



TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
FROM: George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director
DATE: February 28, 2025
RE: March 4, 2025 Meeting

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Please find enclosed the information supporting your agenda topics for this meeting. The meeting is anticipated to last 60 minutes and will take place virtually via **Zoom Webinar**. To join the Zoom Webinar, go to <https://juneau.zoom.us/j/94184441385> or call 1-253-205-0468. **Webinar ID:** 87003674124.

NEW BUSINESS

Adair-Kennedy Memorial Park

Voters approved a \$6.6 million general obligation bond for park and trail improvements in 2022, including \$5 million for improvements at Adair-Kennedy Memorial Park. The initial scope of this project included installation of an artificial turf baseball/softball field and rehabilitation of the track. With the artificial turf field coming in under budget, additional items were added, including new LED lighting, new fencing, and new dugouts. Approximately \$1.4 million in bond funds remain available for the project.

Project consultants discovered that the 40-year-old track is in such poor condition that it cannot be repaired due to the degraded asphalt under the rubber surface, which itself has many bubbles, rips and tears. A complete replacement is estimated to cost up to \$4 million. Given the recent closure of Floyd Dryden Middle School and the consolidation of Thunder Mountain High School and Juneau-Douglas High School, the Juneau School District has indicated that the track at Thunder Mountain Middle School is sufficient to meet the needs of high school sports.

As a result, the Department recommends using the remaining bond funds for other priorities that will improve the park and support youth sports, including JSD activities. These include:

- Replace the failing press box at the football field
- Replace failing field lighting at the football field with LEDs
- Renovate the plaza between the football and baseball fields
- Replace temporary sheds with permanent storage for user groups and sports teams

- Replace the restroom/concession building

Action Requested:

Staff are seeking a recommendation from the PRAC regarding how to proceed with remaining work at Adair-Kennedy Memorial Park, including the proposed project list. This could include a recommendation to proceed as outlined above, or a request for more information and/or development of alternatives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Trail Mix Update – *Presented by Meghan Tabacek, Executive Director, Trail Mix, Inc.*

Trail Mix Executive Director Meghan Tabacek will share an update on Trail Mix operations, including projects completed in 2024 and plans for the 2025 field season.

Jackie Renninger Memorial Park - Final Master Plan

Following a lengthy public process throughout 2024, the final master plan for improvements to Jackie Renninger Memorial Park were completed in February. A final meeting with stakeholders was held with skaters and pickleball players to confirm overall direction for the project. The Assembly has appropriated an additional \$1 million toward bid-ready design and construction expenses. Total project costs are estimated at about \$7.5 million, with a voter-approved general obligation bond the likely funding source.

Dimond Park Field House Injury

We received a report of a child that was struck in the head by the front door of the Dimond Park Field House while another patron was exiting. Replacement of the doors has been on an extensive list of unfunded deferred maintenance projects for CBJ facilities. As a short-term solution to prevent this incident from happening again before the doors are replaced, staff are cutting windows into the doors.