

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA**

**REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021
7:00 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the City of Palmer Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Bennett at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present and constituting a quorum were Board Members:

Marilyn Bennett, Chair	Shannon Connelly, Vice Chair
Lisa Albert-Konecky	Penny Mosher
Joseph Parreira	Ryan Richard

Absence(s): Jo Ehmann (unexcused by Board confirmation)

Also present were:

Chris Nall, Public Works Director
Pam Whitehead, Recording Secretary (via teleconference)

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Main Motion: For approval of the agenda as presented.

Moved by:	Richard
Seconded by:	Parreira
Vote:	Unanimous (<i>Absent:</i> Ehmann)
Action:	Motion Carried without objection.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Main Motion: For approval of the Minutes of the May 6, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.

Moved by:	Parreira
Seconded by:	Albert-Konecky
Vote:	Unanimous; (<i>Absent:</i> Ehmann)
Action:	Motion Carried without objection.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

G. REPORTS:

1. Hagen Park Update (UWMS) – Director Nall reported:
 - Provided an update on the status of equipment installation by United Way of Mat-Su;
 - Equipment is stored in the Public Works yard, waiting to be installed.

2. Veterans & First Responders Walk – Board Member Richard reported:

- Narrated a slide presentation on his investigation of the proposed locations for the Memorial, including maps and photos, primarily centering around the Veterans and Pioneer Home and Downtown Palmer, as well as the Railroad Right-of-Way; emphasized that the Veterans and Pioneer Home was very receptive to locating a memorial at its location;
- Questions and further open discussion ensued noting ideal location, located Downtown, adjacent to the Business District, ideal for foot traffic; there was discussion regarding funding.

Main Motion: To Build a Veterans Memorial at the Veterans and Pioneer Home if feasible.

Moved by:	Bennett
Seconded by:	Mosher
Vote:	Unanimous; (<i>Absent:</i> Ehmann)
Action:	Motion Carried without objection.

Board Member Richard noted he will present options at the next meeting for the Board to move forward on the project. There were no objections.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **PRAB Resolution No. 21-001:** A Resolution of the City of Palmer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Recommending the Support of the City Council for the Palmer Rotary and Wasilla Sunrise Club's Project to Resurface the Palmer Tennis Courts.

Director Nall updated as to status, noting that the Palmer Rotary and Wasilla Sunrise Club will be at the next City Council meeting in support of Council direction to the City Manager to include \$25,000 in the 2022 Budget for the project.

Main Motion: For adoption for PRAB Resolution No. 21-001.

Moved by:	Parreira
Seconded by:	Mosher
Vote:	Unanimous; (<i>Absent:</i> Ehmann)
Action:	Motion Carried by roll call vote.

K. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board Member Mosher:

- Spoke in appreciation of Board Member Richard's for his presentation and work on the Veterans' Memorial;
- Thank you to Director Nall for his hard work.

Board Member Albert-Konecky:

- Commented she is excited about the new tennis courts;
- Also thanked Board Member Richard for his work on the Palmer Veterans' Memorial and is more than willing to help.

Vice Chair Connelly:

- Commented thank you to Board Member Richard on the Veterans' Memorial, that it will be of benefit to our community;
- Spoke in appreciate of Director Nall's work with this Board over the years; that he will be missed and wished him well.

Chair Bennett:

- Also spoke in appreciation that the Veterans' Memorial is being revived and is thrilled it looks like it's going to happen; offered to help find funding for it;
- Also spoke in appreciation for Director Nall helping to keep the Board on track; that he will be missed.

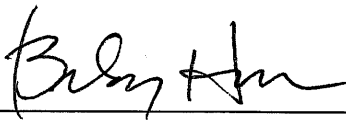
Director Nall thanked the Board, noting this will be his last meeting; informed that Community Development will now provide staff support for this Board by the new Parks and Facilities Manager. He has enjoyed his work with the Board and its projects.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

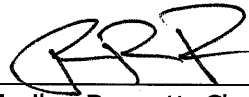
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned without objection at 7:47 p.m.

Next meeting is November 4, 2021.

APPROVED BY the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board this 4th day of November, 2021.

for


Cotton Gore, Parks and Facilities Manager



Marilyn Bennett, Chair