

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mollozzi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Steve Beardsley
James Balamaci
Dick Lobdell
Jim Mason
Diane Etter
Sandy Traini
Victor Mollozzi
Bill Bryson
Karen Loeffler

Absent: Jeff Clarke
Peter Crosby

Staff Present: Jeff Dillon
Kelly Lasseter
Liz Stanley
Mari Steinbach

III. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by: Commissioner Traini

Seconded by: Commissioner Lobdell

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from August 11 & August 26

Commissioner Traini asked for one correction on page 4 of the August 11th Minutes which is that Lydia Selkregg's name is spelled incorrectly. There was also a question about Number VII of the Agenda in that Peter Crosby indicated that the commission is in favor of the renaming of the Russian Jack Chalet for Lidia Selkregg. She also requested that her comments regarding the August hearing on fees be added too because when something is announced it should be followed through with.

Commissioner Beardsley asked for clarification on the August 26th Agenda in Action Item a paragraph one it was stated Chair and Vice Chair without a name following he asked that the name be inserted following those titles. There was then a discussion over who the Vice Chair is. Commissioner Beardsley asserted that Commissioner Balamaci is the Vice Chair being elected after the appointments were made in February of 2004. There was some discussion and it was decided that there would be a new election after the new appointments are made but it should be reflected in the minutes whom the Chair and Vice Chair are. The discussion was ended in the interest of time.

Motion passed unanimously with changes

IV. **APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

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Steve Beardsley	Yes
James Balamaci	Yes
Dick Lobdell	No
Jim Mason	Yes
Diane Etter	No
Sandy Traini	No
Victor Mollozzi	Yes
Bill Bryson	No
Karen Loeffler	Yes

Motion passed

Chair Mollozzi asked Jeff Dillon if he was going to work with the user groups soon

Jeff Dillon answered that he would be setting up meetings within the next few weeks with both the youth and adult sports leagues to discuss their proposals and we will develop a simple one page standard of what the minimum should be to protect the public's assets and we will also invite the Aquatics Committee.

f) Proposed Park Land Acquisitions Tract B-2B, Commodore Park Subdivision & Fraction of Tract B, Muldoon Estates Subdivisions 05-038

Art Davidson and Randy Stevens of Cook Inlet Soccer Club stated that they were a club that runs one of the two large recreational soccer programs. Mr. Davidson stated that they have been looking for land to acquire to expand their program. They have 2,200 kids in their program and currently play on private land on Brayton Drive but they are in need of land that can be purchased and then they would help develop the fields and maintain the fields as well as schedule the program. They approached Mr. Simonian about some land that is adjacent to some land that is known as Chili Pepper Field. Mr. Stevens added that they are a large club and they subsidize the children who want to play and cannot afford it. He added that they have not been able to negotiate a deal with the church for a long-term lease for the fields that they play on now so that leaves them in a bad situation. He pointed out that they have accumulated some capitol to participate partially with the city in this project and they would like to joint-venture with the city so that they don't loose a field to play on.

There was a question about whether this land was to be made into a park. The answer to this question was that they wanted staff to begin discussions with them and proceed with this acquisition and partner with them.

There was another question about whether this is fair market value and is this area of town in need of this facility. Mr. Dillon answered that this area of Commodore Park is in need of parks and we were able to find some land in the area to purchase. He said the other area that was found because it is directly behind what was once the Alaska Greenhouses and it is along Chester Creek, so that would give a park in a underserved area in Muldoon. He said that they had worked to try and find a piece of land along Old Seward Highway but that hasn't been worked out yet due to the cost of the land. He said that staff recommends that the 2.4 Million in the Acquisitions Budget be used to purchase these two pieces of land.

Motion by: Commissioner Beardsley

Seconded by: Commissioner Mason

Motion: In regards to PRC 05-038 Move to Approve Acquisition of Tract B-2B, Commodore Park Subdivision & Fraction of Tract B, Muldoon Estates Subdivision

Motion passed unanimously

b) Anchorage Parks & Recreation 2006 Operating Budget, Final Recommendation PRC 05-033

Motion by: Commissioner Balamaci

Seconded by: Commissioner Loeffler

Motion: In the matter of PRC 05-033 there is Final Approval by the Parks & Recreation Commission of the Operating Budget, which is stated in the Document the Resolution on Page 4 of the Packet.

There was a discussion about the motion including fees. Jeff Dillon brought up that perhaps there needed to be a Worksession to discuss the issue.

It was decided that the Worksession would be on Tuesday September 27th from 4 until 6 at City Hall.

There was a question about the meetings with users groups were they to be strictly for the purpose of talking about doing there own maintenance. Mr. Dillon answered that no if there is still going to be real cost than no he could not recommend making an adjustment other than if the user group can step forward and take over items that we have to spend money on and we will leave it up to the commission to make whatever recommendation otherwise.

Commissioner Balamaci withdrew the motion

Commissioner Loeffler agreed

The motion was withdrawn

VI. DIRECTORS REPORT

VII. PRC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park Naming Committee—Commissioner Beardsley reported that the Park Naming Committee is being handled by the Mayor's Office. He said that in regards to memorial benches and those types of things the Park Foundation will be handling those. He said that there will not be a Park Naming Committee meeting although there has been one request and he does not know what process this will be handled through.

Non-Profit Grants Committee—Commissioner Beardsley reported that the applications have been out since the first week in May and he would like to get the committee together the first week in October.