

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**

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**AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Assembly Chambers**

**July 25th, 2022**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
  - A. June 27th, 2022
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
  - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager
  - B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games
  - C. Gravel Pit at the Greenbelt
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Mat-Su Disc Golf Association at Alcantra
  - B. Avigation Easement Report
  - C. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
    - Next meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:00pm
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Public Access Easement at Winnie Lake and Hay Flats
- X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
  - Mike Danz – Valley Mountain Bikers & Hikers
- XI. CORRESPONDENCE
- XII. MEMBER COMMENTS
- XIII. NEXT MEETING
  - August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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5 **Draft Minutes**  
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7 **REGULAR MEETING**  
8 **Lower Level Conference Room**  
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**June 27th, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

10 I. CALL TO ORDER

11 Meeting called to order by Mr. Wilson at 6:03 pm.

12 II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

13 Members Present: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jones, Ms. Kelsch, Ms. Gotschall, Ms. Linden

14 Members Attending Virtually: Ms. Owens, Mr. Harris, Ms. Bettine, Mr. Wahl, Ms. Wood

15 Members Absent: Ms. LaFleur

16 III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17 IV. Motion: Ms. Wood moved to accept the agenda as written, Mr. Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

18 V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

19 VI. Mr. Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.

20 VII. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

21 A. May 23rd, 2022

22 Motion: Ms. Wood moved to accept the minutes as amended, Ms. Bettine, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in  
23 favor.

24 VIII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT

25 A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager

26 Mr. Leslie stated that the Settlers Bay Trail is almost done.

27 Mr. Leslie stated that a new Parks & Trails Technician will be posted.

28 B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games

29 Alex Strawn, Planning Department, stated that a 7.4 million dollar budget has been  
30 adopted.

31 C. Gravel Pit at the Greenbelt

32 Jesse Peterson with AIDEA – Alaska’s Development Finance Authority provided a  
33 presentation.

34 IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

35 None.

- 36 X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 37 A. Mat-Su Disc Golf Association at Alcantra
- 38 Alex Strawn and Ms. Owens provided resolutions that will be combined to support
- 39 the expansion.
- 40 B. Avigation Easement Report
- 41 No updated.
- 42 C. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
- 43 Next meeting will be July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- 44 XI. NEW BUSINESS
- 45 None.
- 46 XII. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
- 47 None.
- 48 XIII. CORRESPONDENCE
- 49 None.
- 50 XIV. MEMBER COMMENTS
- 51 Mr. Wilson – No Comment
- 52 Ms. Owens – Be sure to check out Wasilla’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, Save the MatSu Greenbelt
- 53 group will be there.
- 54 Ms. Kelsch – Really appreciated having someone from AIDEA. The Board needs to stay
- 55 focus on Recreation subjects.
- 56 Ms. Wood – Hasn’t seen rain in some time. The Parks staff are doing good work.
- 57 Mr. Harris – No comment.
- 58 Mr. Jones – Checked out the Butte Trail. There was a post broken but was repaired
- 59 quickly.
- 60 Ms. Bettine – No comment as she left board meeting earlier.
- 61 Ms. Linden – Sorry she missed a few meetings, she has been traveling for work. When
- 62 she has been home, she’s been enjoying our trails and pools.

63 XV. NEXT MEETING

64 • July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

65 XVI. ADJOURNMENT

66 Motion: Mr. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Kelsch 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting  
67 adjourned at 7:58 pm

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Chris Wilson, Chairperson

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75 XVIII. ATTEST:

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79 XXI. Alyssia Jones, Recreation and Library Services Administrative Specialist

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 22-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE SUPPORT OF THE EXPANSION OF THE ALCANTRA DISC GOLF COURSE BY MAT-SU DISC GOLF ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board reviewed a request from the Mat-Su Disc Golf Association to expand the Alcantra Disc Golf Course; and

WHEREAS Disc Golf is a growing sport and provides opportunity for residents of all ages to get outdoors and participate in an activity that encourages social interaction and physical exercise; and

WHEREAS the support Disc Golf on park lands is well within the scope and mission of MSB Parks and Recreation Division; and

WHEREAS concerns of the expansion of the Alcantra Disc Golf Course include sufficient space for parking, capacity of existing restrooms, trash and littering, damage to vegetation, inappropriate use of subdivisions roads for access, drug and alcohol use, sufficient buffers or separation between neighboring private land and park trails, trespassing on private land, unleashed dogs, conflicts with other park users; and

WHEREAS there is general agreement that the issues and conflicts, previously identified, are best addressed through a legally binding management agreement with the Mat-Su Disc Golf Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the MSB Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board approves the Disc Golf Association's request for expansion of the Alcantra Disc Golf Course and makes the following conclusions:

1. The Alcantra Disc Golf Course shall be sited in an area within the Alcantra Park (shown on Exhibit A) and be developed using best practices set by the Professional Disc Golf Association.
2. There be a legally binding management agreement executed prior to the disc golf expansion which addresses the concerns previously listed.
3. That operation of the Alcantra Disc Golf Course be subject to such rules and regulations as are established by the MSB Parks and Recreation Division and shall be posted on site.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

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Chris Wilson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Alyssia Jones, Rec. Admin. Spec.

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD  
RESOLUTION 22-\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF A SECOND DISC GOLF COURSE AT ALCANTRA SPORTS COMPLEX.

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WHEREAS, disc golf is one of the most rapidly growing sport in the nation; and

WHEREAS, disc golf courses require minimal deforestation and construction of almost no physical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the sport of disc golf has a low barrier of entry in both cost and athleticism; and

WHEREAS, the primary course played by disc golfers within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is at Alcantra Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, the course at Alcantra Sports Complex is played by hundreds of disc golfers daily during summer months and is home to at least one tournament annually; and

WHEREAS, the course at Alcantra Sports Complex is used by disc golfers year round; and

WHEREAS, due to a variety of factors, the course at Alcantra Sports Complex has grown in popularity over the past 2-3 years, and it has become apparent that a second course is needed to accommodate the growing number of players using the course; and

WHEREAS, the existing course at Alcantra Sports Complex is maintained by Mat Su Disc Golf Association (MSDGA); and

WHEREAS, MSDGA has a strong group of volunteers that maintain the course at Alcantra Sports Complex in accordance with a trail care agreement approved by the MSB; and

WHEREAS, the MSDGA wishes to build a second course on approximately 25 acres of forested land within the Alcantra Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting in 2021 the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board pass a motion to include a second course in the Alcantra Sports Complex Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, volunteers have spent many hours designing a second course; and

WHEREAS, initial development of the course involves pouring 18 concrete pads and installation of 18 galvanized steel disc golf baskets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board hereby supports development of a second course at Alcantra Sports Complex.



ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation,  
and Trails Advisory Board this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

Chris Wilson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Alyssia Jones, Admin. Secretary

## VOLUNTEER NOMINATION FORM

Volunteers make a tremendous difference to our community. They offer and bring not only their time, but also their energy, skills, individual perspectives and talents; thereby enhancing our communities, local services and lives. We are recognizing and celebrating their contribution and also the contribution of local organizations.

### Helpful Tips:

- Be as specific and concise as possible.
- Focus on one program that most exemplifies the nominee's service. Secondly, describe other volunteer work as it ranks in importance.
- Nominations must be sent or delivered to the Board Secretary by the Agenda cut-off date listed on the Meeting Schedule. They can be sent to:

Mat-Su Borough Recreation Services  
350 E Dahlia Ave. Palmer, AK 99645  
(907) 745-9578 or recreation.services@matsugov.us

### Volunteer(s) Name:

MIKE DANZ  
Address:

### Affiliated Organization (if applicable):

Valley Mountain Bikers & Hikers

### Phone:

355-5867

### E-mail:

akdanz@gmail.com

**NEED:** Briefly describe nominee's volunteer services and the need for these services in the community:

Mike's work is notable for its success and consistency. He has led the VMB&H Trail crew for about 6 years every summer. This volunteer position is critical because it ensures work is completed correctly and volunteers are led and educated in trail building and maintenance.

**IMPACT:** Describe the impact or difference the nominee's volunteer service made in the community. Please be specific. Since Mike's tenure as Trail Crew leader for the VMB&H crew has

worked on maintenance and finishing of over 8 miles of biking and hiking trails at Govt. Peak Recreation Area, Crevasse Moraine Trail System, ~~and~~ Lazy Mountain Recreation and Matanuska River Park.

**TIME:** Number of hours of volunteer service. Approximately 500 hours.

These hours include work on trails, coordinating volunteers, securing permits and working with contractors and land owners (Mat-Su Borough).  
What has made your association with this volunteer memorable or special (include examples)?

I especially appreciate his willingness to take on the Trail Crew Leader work year after year; and his vision for better, and more good quality trails for bikers and hikers in our community.

### Nominator:

Name: PATRICIA OWEN'S

Telephone: 355-7714

Email: poto@mtaonline.net

Signature of Nominator: