
City of Bethel, Alaska

Community Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

July 14, 2025

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:01

A regular Community Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting was held on July 14, 2025. Brian Lefferts called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Comprising a quorum of the committee, the following were present for Roll Call:, Brian Lefferts, Mikayla Miller, Zeff Prina, Sean Glasheen, Jessica Pew, Michelle Dewitt, Beverly Hoffman, Lisa Yancey

Absent: Jody Brand,

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

Jesslyn Elliot: Spoke in favor of amendments to 8.12

Susan Sookram:, Spoke in favor of amendments to 8.12

Cormac Sookram: Spoke in favor of amendments to 8.12

Nancy Elliot: Spoke in favor of amendments to 8.12

Teresa Quiner:(Submitted written statements) in favor of amendments to 8.12

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda.

MOVED BY:	Beverly Hoffman	Motion to approve Agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Jessica Pew	
VOTE ON MOTION	Main Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

Amend main motion to move Item C in New Business, Amending 8.12, to follow Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY:	Beverly Hoffman	Motion to approve Agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Jessica Pew	
VOTE ON AMMENDED MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Meeting Minutes June 9, 2025

MOVED BY:	Jessica Pew	Motion to approve Meeting Minutes.
SECONDED BY:	Mikayla Miller	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

New Business, Item C: Committee Review and Potential Recommendation to Council To Amend 8.12 Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Container (Hoffman)

MOVED BY:	Jessica Pew	Motion to place the introduction of proposed amendments to ordinance 8.12 Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Container on City Council Agenda.
SECONDED BY:	Mikayla Miller	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

MOVED BY:	Jessica Pew	Motion to add below language in 8.12.040 exemptions.
SECONDED BY:	Mikayla Miller	
VOTE ON AMMENDED MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

Exemptions

8.12.040 The following uses are exempt from the provisions of this chapter:

1. Used by customers inside stores to contain a product that does not have other packaging, including bulk foods, fruits, nuts, vegetables, bakery goods, etc.;
2. Used to contain dampness or leaks from items such as frozen foods, meat or fish;
3. Used only to contain ice;
4. Used only to contain or wrap flowers or potted plants;
5. Sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for consumer use off the retail seller's premises, such as for the collection and disposal of garbage, pet waste, or dog waste.

MOVED BY:	Bev Hoffman	Motion to remove the "durable plastic" from the definition of reusable bag
SECONDED BY:	Jessica Pew	
VOTE ON AMMENDED MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Community Center Construction Project *Updates!* (Lefferts)
- B. Update on Larson Sub Park Progress (DeWitt)
- C. Status on Woodchipper Acquisition (Hoffman)
- D. Placement of new playground equipment (Iverson)

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Determination of Quorum for the August 11th Meeting
- B. YFK Transition of Management (Iverson)
- C. Committee Review and Potential Recommendation to Council to Amend 8.12 Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Container (Hoffman)

VIII. EX OFFICIO MEMBER REPORT:

A. Manager’s Reports July 2025

IX. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

X.

Jessica Pew: Planning on working on Larson Subdivision at the planning commission. Still interested in the city dog park.

Michelle DeWitt: No comments

Beverly Hoffman: Dillon Park sign needs to be replaced. Happy to see public works helping. Check out the Kayaks at Kuc to see if we can use them.

Mikayla Miller: Great 4th of July. Great to see busy weekends

Lisa Yancey: Excited to see the plastic bag ordinance moving to the Council.

Jody Brand: N/A

Zeff Prina: Hearing a lot of great things coming out of the community about P&R.

Sean Glasheen: Has been on council for a year and a half. We’ve been doing great things. Thanks the committee for the support.

Brian Lefferts: Great job on the 4th of July

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY:	Brian Lefferts	Motion to adjourn.
SECONDED BY:	Jessica	
VOTE ON MOTION	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.

APPROVED THIS July 14, 2025.


 Brian Lefferts
 Committee Chair

 8/4/25
 Shane Iverson
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