of October 23, 2023 and, it was a unanimous vote to approve.

New Business

Update on the Methodist Church Property, Roger had a meeting with the minister and regional leader of the Methodist Church to see if they would be willing to sell the athletic field that we are now renting for around \$21,000 a year. He was told that the Methodist Church was not willing to sell the property. The board agreed to look at this during the master planning process and to see if we needed the property for continued activities. The contract comes up for renewal in 2025.

Jolene, made a presentation on the Park master Plan and gave an up-date on the kick off meeting that will take place on February 7, 2024. Jill said that she could come to the Kick-Off meeting and represent the Parks Advisory Board at the meeting. We had some discussion of who the stakeholders could be and the group wanted the planning process to be complete and have a vision of the total community. Ben suggested emergency operations also need to be included in the plan. Noel said that we needed to make sure that one of the first projects was to relocate the skate board facility. Ben suggested that we give Berry Dunn photos of the vaccination clinics.

Jolene, informed the group that the Kelty Field soft ball field should be ready by August for soft ball leagues, and that we could also have soccer this year. Jill and Jolene met and have identified soccer nets and equipment that will need to be purchased. Jolene has ordered the nets and equipment and we should be ready to go for summer time leagues. Marc says that he will seed once more and fertilize once more before August.

Thomas went over the draft Report to City Council with the group the Board wanted to add in suggestions a social district for the Kelty Field. This is a way you can play at the field and adults could have alcohol at the games. The group also wanted a paragraph added to include PCR 's effort in hoisting the Japanese Navy.

During the new Business Section Thomas brought to the Board a new grant opportunity for receiving funding from a Brown Fields grant from 10- to ²⁰~~50~~ million dollars that could start the funding on the Emergency shelter project. It is a no match grant and the City will be hiring a grant consultant to write

the grant. The money has to be expended within three years. The City will have to work with O/C on this project. The funding will be available in October.

Old Business

Committee Members Comments

Next meeting is March 18, 2024.

Adjournment at 6:40 p.m.