

Seward State Parks Citizen Advisory Board
Special Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2014
Seward Library-Community Room

- I. **Call to Order:** 17:00
- II. **Board members present:** Mark Lutrell, John Eavis, Carol Griswold, Terry Rude, Denise Plush, Dan Walker, Mark Dalpes
Board members absent: Pat O’leary, Kent Berkland, Benjamin Pister (approved absences)
- III. **Parks Staff:** Jack Ransom, Tom Kain
- IV. **Public attendance:** 2
- V. **Develop a list of goals for the Seward Area park units:** The citizen advisory board called for a special meeting to establish a list of goals that they hope to accomplish in the years to come. They are divided into time sensitive goals (Top action Goals) and long term goals (Advisory Board Priorities). Below is a recap of the discussions from the special meeting.

Top Action Goals

- Increase local park staff by extending current six-month specialist position to ten months and create additional three to six-month tech positions.
- Maintain and improve trails, facilities, and public use cabins to preserve park investments and support public use.
- Participate in the land acquisition process initiated by the Kenai Peninsula Borough with the intent of preserving Bear Glacier lands in the state hands.
- Acquire and install mooring buoys for North Beach in the spring of 2014, one for state park use and one for the public.
- Develop a plan for site selections, design, funding, and construction of a shop and equipment storage located in Seward.
- Develop historical interpretive plan for Caines Head Park.

Advisory Board Priorities (in no particular order)

1. Build a Quonset hut style PUC in Caines Head State Park
2. Relocate Callisto Cabin in secure permanent location.

3. Increase local park staff by extending current specialist six month contract to ten months and creating one or two three to six-month tech positions.
4. Develop a plan for managing camping and traffic in North Beach area in the next decade.
5. Add land to the parks from the following areas:
 - Bear Glacier land adjacent to National Park and State Park
 - Exit Glacier/ Box Canyon
 - Tonsina Water Shed
 - Fourth of July Creek Beach Area
6. Mooring buoys for North Beach, one for park use one for the public
7. Relocate and replace the South Fork Tonsina Creek Bridge
8. New landing craft for Resurrection Bay
9. New shop and equipment storage yard for Seward
10. Work with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and Alaska State Troopers to extend and/or manage parking at Lowell Point
11. Develop historical interpretive plan for Caines Head State Recreation Area.
12. Highlight and promote kayaking throughout Resurrection Bay and beyond
13. Upgrade and maintain existing cabins and trails
14. Review and update management plan

Possible inclusions:

- Replace the Picnic Shelter at North Beach that was torn down in 2007
- Lowell Point SRS signage upgrades

VI. **Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be March 6 from 5:00-7:00 at the Seward Community Library.

Dan Walker called for a motion to adjourn. Mark Dalpes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.