

Alaska Native Grand Camp

October 7-11th Tues.-Saturday

According to the letter sent from The Petersburg Camp of the ANB and ANS they would like to have access to the community gymnasium on the above dates. They would like to see the borough donate the space for all of these days. They would also like to have access to wifi, and a public address system.

When we look at this request I would ask that we take into consideration a few things.

#1 Cost to the Borough

- With an expected 300 visitors coming to the community gymnasium we can expect to do all of the following:
- Order another garbage container and dump it twice. \$150 estimated
- Add another staff member to manage questions, clean up, garbage duty, and event requests. They would also Set-up the portable sound system. \$12/hr
- Bring Staff (4-6 people) in to lay down tarps to protect the gymnasium floor and to clean up and remove tarps. (we will be budgeting for new floor tarps this year so that they can be rolled out and put away by two people. The Mats will also lay flat so that creases and tripping hazards will be minimized.)
- Increased janitorial work nightly.
- Increased water/electrical usage.
- Possible set-up of WiFi charges. Right now Parks and Rec does not have WiFi. The school district does but they would need to be contacted for use of their network. If they do not allow use of the network then we would need to set something up for them.

#2 Loss of revenue

- The rental charges for the community gymnasium according to ordinance would be \$150 per day plus \$50 to put the tarp down on the floor. The rental fees are minimal for what the need is. We are looking at less than \$1000 with use of the hallway or activity room.
- From Tuesday to Saturday no activities, rentals, or programs would be possible in the gymnasium/hallway/activity room/High School Weight room. There would also have to be discussion with the school to use the facility during school hours.
- This is right during our Youth Basketball program on Saturdays. This would mean that we would lose three Saturdays in October for games. The first Sat. for Beat The Odds, this weekend, and Oktoberfest weekend. This will make planning and scheduling youth basketball practices and games difficult.

#3What is the precedence that we are setting?

- This past year The Salvation Army had their Alaska Convention here in Petersburg. It was a wonderful event and they used the auditorium in the school, our community

gymnasium, and a lot of other community areas. The attendees left thankful for the service and help that my staff gave. We charged them the ordinance mandated costs and they laughed because they were expecting it to be triple the costs.

- In the future we will have the Alaska Parks and Recreation Association Conference (2016) and we will be charging the conference for use of the facilities. We charge the Oktoberfest organizers every year for use of the gym and they help to support local businesses as well.
- The Ragnarok Rollers will be having three other roller derby groups, refs, and visitors in town this weekend and they were rented the community gymnasium too.
- Viking Swim Club is charged usage fees for swim meets and they bring in swim teams from all over Southeast Alaska.
- Will we be offering Parks and Rec. services to all who ask? Where do we draw the line between giving it away and asking for a small fee to cover a portion of the costs that will be incurred?

I believe that Parks and Rec is a public entity here to serve the needs of the community, but in doing so we have to find ways for it to benefit all parties. We try to be everything to everyone but have to accomplish that in an economical way. Depending on the actual needs of the Grand Camp I believe that we can come up with an economical fee that would help us to cover some of the additional costs and make it work for all involved. We would love to help with the layout of the facility and find ways for it to work within their needs. We believe that the costs would be under \$1000 for rental of the gymnasium, activity room and the foyer/hallway.

Parks and Rec believes that it is important that we continue to offer affordable rates for groups like this one while still trying to cover the added expenses it would create. We ask that the assembly allow our department to work directly with Ross Nannauck III and Brenda Louise to come up with a favorable solution for all parties.

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