

Seward State Parks Citizens Advisory Board
Work/Information Session (no Quorum) Minutes
September 8, 2015 5:00 pm -7:00 pm
Seward Community Library Community Room

Board members present: John Eavis, Carol Griswold, Terry Rude, Dan Walker, Paul Paquette

Board members absent: Mark Luttrell, Benjamin Pister, Herb Wottlin

Staff present: Jack Ransom, Andy Bacon

Public Present: none

Public Comments: None

Reports:

State Park Staff Report by Andy Bacon: Great presentation about improvements made to our parks over the summer with help from volunteers from the Sierra Club and other organizations. They were able to repair cabins and improve trails. He also talked about grant applications that we might qualify for.

Committee Reports:

Land & Property (Carol Marl L., John): No more land can be acquired until we have more money to take care of what we already have

Education & Interpretation (Carol, Pat, Terry, Dan): Some signs are already starting to wear out and we might need to protect them by lamination or plexiglass.

Public Use Cabins (Mark D., Paul, Terry & Herb): Talked about sites at Tonsina and finding deep pockets to pay for a cabin from the private sector.

Legislative (John, Pat, Benjamin): Ben Ellis will be coming for a visit

Goals Review: postponed

Old Business:

Poetry & Park Update: Poetry were installed and dedicated on September 19 and 20.

DOT Land Transfer: didn't come through, so we still need office & shop space and location, SOON

Abandoned Mining Camp Cleanup: We have to wait until Mining & Lands resolves issues with the owner

New Business:

Discussed selection of new Chair & Vice Chair

Discussed sending a letter to KPB regarding funding the E911 system for State Parks

Discussed eliminating May & September meetings

Discussed Board renewals and consideration of advertising for another board member

Andy will draft Trail Grant proposal to bring before Board

Carol will write the letter for E911 support and get approval from board through email

Correspondence: none

Public Comments: none

VII. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13 from 5 to 7, AVTEC Upstairs Culinary Arts.

Work Session adjourned at 7 pm.