

WHITTIER PARKS & REC

REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2025 7pm

MINUTES

Assign recorder: Jamie Loan

Attendance: Jamie Loan, Jen Lang, Aubrey Jurgerson, Victor Shen

Meeting Begins: 7:08pm

New Business

- **Parks**
 - Any updates? - we will get with City Manager before the next meeting
- **Recreation**
 - Kayak rack updates – how's it going so far? More? - it is consistently half full, with residents and visitors alike making use of it. We would really like to get 2-3 more to stage around town and continue to support the growing kayaking community. They cost about \$2,500 plus shipping.
 - Kayak launch infrastructure – status: we will bring it up again at the next ports and harbor meeting
 - Walk to Whittier – Jamie will talk to Tor from Huna Totem. He mentioned they'd pay for a band, buses, etc to have the event thrown and end at the new terminal. PWSSF can help as well.
 - Race over Portage Pass concept – We want to partner with KMTA to throw a portage pass race.
- **Trails**
 - Overland recap
 - August trail day recap – 15 volunteers showed up and put a big dent in the salmon berry bushes on horsetail falls trail.
 - 2025 American Hiking Society Recap – we were charged about \$800 from the camp ground to host the volunteers. They worked about 364 hours on our trails for the week (\$12,000 in value added to our trails). We will see if they can stay at the school next year. Jamie will reapply.
 - Alaska Trails paid crew trail work. Signed off by Chris. Will be working on three different sections of Horsetail Falls Trail.
- **Other**
 - Slugout recap – over 40 volunteers showed up! We collected hundreds of slugs. There's salt, gloves, and bags available at the city building for those wanting to head out again.
 - Wellness Week – Jamie has reached out to PWSSF and 3 health care workers in Girdwood to improve wellness week for 2025.
 - Email list update. Victor, Jamie, Rachel, Ben, Aubrey. Add Jen. Ask several others if they would like to be included.

- Securing trash cans and bike racks. Write comments in public comment opportunities.
- Fall & Winter activity brainstorm. Ice rink. Sledding hill gatherings. Low tide, light up beach. Tree hunt. Indoor recreation classes, yoga, dance, general exercise. Snow sculptures. Igloo. Light up trails. Bonfires. Fall cleanup.
- Total of about 1,500 volunteers hours have been donated total this summer.

Follow up of tasks/to do:

- Victor created signs for trail intersections. Aubrey will paint letters in. - Done
- Victor will talk to Jackie about another kayak rack – In Progress
- Victor and Aubrey will resubmit the Lu Young Park design – In progress
- Story board signs and trail signage, as well as a Seafarer Memorial (Corvus Design): Jamie – In progress
- Send photos of Lu Young Park to Shelby & Victor: All
- Walk to Whittier sub committee: Jamie, Ben, Aubrey
- Talk to Ports & Harbor/Harbormaster about small single launch kayak infrastructure – in progress
- Talk to Adison (Assistant CM) about an RTP grant for the mountain bike trails – Victor & Jamie – need to do
- Contact Hannah Thompson about invasive plant project, and see if Cam & Scott can help source soil – Jamie in progress
- Email Jackie about Shakespeare Beach infrastructure – Jamie

New Tasks/to do:

Next meeting date: September 8, 2025 7PM

Adjournment: 8:12PM