



Director Report: Dec. 12, 2022, for 4:00pm Advisory Board meeting on Dec. 15, 2022

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It's the magical time of year, so they say... I see nothing but frozen pipes and slippery walkways. But that is just me! So our focus is safety and maintenance during this time of year. Plus, all the other stuff! So, without further ado, on to all the stuff!

Operations

- I participated in the KFSK Membership drive with a P&R update on Oct. 3rd. KFSK has always been a great way to get information out to our community and we appreciate their support.
- I attended the Alaska Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) Conference in Soldotna. This was my first time at an ARPA event, and it was FANTASTIC to connect with other local P&R teams throughout the state, focusing on our uniqueness. The next conference will be hosted in Wrangell! I will be spending the week down there helping our neighbor prepare. I also plan for Julie Anderson and Scott Burt to attend the two days of conference: Sept. 20th & 21st.
- Our Pool Covers have arrived! We plan to install them during winter break.
- We had 3 cameras installed at the Cemetery, which also required internet access with AP&T via their phone line. We get the occasional night-time visitors that are up to no good.
- We did host another Pumpkin Plunge – we just cannot get over the pumpkins in the pool and will strive to make that a yearly event!
- Halloween Hustle was another success. Thank goodness we hosted outside; the power outage would have added another element of spooky but would have been a bit chaotic. Thank you to Sarah Fine-Walsh who helped with creating a new favorite and must-have for next year!
- Julie and I attended a meeting with a HALO representative. HALO is a vape detecting device, much like a smoke and carbon monoxide detector, but so much more! The school is installing these in their facilities, and we would like to follow suite, as we have experienced the same problems here. These \$7,000 (7 devices only, not including local installation) one-time costs will have to wait for budget inclusion or grant funds. I have the flier attached.
- We co-hosted the Turkey Trot with PMC on Friday, Nov. 25th – great way to “Strut your stuffing”!
- Our Ice Skate Pond lights have been installed! We are tweaking things but have them mostly dialed in. Light visors have been ordered to help with light spill. Love seeing the activity up there! A fire pit will be added soon, PVFD has been consulted for this and just sprayed a fresh layer of water to smooth out the pond. If you haven't been up there to check out the new lights, you should! They are timed to turn on only between the hours of 3p – 10p daily. Colin has also placed a picnic table up there. Am working with Homeport Electronics to get 2 cameras up there, Hammer & Wikan will be donating to the \$4,500 cost.
- We closed for ALICE training on Friday, Dec. 2nd. All our staff attended, except for 3 that were unable to make it.
- As you all have heard, both Resolution 2022-20 (Bike Park) and 2022-21 (Sewer Project) were approved unanimously at Dec. 5th Assembly meeting!

- Bike Park will begin understory clearing and project execution discussions soon. Pat Blair will be returning to town and Sig will be more available for these discussions. I have created a volunteer list for work party invitations. If you know anyone who would like to be on it, please have them reach out to me for inclusion.
- I signed the RSA Engineering, Inc. proposal for the biddable document creation immediately and they are beginning the process. We are looking to have this project happen during summer 2023. This will require a closure of the Gym portion of the facility (the Aquatic Center will remain available for use, except during our annual cleaning/maintenance closure tentatively scheduled for May 25th – June 9th. More definitive dates will be given for our next meeting.
- We have our Winter Wonderland event happening on Saturday, Dec. 17th, 4p-6p. Our facility will be closed from 3p-7:30p so that all staff can put 100% focus on event. Wes Malcom has already cut and delivered the many trees needed to meander through the parking lot. Julie has put in many hours working with the elementary kids to craft ornaments for the classroom trees – and to make the event a success! Many props to her!!
- Winter Break officially begins Mon., Dec. 19th and ends Wed. Jan. 4th when the kids resume classes. We have more available activities added for the extra time and space that we get during this time. These times for extra pool and gym activities are posted on FB and around the facility. They include more Open Swims, a Pool Movie Night, daily Indoor Gym times as well as Open Gym scheduled.
- We will be closed for the following dates with upcoming holidays (also posted in :
 - Close at 1p on Saturday, Dec. 24th
 - Closed Monday, Dec. 26th
 - Close at 1p on Saturday, Dec. 31st
 - Closed Monday, Jan. 2nd
- We have our volleyball registration open for the season to begin January 9th and end February 11th. Chrystine Lynn will be coaching.
- Youth Soccer is slated to begin directly after Volleyball – if coaches can be secured! Julie is working hard to make this happen.
- Our Winter Solstice triathlon has been rescheduled for January – keep any eye out for details!
- Our 6 new bear-proof trashcans have arrived and are slated for a spring installation.

Maintenance

- The leak in the boiler room was repaired (temp) by APEX. The leaking area was soldered but a more solid repair needs to happen soon. Minor repair.
- Some fire repair work has also happened: installation of the exhaust fan (cooling the room dramatically!!), emergency boiler shut off shunt was installed, as well as the motor starters for the upcoming pump installation. We are planning to complete the final repairs during our annual closure. Left to install are pumps (arrived and on hand), boiler control panel, expansion tank, and insulation. All items are ordered, and we are currently in the manufacturing stages.
- Colin helped me to pressure wash the north side of the Aquatic Center, entry way, and fire alley portions of the facility during the week of Thanksgiving. It looks amazing!! Lots of soaked hours on the manlift.
- We are keeping a very close eye on our HVAC units during these colder months. Keith adjusts internal mechanisms as needed.
- Our new bobcat should be arriving this month. I am working with Director Cotta to get an ETA from Bobcat. Until it arrives, we are reliant on Public Works for plowing our facilities as they can.
- If any concerns are raised about Skate Pond, please bring their concerns to me, or send them my way.

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