

WHITTIER PARKS & REC

REGULAR MEETING

April 6, 2026 6pm

MINUTES

Assign recorder: Jamie Loan

Attendance: Victor Shen, Jamie Loan, Jackie Wilde

Meeting Begins: 6:37pm

New Business

- **Parks:**

- Park planning/project updates
 - Waterfall – Jamie & Jackie discussed a memorial fund to build a pavilion in the new park. We want to clear the area behind the school this year.
 - Lu Young - we had a planning session. We will get the final draft to Jackie.
 - Wellfield - we have to wait until the well field project is over to revamp the park.
 - mini/pocket parks – Victor & Jamie applied for a grant for picnic tables and kayak racks. We are working on different locations around town.
- Kayak rack purchase on top of grant applied for
- We would like to apply to be a heritage city, so that we can apply for more grants, historic signage and park equipment, etc.

- **Recreation:**

- Recommending closure to snow machines -- we're seeing a lot of snow machine recreators threatening to sue Whittier and other small communities. The snow is already very low and the trail is lightly damaged. We are hoping all those choosing to recreate in Whittier act responsibly.
- Collecting cardboard for Wishwash and other details – we are going to call and try to coordinate a select few caravan days to try to get all of the cardboard in a short amount of time.
- Walk to Whittier – Huna has offered to pay for bussing for the event. Jamie needs to send the plan to the commissioner to see if he will approve it.

- **Trails**

- Service group from Girdwood Church in June – They want to come down in mid June and help clear brush around the sledding hill.
- Trail contractor work locations
- Volunteer group projects – we need to get to and spread the gravel on Horsetail Falls.

- **Other**

- Clean up week / HOB clean up- HOB May 16th
- Tools wishlist for projects this year
- Kids don't float pfd station at Smitty's with FD – we have lumber to build a box
- Bike racks (recommend locations) - we will make a map for rack locations
- Pulling tool cache out of storage
- Outreach volunteer recruitment for events/projects - Symposium, school, etc.
- Official Parks and rec position – we'd like to eventually have a paid parks and rec position with a small board.
- KMTA wants to do the summer camp again this year. Total cost is \$150/student. We want to create sponsorship and paying down the fees so that it costs \$50 or less per student.

Follow up of tasks/to do:

- Jamie will talk to Harbor Master about a kayak launch on the passenger dock.
- 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 - some done
- Rachel will get with Cam about the planter initiative
- Victor will contact Rob Raincock about a disc golf course - Progress
- Email Jackie about having launch ramp closed for Solstice – Jamie - done

New Tasks/to do:

Next meeting date:

Adjournment: