
CITY OF SOLDOTNA

PARKS + RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MAY 2, 2019 5:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, SOLDOTNA, ALASKA

REGULAR MEETING

PENNY VADLA, SEAT A
LINDA HUTCHINGS, CHAIR

JIM DELKER, SEAT B
ANDREW CARMICHAEL, P & R DIRECTOR

DENISE DUTILE, SEAT C
TAMI MURRAY, VICE CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The May 2, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Soldotna Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Hutchings.

There were present:

Board Members:

Dutile, Vadla, Murray, Hutchings

Absent:

Delker

Comprising a quorum of the Board.

Also in attendance were:

Andrew Carmichael, Parks & Rec Director
Shellie Saner, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 7, 2019 minutes were approved without objection.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommending Council Approval of the 2019 Soldotna Community Memorial Park, Administrative Policy Updates

MOTION: Board Member Vadla moved to recommend Council approval of the updated administrative policy.

City Clerk Saner reported that most of the corrections were technical, clerical, formatting and further clarification on the existing policy; however, additional recommendations from the Board were needed regarding regulations on Family Plots and the Memorial Wall.

MOTION TO AMEND: Board Member Vadla moved recommend City Council establish a minimum of two plots be purchased to in order to establish a Family Plot section within the Memorial Park.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED: Without Objection.

MOTION TO AMEND: Board Member Murray moved to recommend City Council establish that Family Monuments within a Family Plot section only be allowed within the upright marker section of the Memorial Park.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED: Without Objection.

MOTION TO AMEND: Board Member Murray moved to establish that reservations on the Memorial Wall only occur when a plaque is placed for a loved one who has already passed; with a maximum of ten memorial wall locations reservations allowed.

MOTION TO AMEND PASSED: Without Objection.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dufile, Vadla, Murray, Hutchings

No: None

Absent: Delker

MOTION PASSED: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Recommending Council Enactment of Proposed Updates to the Soldotna Municipal Code (SMC) 12.29 – Soldotna Community Memorial Park

MOTION: Board Member Murray moved to recommend City Council enactment of the proposed updates to SMC 12.29.

City Clerk Saner reported proposed amendments to SMC 12.29 would incorporate current practices related to the management of the Memorial Park.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dufile, Vadla, Murray, Hutchings

No: None

Absent: Delker

MOTION PASSED: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Recommending Approval of Conversion of One of the SRSC's Two Racquetball Courts to a Climbing Wall

MOTION: Board Member Vadla moved to recommend converting one racquetball court into a climbing wall.

Parks and Recreation Director Carmichael reported that the two racquetball courts were established 35-years ago; trends have changed since then and climbing walls are very popular; Mr. Ed Schmidt recently offered to temporarily donate a bouldering wall that had previously been located in the "Fitness Place"; and indications from the community is that the wall would be popular and well used.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dufile, Vadla, Murray, Hutchings

No: None

Absent: Delker

MOTION PASSED: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Director Carmichael reported the department interviewed 23 people for the temporary parks openings; development of the basketball court at Soldotna Creek Park was process; mitigation of the Spruce Bark Beetle infestation is underway; this year’s Sports Show had more booths than past shows; acquisition of new fencing for events in the parks was in process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Colleen Denbrock thanked Parks and Recreation Board for their involvement with the Music in the Park and reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the State’s Transportation Plans during their last meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Murray thanked City Clerk Saner and her staff for the updates to the Memorial Park Policy and thanked Mr. Schmidt for the generous donation; she noted her excitement about the new fencing/barricades for park events.

Board Member Vadla thanked City Clerk Saner and her staff for the updates to the Memorial Park Policy; Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Todd for the information regarding Bike month and the summer music series; Parks staff for all the work they do in the park; Mr. Schmidt for the donation; and the public for their participation in the meeting.

Chair Hutchings noted her disappointment that the voters did not approve the Field House bond; offered encouragement to the City to place the issue before the voters again; and noted that the facility would not only be for youth sports, older people would benefit from it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the May 2, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Soldotna City Hall.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON: _____

ATTEST:

Andrew Carmichael, Parks & Recreation Director