



**City of Unalaska Parks, Culture and Recreation
Committee Annual Report to Council
January 01 – December 31, 2022**

The City of Unalaska Parks, Culture and Recreation (PCR) Committee Annual Report to Council highlights the Committee's accomplishments during the 2022 calendar year.

PCR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Thomas Roufos, Chair
- Greg Peters
- Ben Knowles
- Jill Spetz
- Noel Rea
- Ryan Humphrey

I would like to begin with a "Thank You" to our PCR Staff for all their hard work this year.

The Committee's major role is to provide insight and feedback on programming, events, and operations. The Committee serves as another set of eyes looking at all of PCR.

The Committee has been active in the playground improvement projects and reviewing the programming of PCR. This has included the completion of the Sitka Spruce playground.

The committee revised its own bylaws. This has allowed us to have a better and more transparent information process to the public.

We are starting a new planning process to develop a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, that should give the City direction for park improvements for the next 20 years.

The Committee reviewed the CMMP Plan for the Department and made recommendations for the upcoming projects. We reviewed the annual budget and business plans that were created by each division of PCR.

One of the goals of the Aquatic Center is to give every person regardless of age a chance to learn to swim. This has included Infant swim lessons, Head Start pre-school swim lessons and young adult and adult swim lessons. Along with the swim lessons program the Aquatic Center held 24 community programs and events including Girls night Out, Bro's Day with cardboard boat races, Pumpkin Plunge,

and St. Paddy Day Dash. This year we offered CPR and First Aid Training to community members. The lifeguard training program received Exceeds Expectations for rescues on the yearly audit from Jeff Ellis and Associates.

The recreation programming division continued to offer a great slate of comprehensive programming to the community of Unalaska. From Special Events which included an indoor Heart of the Aleutians Festival due to Rain as well as a Trunk or Treat also moved indoors due to rain events like the very popular outdoor egg hunt the division rolled with the punches to bring these family friendly outings to the community.

We also provided our ever-popular youth sports seasons of basketball and soccer and even though enrollment is down at the local school district, and this did effect participation numbers, we still saw a strong showing for both leagues.

The 360-afterschool program filled up quickly and was maxed out at 35 students all year. This essential program provides much needed care for children during the hours that immediately follow the school day. Staff also provided a number of other classes and programs such as races from 2 miles to a marathon and several art classes to seek to provide a wide selection for all community members.

The programming division also published our activity guide and is looking to expand our promotional material this coming year with the addition of a new website and smartphone app that is similar to that used by the Unalaska City School District. We are excited about the new possibilities offered by this app and also the arrival of affordable high-speed internet.


The Business Plan Project developed a format for anyone to look at the department in a more in-depth way without getting lost in spread sheets and schedules. The Business Plans have made it possible to look at the goals and outcomes by division and to track the progress of each of the division's goals and objectives.

One of the biggest changes we had this year was the departure of Nick Cron, who took a job in the lower 48 as an Operations Manager. Joleen Longo, has been hired to fill his position and has done a great job during her first few months in the position of Operations Manager for the Recreation Center, Parks, and CMMP Manager for the Department.

We would like to additionally highlight that PCR staff was present during the December rain emergency, providing support to the EOC. The team manned the front-line information reconnaissance to bring the EOC understanding of the entire flooding event around the City in real time. Each team was sent to different parts of the City to photo document the flooding and any damage. The information they provided was invaluable to the EOC team in Unalaska but also helpful with the State EOC and geologists team. We thank the staff for continuing to flex with the community's needs and provide support to the emergency operations center. We recommend that PCR staff be included in future NIMS trainings to maintain the department's readiness to support the community.

We stand behind their creative solutions to provide services, as well as their enforcement of new safety rules and protocols in order to continue to provide those services.

Respectfully submitted by,



Thomas Roufos
Chairman PCR Advisory Board

PCR Advisory Committee 2022

Reviewed	Action
Activity Guides - Winter/Spring, Summer, & Fall	New Community Center Cameras were installed
Budget for Fiscal Year 2022	Started the Kelty field project and fixed the under drain at the field
Business Plans (Recreation; Library; Aquatics; Parks; and Operations)	Completed Sitka Spruce park project and had a grand reopening
CMMP Projects	
Implemented Ideas & Suggestions	Feedback & Suggestions for Improvements to Existing Programs
Healthier food choices at PCR activities	Provide another small type event like HOA in the spring (Smaller)
Staff are pursuing a pool structural plan	Bring more art to the PCR
Changed out the Sharps units in the restrooms at PCR	Healthier food choices at PCR activities
Staff are pursuing an Activity Guide App	
	Concerns
	Lack of qualified people to teach the classes