

WHITTIER PARKS & REC
REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2026 6pm
MINUTES

Assign recorder: Aubrey Jurgerson

Attendance: Victor Shen, Aubrey Jurgerson, Jamie Loan

Meeting Begins: 6:15pm

New Business

- **Parks:**
- **Recreation**
 - Bright breaches updates
 - A few folks have been coming, but windy weather is maybe deterring people. Will post another video next time to convince folks of smitty's wind protection. Next one is Jan. 31st. Would like to do a fire again next time.
 - Lantern trails/contest
 - Use lights to make a "scene" (photo op), at a trail head or other protected public area. Could use some battery lights, various yard ornaments, snow sculptures/igloo. Could make it a contest (business, classes, family). Ice lanterns.
 - Yoga update
 - Mondays are challenging for folks now after the new year. Jen is available Monday 7-8, Tuesday 6-7, or mid-day Thursdays. Jamie will make a poll for people to share their preferred days. Bring little lanterns for next time.
- **Trails**
 - Volunteer Days (Alaska Trail Stewards, Overland, American Hiking society
 - AK Trails and overland want to figure out volunteer days. AK Trails steward days to be scheduled for June 6th, July 11th, and August 8th, and September 12th.
 - Overland days, June 29th – July 2nd, July 13th – 17th, July 27th – 31st. Will take session 1 and 2. Possibly not the third session.
 - AHS will arrive either on the 20th or 21st and leave on the 27th. Jamie will look into getting a facility use permit to have these folks be able to use the school.
 - Trail Contractor projects
 - AK Trails we have for three weeks this year. Trail coordinator (Ben Irwin) and Victor did a survey of Horsetail Falls trail work priorities. Slippery and challenging spot suggested by Jamie for AK Trails to look at; switchback right after the connector intersection.
 - Maybe not for contracted crews but thinking about shorter trail projects.
 - Winter trails

- Victor took the snow machine out and packed down res. rd and horsetail to see if the snow would stay with wind picking up.
- **Other**
 - Walk to Whittier
 - Jamie is waiting to hear back from Tor, and the final cruise ship calendar. Jamie, Ben and Aubrey would like to meet soon to go over more details.
 - Clean up week dates
 - Clean up week May 10th –16th. HOB cleanup 16th.
 - AARP grant opportunity
 - Small community grants going towards bettering communities (accessibility, fitness). Grants close in a couple of months.
 - Summer solstice
 - Sunday the 21st. Father's day. Jamie will email Jackie about seeing if we can get the whole launch ramp shut down for the short duration of the race.

Follow up of tasks/to do:

- Story board signs and trail signage, as well as a Seafarer Memorial (Corvus Design): Jamie – In progress
- Walk to Whittier sub committee: Jamie, Ben, Aubrey – In Progress
- Talk to Ports & Harbor/Harbormaster about small single launch kayak infrastructure – in progress
- RTP trails grants
- Victor talk with Kris about kayak racks – Victor
- Rachel will get with Cam about the planter initiative
- We need people to follow up with the basketball and volleyball idea to get community members to sign up as a team. Rachel & Jamie
- Victor will contact Rob Raincock about a disc golf course
- We will all come up with ideas for the relay and plan for solstice – Done

New Tasks/to do:

- **Plan to have fire pit available for harbor cleanup/dive Feb 7th - Jamie**

Next meeting date: Monday February 2nd 2026

Adjournment: 7:22PM