



WACO General/Board Meeting Agenda Draft
Meeting scheduled for June 5, 2019 at 7 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING**
- E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- F. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 1. Board Officers' Reports - Attached**
 - a. Secretary, Teri Petram
 - b. Vice-Chair, John Spitzberg
 - c. Chair, Linda Oxley
 - d. At-Large Representative 1, Wes McClure
 - e. At-Large Representative 2, Chris Stitt
 - f. At-Large Representative 3, Barbara Ensley
 - g. At-Large Representative 4, Lisa Schooler

 - 2. Committee Reports - Attached**
 - a. Carnival
 - b. Trails
 - c. Youth Forum (40-acre park)
 - d. CERT
 - e. Recycling
- G. BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REPORT**
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 1. Fourth of July parade and picnic**
- J. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Ken Barkley, Director of Emergency Services - ambulance coverage for Willow area**
 - 2. Possible picnic table purchase**
 - 3. Form revenue share grant committee**
 - 4. Signers of WACO checking accounts**
- K. COMMUNITY GROUPS/CLUBS**

Fire Service Area, Library, Chamber of Commerce, Community Enrichment, WDMA, Lion's Club, PTA, WHO, WHWF, Garden Club
- L. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PERSONS TO BE HEARD**
- M. ADJOURN**

*Please submit reports or motions to be made in writing to Teri Petram, WACO Secretary by email:
waco_secretary@waco-ak.org*

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Secretary Report: Continue document organization electronically with event/task reference material and timeline. MSB shared information about disposing of beetle killed trees at Central, Big Lake and Sunshine transfer sites. Find more information here: www.matsugov.us/sprucebeetle Info has been posted on Facebook, our website homepage newsfeed and the MSB flyer will be in the June eBreeze. Don't forget the Neighborhood Watch meeting on June 8th at 1:00PM in the Community Center.

Vice-Chair: This is my first report that I make to the community as your appointed Vice-Chair. I want to thank Linda and the rest of the Board for helping me with training and an idea of what the job entails. Thanks to Tom Wise for his constant work on the grounds and building we sit in tonight. Without his help I would not be able to do this job. Thanks to Wes, Sabrina and many others for your help also. In this past month we have had the floors, kitchen and windows in this building cleaned by the Integrity Janitorial and Floor Care corporation. For future thinking it might be a good idea to discuss having their services done more than only once a year. This is an idea for the Board to discuss in the future. Tom has been doing a great amount of work on the front of the building and examined safety issues concerning the use of playground and picnic materials. Thanks to Wes and others for looking into this as well. I attended the Borough budget hearings and a meeting at the new wilderness Newman Memorial Park. In the future I hope to begin exploratory examination of the current by-laws by calling for an open meeting of all those persons interested in the by-laws currently in use by WACO. The Planning and Facility Operations Committee will meet soon. If you are interested in attending the By-laws meeting, please see me after this meeting. For the foreseeable future, I plan to learn as much about this job as I can and am happy to have any recommendations from all those with a desire to see me fulfill my duties as Vice Chair in an acceptable manner.

Chair Report: The borough Assembly held its annual budget session in Willow at the WCC on May 2. Thanks to Assemblyman Tam Boeve, Sarah & Leroy Miller & family as well as others for hosting a wonderful dinner and meeting. It was great to have a local way to testify on matters that the borough budget will address. Several decisions were made that will help us; most notably the Assembly voted on two items that fully fund and designate Willow's Mike Stitt to do the renovation work on the Old Log Cabin, Willow's first community center. He is a national expert in renovating old barns and log buildings!! Please remember that the building now belongs to the borough, however once the renovation completed, WACO will be offered the opportunity to manage the building like we manage the WCC itself. When that time comes we will discuss the decision at a WACO meeting and will be eager to hear what the community would like done about the decision. We remain working collaboratively with the Willow Historic and Wildlife Foundation who have been taking the lead with the borough staff on the details of the renovation. We support their efforts to assure that the cabin remains on the National Registry of Historic Sites. Special thanks to Teri Petram, Tam Boeve and John Nelson for their efforts to organize the annual community clean up just under way this week.

At Large Rep 3, Barbara Ensley: My mom, who lives at Chester Park (a 55+ housing community/cooperative) in Anchorage and who is also on the Board of Directors at Chester Park, spends a lot of time in Willow and has attended many events and festivities in our great community over the years. Many folks who purchase units at Chester Park are downsizing and, as a result, have excess stuff that they typically donate to Chester Park's acquisition committee. Much of that "stuff" consists of artwork. Chester Park had an excess of artwork and offered it up to WACO for use in its annual art auction (or any other way WACO sees fit). The only catch on this donation was that WACO had to agreed to accept all 50+ pieces. More pieces than not are framed and would be very appropriate for the art auction or a raffle or some other fund raiser; some pieces are only valuable because of their frame, and we'll figure out what to do with those in time. WACO has accepted this donation from Chester Park and the pieces will be stored in the upstairs "cage" area at the Willow Community Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Carnival: None

Trails: Explore both Willow's trails and the Willow Public Library this summer by participating in the Willow Trail Challenge! Visit 10 Willow area trails, documenting your visit by taking a selfie with the trail sign and head back to the library for your passport to be stamped. Picnic and awards at the end of the summer. Pick up your passports at the library now! You can get a head start on the Challenge by joining us on a guided four mile hike this Saturday, June 1st which happens to be National Trails Day! Meet at Newman Park at 10am for the easy. A good way to get to know the trails is to volunteer. Whether it is trail grooming, brushing, trail guarding, equipment repairing, staking, event organizing or whatever you're welcome to join us. Email trails@waco-ak.org if you are interested or would like more info.

CERT: Tsunami Warning Center Tour In May, 11 members of Willow CERT, 2 community members and several members of Talkeetna CERT traveled to the Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer for a presentation and tour.

CERT now has a seat on the **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)** of the Mat Su Borough. Willow CERT will report to the LEPC bi monthly on activities of our team as well as Talkeetna CERT and Glacier View CERT.

Sutton Safety Fair – June 15th- Willow CERT will be travelling to Sutton to support the new Glacier View CERT team at the Safety Fair. Our team has had an emergency preparedness exhibit there for several years.

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Kathy Watkins from Willow CERT will be serving as the statewide SERC Chair for the CERT committee.

CERT 20 Basic Course November 2019 in Willow (sign up has begun) Willow CERT will be presenting a free FEMA 20 hour Basic CERT training for the community at the Willow Community Center November 9-10h and 16-17h 2019. This training is available to those that may want to join Willow CERT, start a team in their area or just want to learn more about emergency preparedness for personal use. CERT Basic Training includes classroom instruction and hands on practice in: Identifying hazards in our homes and community, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Aid, Light Search and Rescue, Team Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and CERT, Disaster simulation drill at conclusion of training. For more info or to register for the course contact: Brenda McCain 355-1418 brendalmccain@gmail.com.

CERT will promote safety at the WACO July 4th Parade.

Next CERT meeting: Thursday, June 20 at 7 pm BEHIND the community center. All are welcome to attend.

Recycling: Purchased a shelter to use at Recycling when it is raining or snowing. Decided to recycle on the last Friday instead of the last Tuesday when the days of operation at the Willow Transfer Site change on July 1. Have produced a new flyer to reflect this change. These with new holders will be available in early June. We continue to look at signage around town and at the Transfer Site. We are working on how we will participate in the July 4th parade. Volunteers always needed.

Youth Forum: good progress continues on the projects underway this year

1. Shem Pete trail, project lead: Steve Charles. The \$10,000 from MatSu Trails & Park Foundation to achieve phase one is being put to use. The trail is cleared and usable now but it's a rough trail. There are 6 segments identified. The first two will be fully developed at ADA levels and will basically run from the Willow Creek Parkway trail to the pavilion and on around to the point at the end of the little lake. Future funding will be needed to ADA finish the rest of the segments.

2. Softball field, project leads: Talon Boeve & Tam Boeve. We are meeting with the builder of the Meadow Lakes fields this week for their advice. We are also communicating with parks planners in Anchorage and with our own David Spain who is putting much effort to help us figure out a way to achieve this field in a staged way. Overall cost for the softball field is likely in the \$50-100,000 range.

3. Bat and Swallow houses for mosquito control, project lead: Linda Oxley. We have 10 great bat boxes built by the 4th & 5th grades of our Willow grade school!! On May 3 we had an afternoon of presentations by experts on brown bats, wildlife and the natural flora & fauna of our area. The kids had lots of hands on opportunity and did hikes in the park to see these things in the natural setting. They have picked the 5 sites where the bat boxes will

be installed. Casey Sanford, 4th grade teacher will be milling the posts for the boxes. Thanks Casey!! The excellent presenters that we had: Jesika Reimer, Tina Owen, Vic Stanculescu, Maxine Franklin... Final install as soon as possible!

4. Board walk, project lead: Dana Hill. We met at the pavilion with Brad Sworts, our borough contact for using the remaining \$100,000 from the Recreation Bond. We hope to apply for an additional \$100,000 match money from the MSTPF to finish several projects in the park. He is working with borough staff to create some plans for us to review. Stay tuned with fingers crossed.

5. Dog Park, project leads: Linda Oxley and Dana Hills. The last three steps can be finished as the ground thaws: the doggie bag station, 2 benches inside the 2 areas and a final 'rules' sign for the gate. All should be completed by mid June. Many, many thanks to Bridget & Jared for organizing a clean up & trail brushing group!! They also have installed a temporary garbage can so people can be more easily responsible for their pets leavings. And last they did some nice rock work to close up open spaces beneath the fence where little ones might be able to escape the fence!! You and your team are the BEST!!

Last, we are excited to be in early discussions with the Willow Clinic about a way that they may be able to partner with us on a health focus in the park!!!