TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director

DATE: March 30, 2023

RE: April 4, 2023 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 in person at City Hall and virtually via **Zoom Webinar**. To join the Zoom Webinar, go to https://juneau.zoom.us/j/94184441385 or call 1-253-215-8782. **Webinar ID:** 941 8444 1385.

NEW BUSINESS

Sled Hill Lighting at Savikko Park – *Presented by M. Elfers*

The packet for tonight's meeting contains a letter to the Committee from Douglas residents Sandy and Suzanne Williams requesting that a light be installed to better illuminate the access trail to the sledding hill in Savikko Park. While minor projects are not typically presented to the PRAC for a recommendation, staff is aware that residents along St. Anne's Ave. may have concerns about this proposal. To alert residents that the issue would be coming before the PRAC, staff issued an information release, posted on social media, and delivered notices to homes located within about 100 yards of the proposed light location with information about tonight's meeting.

Recommended Motion:

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that the Department install a light above the Savikko Park sledding hill access trail, taking reasonable steps to minimize glare for nearby homes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

35-Mile ORV Park Management – *Presented by M. Elfers*

Aquatics – Free open swims are being offered at Augustus Brown Pool ahead of its closure for renovations on April 4, 2023. "Dog Day at the Pool" happened on Sunday, April 3rd. Dimond Park Aquatic Center will be open for extended hours while Augustus Brown Pool is closed.

The Parks & Recreation Department is offering 98 slots for swim lessons this spring, with registration opening at noon on April 3rd. Additional lessons will be offered this summer.

We are excited to offer Chair Yoga at the Dimond Park Aquatic Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am – 12pm beginning April 4th. Chair yoga can help release tension and stress, improve physical agility, strengthen balance, and improve range of motion, focus, and coordination. No experience is necessary and all ages are welcome to join.

The Dimond Park Aquatic Center hosted the Southeast Championship Swim Meet March 31 – April 2, the second major swim meet hosted in Juneau in recent weeks.

Treadwell Arena – Treadwell Arena hosted the 12U A state tournament March 17-20, drawing rave reviews from visiting teams and locals alike. This tournament brought hundreds of hockey players, coaches, and parents to Juneau, and the Juneau Capitals hockey team played some great games.

Parks & Landscape – Every year, the City and Borough of Juneau relies on the generosity of local citizens to add beautiful flowers to Juneau's landscape through the Adopt-A-Flower program. All donations go into funding 200 hanging baskets, 60 flower barrels, and 50 flower beds and planters seen throughout town, from the Juneau International Airport to Downtown Juneau. Donate online here: bit.ly/registerCBJparks (look under Special Events). All donations received by May 7 will be recognized on an Adopt-A-Flower sign displayed at Marine Park Plaza. Donations for the Adopt-A-Flower program come in various funding levels:

✿ Seedling Sponsor $15 – $99
✿ Flower Bed Sponsor $100 – $249
✿ Flower Barrel Sponsor $250 – $499
✿ Hanging Basket Sponsor at $500 and up

The first seven people who donate $500 or above will receive a hanging basket from the landscape crew.

Sports & Community Recreation – Walk Southeast is returning this summer, and we're excited to once again partner with Alaska Airlines on this 297-mile virtual trek all summer long. Visit juneau.gov/parks-rec for all the details.