

**Mat Su State Parks
Citizens Advisory Board
Draft Minutes
October 12, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Anderson at 07:05 pm.

A quorum of the Citizens Advisory Board was present and due notice had been published.

I. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Anderson	Glenn Goodman	Roy Wahl
Steve Charles	Neil Fox	Robert Homer
Dave Horn	John Strassenburgh	

II. MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Ronnback

III. MEMBERS EXCUSED

Howard Carbone
Chris Hospidales

IV. STATE PARK STAFF PRESENT

Teri Zell

V. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: John Strassenburgh moved to approve the minutes from May 11, 2010 with minor format/spelling/grammar corrections; Steve Charles seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- ◆ Notice of Tall Towers Ordinance review meeting -18 October
- ◆ Notice of Advisory Board teleconference - 13 October.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- ◆ Teri Zell and Steve Charles presented an application for CAB membership on behalf of Donna J. Quante. Donna is a resident of Willow, Alaska and has a vast array of state park knowledge. The board recommended Teri Zell contact Donna and confirm a date for the board to meet and interview Donna. Teri will schedule for a future board meeting.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ The Matanuska Greenbelt Project – Neil F. reported that involvement on the green belt project remains active and positive. Mat-Su College Director, Talis Colberg seeks to support many events to enhance the efforts on trail planning and development. A trail building course is being offered at the Mat-Su College; costs are \$35.00 and open to the public.
- ◆ Denali State Park SPUD Committee –John S. reported that Dwayne Adams (formerly of Land Design North and presently with USKH) and the working committee had completed work on the draft. Dwayne submitted the draft SPUD revision to the Borough in early July. The draft is currently in Borough hands.
- ◆ Nancy Lake SRA Mgmt Plan – Steve C. reported additional meetings will be sought by planners to gain more detail on the public comments received thus far. Additional meetings are pending but not yet scheduled.
- ◆ 40th Anniversary Celebration IMSHP Committee –Roy W. reported a resounding success with the state park celebration at IMSHP. Notable assistance was provided by many volunteers including a team from Alaska Military Youth Academy. Great comments and donations were received by visitors to the park during the event.

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In Wayne's absence, Teri provided the following information.

- ◆ Visitor counts increased for FY2010 to 1.3 million, up from 969,000 in 2009.
- ◆ Denali State Park trail improvements via FEMA funding – Byers Lake Loop completed, Cascade and Upper Troublesome Creek, work continues
- ◆ NLSRA Ranger on Field Training Program most of summer. Natural Resource Technician II Vic ran both trail crews in DSP and NLSRA with excellent trail bosses.
- ◆ IMSHP closed. This resulted in negative press but did gain notoriety by the public which did raise awareness to funding needs. Possible re-hire of park specialist January 2011.
- ◆ Mat-Su lost one ranger to Chugach State Park. Numerous interviews are pending.
- ◆ Ski grooming contract unknown, subject to funding by borough assembly.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ The Bylaws Committee – John S., on behalf of the Bylaw Committee, presented the final draft of the bylaws dated May 5, 2010. This draft, along with the existing bylaws, had been distributed to the Board at its May 2010

meeting. The board noted the many hours of dedicated work to revise the bylaws and establish the draft and thanked the committee for the great work they accomplished. The board noted the following within the bylaws:

- Page 3, Section III, Item #2 – Omit last sentence in this paragraph.
- Page 6, Section VI, Item #3 – changed notification requirements to 10 days from 14 days.
- Page 7 Section X. Item #1 Para g. – Changed “Proposals for” to “consideration of”. The purpose was to clarify the intent that the Board consulted on general aspects of acquisition rather than details like sale price; the board wanted this item highlighted for director King comment and review when the bylaws go forward for approval.
- Several minor editorial corrections.

John moved and Neil seconded to approve the bylaws with the changes noted above. The motion passed unanimously.

In a related action and in order to make the board term expiration date, which is currently December 31st of the appropriate year, consistent with the provision on Page 5, Section IV, Item #5, the Board voted to change the expiration dates of seated Board members to May 31st of the appropriate year. Steve C. moved and John seconded to make the change. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Legislative Briefing Committee – Mary A. reported that the building restoration at Independence Mine State Historical Park is on the funding list to be considered by the legislature.
- ◆ Teri Z. will get the presentation on CD and submitted to Mary by 20 November. The final presentation needs to be done by 15 December.

XIII. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next meeting will be held on November 9, 2010. Location Wasilla Middle School at 7pm.

Submitted by: Robert Homer

Acting Secretary, Mat-Su State Parks Citizens Advisory Board