



City of Unalaska | Department of Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2026

Members were present: Thomas Roufos, Chair, Greg Peters, Ben Knowles, Jill Spetz Kim Hankins.

The Parks Culture and Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM on January 26, 2026, at the Conference Room at PCR.

Recognize visitors at the meeting, Jolene Longo, Albert Burnham, Calvin Spetz, Cameron Dean

This will be Ben's last meeting as he has taken a new job as Fire Chief, in Wasilla Alaska. All the Advisory Board members were grateful for his service to the community.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Summary

New Business

Cameron Dean delivered a comprehensive presentation to the Board regarding the 10-year Capital Maintenance and Management Plan CMMP as it pertains to Parks, Culture, and Recreation (PCR). This proposed plan represents a direct outgrowth of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and incorporates the full range of priority projects previously identified by the Advisory Board as essential to the City's long-term infrastructure and programming needs.

Mr. Dean reported that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the municipal pool project has been issued and is scheduled to close on February 22, 2026.

The playground design for Eagles View Elementary School has been completed. However, in order for construction to commence by June, City Council approval will be required, along with a corresponding budget amendment to allow for the awarding of contracts. It was noted that the playground equipment will be procured through the State contract, while a separate RFP process will be required to secure an installation contractor.

Discussion also included the proposed modular restroom (porta-john) facility for Town Park, with Mr. Dean noting that a significant portion of the project cost will be attributed to shipping expenses.

Additional concepts presented included the potential development of a synthetic ice rink, as well as broader discussion surrounding a future multi-use facility. Consideration was also given to the possibility of a dog park, particularly in light of the impending expiration of the City's lease with the Methodist Church later this year. After deliberation, the Board expressed concern that the current lease cost of \$21,600 does not appear proportionate to the level of utilization the field receives from City programs.

Also was the discussion on the High Schools installation of a synthetic field and paving the track that surrounds the field.

Old Business

The Adult Softball League was discussed, specifically regarding its participation in the Community Grants Program to assist with funding insurance costs for the league. It was noted that the league will need to identify a new president following Ben's departure and submit a formal application in order to be considered.

Little League was reported to be moving forward under the leadership of Carlos and the Little League Board. Ongoing coordination between Little League and the Adult Softball League will be necessary to ensure effective scheduling and shared use of facilities.

Next Meeting is on March 16, 2026

Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.