



Director Report: July 14, 2022 for 4:00 pm Advisory Board meeting on July 21, 2022

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First of all, I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Malena Marvin and Kacey Hammer for jumping in to assist with our Community Center Celebration! Your help in the gym was greatly appreciated – it needs as many eyes on the commotion as possible to keep it fun and safe for all enthusiasts and you helped make that possible. Please know that your volunteerism meant a lot to the Parks and Rec team!

Secondly, Welcome Kacey, to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board! We are happy and excited to have you join us and our endeavors to provide the most we can to the community we serve! ...Cheers!

### **Operations**

- In end of April, we hired Joe McLitus for our Parks and Maintenance Laborer position. The employee in this position joins Colin, our Grounds Keeper, in April to assist in summer groundskeeping work then comes to the Community Center to assist Keith in facility maintenance projects. Joe has had his own landscaping business down south (WA) and has a multitude of mechanical knowledge. He has proven to be a hard and dedicated employee and we are enjoying having him as part of our Parks and Rec team!
- Little Norway Festival activities were a huge success! Seemed like record numbers this year, streets were packed!!
- We moved one of our Lifeguards into the Facility Specialist position, Britin Coulson! He works the mid-day shift and splits his time between the Front Desk and the Pool Deck to LG. He is working the dual role position very well 😊
- On May 10<sup>th</sup> we had AKOSH come visit our facility for Health and Safety hazards. Most were “corrected on site” and others are minimal hazards. We have until Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> to remedy, well on our way to reach that goal.

### **Maintenance Closure Accomplishments!**

- The main electrical repairs were accomplished! The electrical panels are in their established position outside the boiler room, and the new boilers were installed.
- Our antiquated lighting system was updated as its panel was also damaged and replaced.
- Many other smaller projects within that project were also fixed. However, we still have work to do:
  - Pump 5 (P5) is failing – terribly. P5 moves water through heat exchanger which heats the HVAC unit and pools. We have ordered its replacement but are afraid that it may not make it on time. To create a temp fix, we have just yesterday received 2 – 4”x 25’ sections of high temp hose to connect to another similar and redundant pump (P1B) so that it can take over the work until the new P5 can get here and be installed. Behrends Mechanical

will be sending their crew down very soon to complete this temp fix. They also ordered all the needed flanges and have received them.

- 6 other pumps are not as bad, but also on their way out. These also have been ordered. 3 of these (P5, P1A & P1B) all have 6-8wk lead times, plus travel, and contractor schedule time before they can be replaced. These all were ordered 6/15.
  - Exhaust Fan had to be replaced and will need to change location. The exhaust fan will be here any day. Hoping that all items arrive so that the temp pump fix and this can be done at the same time.
  - Alaska Commercial Contractors (ACC) are here in town to clean soot and damaged Boiler Room area and repaint.
  - The pipes in room also need to be reinsulated.
  - Boiler Emergency Shut Off's were waiting for a part that has been received and will be placed soon.
  - The Boiler Plate has a rating that is not allowable and our Electrical Engineer and Electrical Contractor are fighting that currently with the State and Manufacturer, Square D Electrical Engineers, and the NFPA.
- As you likely know, we saw bubbles coming up through the Leisure Pool floor. Pools need to be resurfaced and that is a conversation that I have already started with the school and the Borough to consider doing and preparing for in the next 2-3 years. BUT – we got the paint, got it painted, filled, and up to temp. The pool will reopen on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>!
  - The only thing that we did not get done that I had listed in my last update was repainting the Fitness Center halls. Some day. We really want to but it will be a big endeavor and needs to be done with enough time for fumes to dissipate before patrons return to the building.

#### **Operations, cont'd:**

- I have been working with PIA and State on Severson Trail proposal. We are trying to work around land ownership issues and State land leases.
- Summer Volleyball Camp has a good turnout with larger group for older kids than younger kids. But all are having fun, reviewing skills and learning new ones!
- We have purchased 2 Oculus VR units to host inhouse rental opportunities for families to come and enjoy! We are in the beginning processes of this new offering and will be announcing soon!
- Petersburg Rotary has purchased and installed Mobi-Mat walkway around and into the Sandy Beach Playground to assist with any mobility issues for visitors! Now all areas and structures are accessible for all. I will have a sample of this at the meeting, but it is 100% recycled and recyclable, permeable for rain and melting snow, 10+ yr life expectancy, easy to maintain/uninstall/reinstall, light weight, and made in the USA!
- Have 2 LG's on staff at the current time, with certified Facility Staff jumping in to cover when needed so that we don't wear out our LG's. Theresa has been coming in to open and guard our morning swims, on days that she isn't already in the pool hosting our water aerobics class. Every other LG certified staff has been taking shifts as well. It has been quite the balancing act and we appreciate all the teamwork and efforts to keep it all going with no program cancellations.
- We have budgeted for new pool covers, stainless steel toilets for park restrooms and bearproof trash cans at our parks – those orders are currently in the works.

## Upcoming

- Southeast Alaska Watershed Council will be hosting a meeting in our Activity Room on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 12p to discuss interpretive signage for Sandy Beach park. Update to be made at our Advisory Board meeting the following day.
- We have another LG CERTIFICATION COURSE coming up July 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> – please help spread the word and refer any interest to Scott Burt!
- We are also hosting a Swim Lesson Assessment! Any interested families can bring in their kiddos, we will host an in-pool assessment of their water comfort capabilities, then get them signed up for the proper Learn To Swim level of swim lessons (lesson date TBD). The assessment will happen on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – we will be advertising everywhere! I will have the date of assessment at our upcoming meeting.
- Adaptive Swim will resume using some time in the pool on July 25<sup>th</sup>, and HS Swim team will begin their time in early August. VSC has resigned their contract for another great season ahead.
- Our Youth Basketball season will also begin registration in mid – late August and season starts early September. Limited scholarships are available, made possible by Petersburg Elks Lodge, distributed by Parks and Rec on a first come, first serve basis when registration opens.
- Julie will be working with Girls On The Run for their summer camp in early August, and stepping in as additional coach as needed.
- Triathlon Club will be pushing our efforts and scheduling some events for this fall – stay tuned!
- We will be expanding our LG certifications to include waterfront lifeguarding to safely conduct any Triathlon off-site swim events. All our certifications are done through the American Red Cross.
- I will be out of the office 8/5 – 8/20 on a personal trip to the Brooks Range. Julie Anderson will be Acting Director in my absence.
- I will be attending Alaska Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) conference in Soldotna Oct. 10 – 14.

This concludes my report. Please present any questions that you may have.