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Board, Commission, Committee

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Current of Prior Experience on CBJ Boards/Commissions/Committees

I do not have experience on CBJ boards or committees, however I have served on and worked closely with several non profit boards in Juneau and southeast Alaska.

Reasons for Applying

I am applying to the City and Borough of Juneau Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee because I believe recreation is a fundamental component of life in Juneau. The unparalleled access to a wide range of outdoor activities is a major reason many people, including myself, choose to live here. Our city has done an excellent job of supporting and enhancing this aspect of our community, and I am deeply interested in ensuring that this public investment continues to make Juneau a great place to live for generations to come.

As someone who regularly uses our city's recreation facilities, especially the public pools and trails, I am committed to advocating for the continued development and maintenance of these vital resources. Having

transitioned out of my role as Executive Director of Trail Mix, where I closely followed the work of the PRAC for the past nine years, I now have the time and capacity to engage more directly and meaningfully with the board.

I view this as an opportunity to contribute to the community and uphold the values of civic engagement that I hold dear. As a member of the PRAC, I would prioritize accessible recreational opportunities for all community members, a balanced approach to commercial and non-commercial recreation, and support the department leveraging state and federal matching funds to enhance Juneau's recreational opportunities.

Qualifications

My qualifications for serving on the CBJ Parks and Recreation Advisory Board stem from my extensive experience and commitment to the community. As the Executive Director of Trail Mix Inc. since 2020 and an employee since 2015, I have worked closely with the CBJ Parks and Recreation Department, gaining a deep understanding of its programming, policies, and the challenges and opportunities within our recreational infrastructure.

I am also well-versed in the civic process and Robert's Rules of Order, ensuring effective and orderly meeting conduct. My familiarity with the practices and policies of the CBJ Parks and Recreation Department further equips me to contribute effectively to the board.

My long-term residence in Juneau and homeownership on Crow Hill with my wife Sarah demonstrate my investment in this community. Over the past nine years, I have closely followed the work of the PRAC, gaining valuable insights into its operations and impact. My professional background, combined with my personal commitment to utilizing and supporting public recreation facilities, uniquely positions me to contribute effectively to the board's mission.

I believe in the responsibility and importance of civic engagement and am eager to bring my experience, passion, and dedication to the PRAC to help enhance the quality of life for all Juneau residents.

Civic Activities, Memberships or Non-profits Involved With

Trail Mix, Executive Director, 2015-2024

Trail Mix, Volunteer, 2024 -

Working with a Group

As the Executive Director of Trail Mix, I have had extensive experience working with a diverse range of outdoor recreation user groups in Juneau, including but not limited to the Nordic Ski Club, the Juneau Off-Road Association, the Grateful Dogs of Juneau, and the Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance. Through my interactions with these varied groups, I have gained a deep understanding of the perceived and real conflicts that can arise between different user interests.

My role has required me to balance these opposing perspectives effectively. I empathize with recreators and recognize their specific needs and concerns, while also understanding the importance of creating and maintaining broadly accessible recreational facilities for the entire community. I firmly believe that the best solutions come from collaboration, rooted in a strong sense of community and compassion.

By fostering open communication and encouraging cooperative efforts, I have successfully mediated conflicts and helped develop recreation projects that serve a wide range of interests. My ability to navigate these dynamics ensures that I can contribute positively to the CBJ Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, promoting inclusive and harmonious recreational opportunities for all Juneau residents.

Meeting Schedule and Attendance

Yes

Date of Birth (Optional)

Ethnicity (Optional)

White

Gender (Optional)

Male

Acknowledgement/Certification

Ryan Patrick O'Shaughnessy

Resume, Education, etc. (Optional)

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