

City of Unalaska Department of Parks, Culture and Recreation
PCR Advisory Committee Minutes
Monday-January 11, 2016
PCR Conference Room

1. Chair Lightner called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. Chair Lightner took attendance
 - Members Present: Stiles, Wilson; Trinidad; Lightner
 - PCR Director, D. Tyrell McGirt was present
 - Members Absent: Lightner; Hall; Pham; Villamor; Hall
 - Quorum established
3. Visitors Present: Jennifer Lane-Aquatics Manager
4. Agenda was approved as presented by Wilson and Stiles.
5. Minutes from the December 21, 2015 meeting were submitted and were approved as presented by Stiles and Wilson.
6. Director's Report was presented by McGirt.

McGirt stated that the selected candidate for the Recreation Coordinator for Sports and Leisure programs declined offer of employment; two other candidates from the original interview round were being reconsidered with a candidate from Ohio interested in the position but concerned about housing-staff is currently looking for options. Recreation Coordinator Prestan Walker has submitted his resignation and will be leaving in February, the position has already been posted internally and interviews will begin the following week.

The Library is in the process of receiving new computers and working with City IS staff to join the City's computer next work, it is hopeful that this upgrade will help with improved internet speed; switch over should be complete in March

Friends of the Library have established a "Little Free Library" at the Airport to provide those waiting for flights or "stranded" at the airport an opportunity to take a book to read. There is not an expectation of a "book swap" rather, FOL will continue to fill the library as the supply decreases. Lightner stated that he saw passengers taking advantage of the LFL and was happy to see it.

McGirt addressed the complaints on social media concerning the closure of the gym over the holiday break. He suggested that possible solutions may just be providing the public more information as to why the work on the gym had to be done at that particular time and will work with Bill Dunkleberger on possibly building a new timeline concerning the refinishing of the floor. He indicated that DPW staff prefer completing indoor tasks (such as the gym floor) when the weather is less than ideal due to the volume of outdoors work his staff takes on throughout the course of the year. He stated that there are many factors to take into consideration when constructing the timeline of the refinishing project. Lane proposed the option of opening the school gyms for a few hours a day as a possible option in the future.

Jennifer Lane, Aquatics Manager provided an update on Aquatics programs which included updates on Tot Time schedule changes due to low attendance and conflicting event

schedules. Friday Splash attendance is up to 40-50 kids, attendance dropped in December due to the holiday break. UCSD swim lessons continue with lessons covering beginning levels to advanced. Recreation Coordinators Felicia Tungul and Amanda Greaves are Lifeguard certified and are assisting with the program. There are 6 preschool aged kids taking lessons as well.

Lane also stated that she is working with Wilma Adams, Kindergarten teacher, on the "Kids Don't Float" program. Pham indicated that it's an important program and hopes to it will be scheduled before the pool closes. McGirt asked where else the program was offered but believed it was offered through Camp Q and through the school through the Dockside Discovery program (Wilson confirmed Dockside Discovery). Lane stated that the program was a State of Alaska program and that the state typically works with the Ports department and Camp Q to bring a representative out.

Lane informed the group that the last day to register for the Youth Swim League was January 31. Flyers have been posted around town and the school.

Due to the Aquatics Center closure, the pool will be closed beginning April 26 (this will not affect YSL) and will remain closed through August. Advertising of the closure is already on Channel 8 and fliers are posted in the Aquatics Center lobby. The hope is to get the pool up and running as soon as possible.

Lane provided a staff update with 3 offers of employment extended and 1 recommendation to hire sent to HR. Lane conducted LG training over the break that included patron scanning and backboard training. Trinidad stated that he was glad that training was being offered at least once a month for staff.

Old Business

A. PCR Slogan Update: An online survey is currently on the City's website and PCR's Facebook page regarding the selection of the PCR slogan. Staff will be collecting data from the surveys to determine which slogan will be selected. Staff has received over 50 responses to date. The slogan will be introduced before the end of the fiscal year.

B. Christmas Tree Lighting: The event went off well; great turnout; great weather and the crafts at BRC were fun. McGirt ran through the event, City Manager, Dave Martinson gave the welcoming speech, Kelly Stiles played Christmas carols for a group sing along. Comments ranged from the lights being sparse to better communication between the committee, staff and community for volunteers to help with the event. Trinidad stated that a lot of the work and responsibility fell on the Teen Council. Wilson stated that Channel 8 broadcasted it right after the event.

C. Elder Parking for Special Events: Spaces were reserved for Elders beginning on January 9th. Pham indicated that the signage may be too small and Trinidad asked if the parking was being enforced. Wilson indicated that the front desk was monitoring the spots and that this is will be a benefit for the MLK event.

D. Secretary Needed for Next Meeting: Karie Wilson volunteered to take minutes for the September meeting.

New Business

A. Expiring Seats: McGirt indicated that the Student Representative and Joanne Villamor's and Davlin Hall's seat were due to expire in 2016. He indicated that others in the community expressed interest in the committee. Lightner stated that the KUCB board has the ability to contract and expand seats as needed and asked if this was something the committee could do or could consider doing.

B. PCR Advisory Committee Annual Report to Council: McGirt will have the annual report ready for committee review on February 22 and the presentation to council is scheduled for February 23. Chair-Matt Lightner will be presenting the annual report and it is a much shorter report than in the past. McGirt asked that committee members attend the portion of the meeting during the annual presentation.

Visitor and Committee Member Comments

A. Visitors: No Comments

B. Committee Members: Wilson asked about the status of having a crossing guard available after school for the kids. Concerns have been brought to her by parents and bus drivers. Lightner added that he had been wondering and concerned for years about the lack of a crossing guard.

Wilson also stated that Albert's wood block class was awesome.

A question was raised about creating a potential 5th-8th grade girls volleyball league.

Wilson announced that Raiders Basketball will be happening over the weekend and that the Pre-School Ice Cream Social is February 14th.

C. Next Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:00

Trinidad and Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.