

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING  
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

February 7, 2019 6:30 PM

Assembly Chambers  
Special Meeting 2019-07

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**A. Joint Meeting with the Eaglecrest Board**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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**ASSEMBLY AGENDA/MANAGER'S REPORT  
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

Joint Meeting with the Eaglecrest Board

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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☐ Talking Points	2/5/2019	Presentation

## Historical Context and General Information

- This is the 44<sup>th</sup> year of operation for Eaglecrest.
- In the beginning we had three full time employees that has increased to 12 full time employee positions.
- Currently we have an estimated 120 full time, seasonal and part time employees
- We are working with the summer tourism industry to recruit for our winter season employees to provide year round employment opportunities for seasonal workers.
- Total value of Eaglecrest infrastructure and physical assets \$10,417,660
- Currently working with Alaska Seaplanes to redevelop the Whitehorse Yukon market.
- We have brought in groups for ski days from Haines, Gustavus, SERRC All Alaska Academy, Chenega Prince William Sound and Pelican this year. (if ferry schedule allows)
- Approximately 40 different school groups will be visiting this year.
- 62 students enrolled in the Books 2 Boards program this season.
- 17 youth participated in the Learn to ski weekend sponsored by Mendenhall Subaru.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Passport Program allows the students to receive a free season pass.

## Accomplishments

- New Ptarmigan Top Ramp through CIP Fund
- Rebuilt Carl's Bridge at the base area to prevent flooding of infrastructure during large storm events. Previous floods from the collapsed bridge are causing ongoing impacts to the Hooter Chair.
- Partnering with the Juneau Community Foundation to construct a wilderness cabin site. Bridge, access road and site prep are complete. Prefabrication of the actual cabin is underway.
- Pump station is installed, allowing snowmaking to the top of Sourdough.
- Operated a total of 12 snowguns at one time during snowmaking efforts this season
- The mountain has proven the ability to stay open with limited snow and warm weather by expansion of the Snowmaking capacity.
- Trail conditioning and brushing over the last 5 years have allowed us to operate the mountain with far less snow cover than previously needed.
- We have been able to maintain our 70% cost recovery even in the face of low snow and warm temperatures by managing expenses to the bottom line.

## **Challenges**

- Recruitment and retention of staff.
- Climate change / inconsistent snow / Rain

## **Opportunities**

Increasing summer Operations to take advantage of the rapid growth in summer tourism. Ideas being discussed include:

- Sightseeing Gondola to the top of the Ridge.
- Mountain Coaster Ride.
- Lift Served Mountain Biking.
- Ropes course and adventure maze.
- Expanded Food and Beverage sales.
- More wilderness cabins.
- Expanded hiking trails.