

**KENAI BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.  
KENAI CITY HALL  
CHAIR LISA GABRIEL, PRESIDING**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gabriel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Gabriel led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**b. Roll was confirmed as follows:**

Committee Members present: L. Gabriel, C. Warner, J. Phillips, S. Douthit

Committee Members absent: T. Wilson, E. Heale, B. Roland

Staff/Council Liaison present: Parks and Recreation Director B. Walker, Administrative Assistant T. Best, Public Works Director S. Curtin, Council Liaison D. Sounart

A quorum was present.

**c. Agenda Approval**

**MOTION:**

Committee Member Douthit **MOVED** to approve the agenda and Committee Member Phillips **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

**d. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**MOTION:**

Committee Member Warner **MOVED** to elect Chair Douthit. There being no objections, **SO ORDERED**.

**MOTION:**

Chair Douthit **MOVED** to elect Vice Chair Gabriel. Committee Member Warner **SECONDED** the motion. There being no objections, **SO ORDERED**.

**2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY**

a. Regular Meeting of October 12, 2021

- b. Joint Special Meeting of November 4, 2021
- c. Special Meeting of December 14, 2021
- d. Joint Special Meeting of January 6, 2022

**MOTION:**

Committee Member Warner **MOVED** to approve the meeting summaries of October 12, 2021; November 4, 2021; December 14, 2021 and January 6, 2022. Committee Member Phillips **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Discussion/Recommendation** – City of Kenai Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

**MOTION:**

Chair Douthit **MOVED** to recommend approval of the City of Kenai Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. Committee Member Warner **SECONDED** the motion.

Public Works Director Curtin provided a background on the development of the FY2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), noting that there are approximately \$100 million worth of projects identified within it. He noted that every City department and some commissions participated in the development of the CIP, and that it will be a great asset for our City to help direct funding towards our highest priorities. He discussed the FY2023 Kenai Nordic Trail Lighting project and the FY2026 Softball Field Shelters/Dugouts Replacement project.

The committee discussed the benefits of lighting the ski trails, an outdoor event park, the plan of the softball dugout project, Municipal Park trails project, old playground equipment on the greenstrip. It was suggested that a fountain replacement at Leif Hansen Memorial Park be added to the CIP. Preference was expressed for the Softball Field Shelters/Dugouts Replacement project to be moved up in priority if it didn't interfere with any current projects.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

**VOTE:** There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

- b. **Discussion** – Little Free Libraries

Administrative Assistant Best explained how the Parks and Recreation Department has been working with Friends of the Library to install Free Little Libraries, noting that there are currently three Little Free Libraries with a plan of installing seven more.

The committee discussed potential locations including the Field of Flowers gazebo, Municipal Park, and trails.

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Chair Douthit thanked everyone for her nomination as Chair

Committee Member Warner expressed excitement for the Little Free Libraries.

Council Liaison Sounart noted an error in the list of potential Little Free Libraries, that Linwood Lane is not called Linwood Road.

Vice Chair Gabriel noted that she wants to take a Garden Tour early in the spring, and suggested May 10<sup>th</sup>.

6. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS** – None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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Deputy City Clerk