

**KENAI BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.  
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611  
CHAIR SARAH DOUTHIT, PRESIDING**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Beautification Commission was held on March 14, 2026, in the Kenai City Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Chair Douthit called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Douthit led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

There were present:

Sarah Douthit, Chair	Autumn Carlson ( <i>remote participation</i> )
Sonja Earsley, Vice Chair	Brittney Hoffert ( <i>remote participation</i> )

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were:

Tyler Best, Parks and Recreation Director  
Jenna Brown, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director  
Glenese Pettey, City Council Liaison  
Scott Bloom, City Attorney  
Bridget Grieme, City Council Member

**3. Agenda Approval**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Hoffert **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Earsley **SECONDED** the motion.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

**B. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.**

**C. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Earsley **MOVED** to approve the May 13, 2025 Beautification Commission minutes. Commissioner Hoffert **SECONDED** the motion.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

**2. December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Earsley **MOVED** to approve the December 9, 2025 Beautification Commission minutes. Commissioner Carlson **SECONDED** the motion.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

### 3. January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

#### **MOTION:**

Commissioner Earsley **MOVED** to approve the January 13, 2026 Beautification Commission minutes. Commissioner Hoffert **SECONDED** the motion.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

#### **E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### 1. 2025 Workplan Review - Discussion

A summary overview of the 2025 Annual Work Plan objectives and completion status was reported; and clarification was provided that a member of the Commission completed the report, which would be submitted to Council.

There was discussion regarding the City-wide mural initiative; static display objectives; themed park designs; and seasonal lighting.

*[Clerk's Note: City Attorney Scott Bloom arrived at 6:11 p.m.]*

##### 2. 2026 Workplan - Discussion

A summary overview of the Work Plan process was provided, there was discussion regarding carrying forward 2025 objectives that were not completed; themed park lighting and design concepts; seasonal design considerations; and summer planting variations.

##### 3. Commission Status

A summary overview of the memorandum regarding the possibility of merging the Beautification Commission with the Parks and Recreation Commission was provided.

There was discussion regarding the impacts on members, timelines and operational structure; historical meeting data was reviewed, noting the number of work sessions verses meetings; and concerns regarding potential member displacement were noted.

*[Clerk's Note: City Council Member Grieme arrived at 6:33 p.m.]*

#### **F. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **G. REPORTS**

##### 1. Parks and Recreation Director - Director Best reported on the following:

- Seasonal flowers have arrived and greenhouse operations are stable despite cold weather conditions.
- Kenai Community Cleanup Day is scheduled for April 25, 2026.
- Currently recruiting for Personal Use Fishery positions and Recreation Center attendants.
- Planting Day scheduled for the May 30, 2026.
- Kite Festival scheduled for June 6, 2026.
- A future greenhouse tour would provide an opportunity for the Commission better understand planting operations.

##### 2. Commission Chair

Chair Douthit noted a desire to better understand the Commission's role and process, especially amid discussions of a potential merger, and to ensure the Commission remained an effective asset to the City.

3. City Council Liaison

Council Member Pettey reported on recent actions of the City Council.

H. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None.

I. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION** - May 12, 2026

J. **COMMISSION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

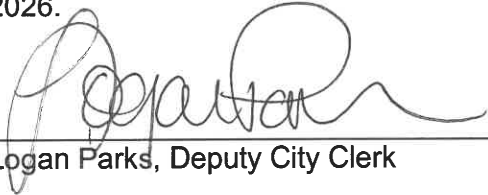
Clarification was provided regarding the mural placement Work Plan objective.

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

L. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** - None.

There being no further business before the Beautification Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Beautification Commission meeting of March 14, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Logan Parks", is written over a horizontal line.

Logan Parks, Deputy City Clerk