

Seward State Parks Citizen Advisory Board

Minutes

May 15, 2018 6:00-8:00pm

AVTEC Culinary Arts Academy Banquet Room, 518 Third Ave

I. Call to Order

- A. Call to Order by Chair Charbonneau at 6:04 pm
- B. Minutes taker: Paul Paquette
- C. Roll Call: Nathaniel Charbonneau, Carol Griswold, Nick Jordan, Paul Paquette, Stephanie Wright
- D. Board members absent: Mark Luttrell
- E. State Park Staff: Jack Ransom
- F. Public Present:
- G. Minutes Approval: Carol (moved) Paul (second), unanimous
- H. Agenda Changes and Approval: none

II. Public Comments/ Presentations:

III. Correspondence / Public Comments: none

IV. Reports:

- A. State Park Staff : Jack Ransom report
 - i. Application letter from Cliff Reid received for spot on the SPCAB
 - ii. Eshamy Bay cabin update: Jack will be doing a site visit, he has received design and construction estimates for \$145,000. Superior Log will be constructing the building.
 - iii. Tonsina Cabin reservations are now on-line at ReserveAmerica.com
 - 1. Erin Kirkland wrote an ADN article about the spending the night there
 - 2. We should write a letter to the editor thanking AVTEC Construction Students, Jack Ransom, Cliff Sisson, Miller's Landing, Superior Log, and all the volunteers that helped with the construction of the Tonsina cabin.
 - iv. Michael Burmeister, new park specialist, was just hired for a 7-month period. He has begun working with Jack outfitting the boat and will be doing trail projects.
 - v. Outhouses got spring cleaning with high pressure washer. Work at the latrine at Thumb Cove is one of the top priorities, also latrines at Tonsina and Lowell Point.
 - vi. Maria and Eric are back as Park hosts for this summer at the upper parking lot at Tonsina trail head. They are always a big help. They will be selling yearly State Park passes. Passes will be available for sale at the Chamber of Commerce.
 - vii. Vandalism of cars in the upper parking lot is being handled by local troopers and Jack.
 - viii. Jack spoke with kayak guides and Miller's Landing regarding proper State Park etiquette, the need to collect plastic and invasive weed management.
 - ix. Jack received information about conservation of Tonsina boat wreck from Juneau maritime historian Patrick Lewis. It would cost an estimated \$10-100K to preserve and it may still fall apart. Park could try to move to a more accessible location in town, or leave in place or move higher; provide interpretive sign; pay for professional documentation with photos, scale drawings, and photos. Carol suggested that during the destruction of the shoreline in the 1964 quake, a lot of fishing boats were wrecked and this might be one of them. While this discovery is fascinating, it is not a priority, given the limited Park budget. Board and Jack concurred.

- x. Jack Blackwell and upper management are excited by our ideas and positive feedback about an ADA cabin at Lowell Point. Will know more by July 1.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Land and Property (Mark and Carol): nothing new to report
2. Education (Carol): Jack reported that the reprinted interpretive signs for the upper and lower parking lot kiosks will be installed behind plexiglass to protect them from abrasion from fingers.
3. ADA Public Use Cabin (Paul, Nick): Paul: Discussed the new accessible cabin which has been staked out at location behind the outhouse at the lower parking lot at LPSRS. Paul noted that of the 100 rooms available at Lowell Point, only 1 is ADA accessible. In response to inadequate parking comments, one vehicle could be allowed at site, and overflow parking for up to 8 vehicles at overflow area by hosts in upper parking lot. A letter of support is needed by June 15. Several agencies and individuals were suggested to provide support. Paul volunteered to write the letter in support of a cabin for all.
4. Local Issues (Nathaniel, Nick): No additional reports.

V. Old Business:

1. Update on new sign inventory report (Jack): This is a priority. No report.
2. "Waters Closed to Salmon Fishing" signs for Tonsina are on their way.
3. Consideration of moving meetings to Wednesdays: No change will be made and meetings will remain the 2nd Tuesdays of the month.

VI. New Business:

1. Field trip to LPSRS PUC site: No action; someone removed stakes demarking site.
2. Report on Lowell Point parking lot (Paul): To fill potholes, 1 1/4" to 1 1/2" minus gravel needed for lower parking lot, about 10 yards or 2 loads. Removal of three small trees and relocation of rocks would create another ADA site.
3. Abandoned creosote dock: After discussion, Board agreed it would be best to leave it in place as the creosote is quite weathered and possibly no longer a hazard. The new landing craft can now be used to remove the foam Nathaniel gathered and stockpiled away from the beach.

VII. Public Comments: Cliff Reid appreciated the plan to fix the parking lot pot holes. He also noted the invasive plant brochures in the kiosks are quite faded and need to be replaced. A third of the bulletin board could be covered in corkboard for future notices.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Board Comments: Carol is pleased Parks finally obtained the landing craft.
- B. Date/Location of next meeting: AVTEC on Tuesday, September 11, at 6 pm
- C. Motion to Adjourn: Carol moved, Paul seconded, unanimous. Adjourned 7:58 pm