

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 8, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Katrine Nau opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Committee Members Present: Katrine Nau, Janae Stern, David Schreiber, Paul Winters, Renee Rossman and City Council Liaison Nick Christenson. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel, Jared Vogue of Bolton and Menk, and Craig Johnson and Sam Smith from the Big Lake Lions. Those Absent: Committee Members Denise McDowall Seyko, Beverly Anderson and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Stern made a motion to approve the November 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

*(Order of discussion was changed)*

3.B DISCUSS WINTERFEST

An email was distributed prior to the meeting from Public Works Director Goebel regarding a request from the Legacy Foundation to change the Winterfest Event to February 7, 2015 due to the fishing contest being canceled. The Legacy Foundation also checked with the band and they liked the idea of February 7, 2015. The email asked for the Committee Members input. Committee Member Rossman replied the weekend of February 6, 7, & 8 is "Take a Friend Snowmobiling", so less likely to have snowmobilers available to give rides on February 7<sup>th</sup>. All other replies were favorable.

Chair Nau informed the Committee that the Lions are taking over the fishing contest. Craig Johnson from the Big Lake Lions stated the Jaycees are no longer a club due to lack of membership that is why the fishing contest is being taken over this year by the Big Lake Lions pending permitting. The Lions have moved the fishing contest to February 7, 2015 from noon to 3:00 p.m. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Parks Advisory Committee and the representatives of the Big Lions to join efforts and combine the fishing contest with the Winterfest Event. The Big Lake Lions are working on a flyer for the fishing contest/Winterfest. The Big Lake Lions were invited to the next Parks Advisory Committee on January 12, 2015.

3A. DISCUSS RIVER OAKS PARK

Jared Vogue of Bolton and Menk reviewed the goal and long term plan of River Oaks Park. Items of discussion included parking, the pavilion, and utilizing an existing building and concrete pad. Future phases were discussed. The next step would be taking

the Master Plan to City Council for their approval. Upon Council approval Bolton and Menk would pursue grants for the project.

Chair Nau called a Special Meeting for Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at Big Lake City Hall at 6:00 p.m. to present the Master Plan on River Oaks Park for discussion at the City Council Workshop.

Discussion took place in regards to prioritizing the amenities in River Oaks Park.

4. OTHER BUSINESS - none

5. STAFF UPDATE - none

6. NEW BUSINESS - none

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Schreiber motioned to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Winters, unanimous ayes, motion carried.