

MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING

- The February 11th, 2020 meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM at the Ketchikan Public Library conference room.
- Advisory Board members present: Leslie Jackson, Amanda Kiely, Caroline Seabright, Adam Minshall, Arika Paquette, Richard Hauver, Teri Hoyt, Shelly Acteson and Floyd McCellan
- Staff present: Aaron Ostby,
- The agenda was approved by Caroline, seconded by Floyd
- The January 2020 meeting minutes were approved by Caroline, seconded by Floyd
- Correspondence: Teri stated that she contacted Mary Kowalczyk and asked her to attend the meeting.
- Persons to be heard: None

STAFF REPORT:

Aaron Ostby reported:

- Tree hit the Restoration Building and caused some minor damage to the roof. The Settlers Cove Park Hosts assisted with removal.
- Due to travel budget restrictions, the SE maintenance person and the Chief Ranger will not be visiting Ketchikan this spring.
- Kid's in Parks event planning has been on-going. KVB will be helping promote and providing snacks.
- Did a bear safety presentation for TSAS kindergarteners as part of their 'walk in the woods' unit.
- Design and Construction was at Settlers Cove to work on the pending Lunch Creek Trail improvements and cabin site.
- Have park hosts selected for the spring and summer.
- Will be assisting DEC this fall with water quality survey of Tongass Narrows.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Leslie Jackson reported:

- Met with Rep. Dan Ortiz and gave an overview of Ketchikan Area parks and their needs. Highlighted the Outdoor Recreation Plan and how Ketchikan Area State Parks are connected and are important for the State. Rep. Ortiz requested a budget for the Ketchikan Area. The meeting was positive.

KASPER REPORT:

- Teri reported: She had spoken with Mary and there was no meeting this month.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Breakfast with the Birds Planning:** April 26th was officially chosen as the date. Staff will update the sign-up sheet for event supplies and email it out. Amanda will coordinate the kids craft table. There will be a suggested donation this year to help cover costs. Teri will work on the poster.
- B. Christmas Light Removal at Totem Bight:** Planning for this Saturday if weather permits. Staff will let everyone know via email.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Kids in Parks Event:** Staff gave an overview of the event and potential programs. There was a brief discussion about the Board assisting with part of the event. It was suggested that Barbra Morgan from UAS be contacted to help lead a kid beach or tide pool walk if the tides were favorable. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.
- B. Forage Fest:** Amanda has reserved the North Tongass Community Center for September 26th. There was discussion on how the event would function. It was suggested that there be an entry fee and that local food vendors be contacted to showcase their products and there should be a connection between local food harvesting and outdoor recreation. It was suggested that local experts be brought in to speak or present at the event. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.
- C. Volunteer Service Agreements:** The 2020 VSAs were given to the Board to fill out.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A: Breakfast with the Birds
- B: Kids in Parks Event
- C: Forage Fest

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2020