

**KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2022 – 6:00 PM
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VICE CHAIR T. GRANT WISNIEWSKI, PRESIDING**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Wisniewski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Wisniewski led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll was confirmed as follows:

Parks and Recreation

Commissioners present:

C. Stephens, T. Wisniewski, D. Rigall, S. Kisena

Beautification Committee

Members present:

L. Gabriel, B. Roland, E. Heale, J. Phillips, S. Douthit, C. Warner

Staff/Council Liaison present:

Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant T. Best, City Manager P. Ostrander, Planning Director R. Foster, Deputy Clerk M. Thibodeau, Council Liaison J. Glendening, Council Liaison D. Sounart

A quorum was present.

c. Agenda Approval

Vice Chair Wisniewski noted the following additions to the packet:

Add to Item 3.a

Discussion/Recommendation – Resolution PRB21-01

- LMP Requested Information
- Amendment Memo

MOTION:

Chair Gabriel **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented and Chair Stephens **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion/Recommendation** – Joint Resolution No. PRB21-01 – Recommending the Council of the City of Kenai Approve and Adopt the City of Kenai Land Management Plan. *[Clerk's Note: At the November 4th Meeting, this Resolution was Postponed to this Meeting; a Motion to Enact is On the*

Floor.]

Director Foster noting additional information provided by Administration, including explanations of Titles 21 and 22, zoning, intent of the Land Management Plan (LMP), examples of motions, and a requested amendment with housekeeping changes. City Manager Ostrander provided further clarification on the implementation plan that will follow Council's approval of the final LMP.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Commissioner Kisena **MOVED** to change the recommendation for parcels 04314103 and 04314104 on Map 8 to Retain, for the purpose of a future sports complex. Chair Gabriel **SECONDED** the motion.

Clarification was provided that this land is under the Airport Reserve, so it would need the general fund to compensate the Airport fund if it was to be retained by Parks.

The motion to amend was withdrawn with consent of the second.

Support was expressed for a future sports complex, and they considered what other parcels could be used.

The suitability of the name "Land Management Plan" and its recommendation definitions were questioned. The definition of the recommendation to Dispose was explained, and it was noted that Council has ultimate decision before a property is disposed. It was clarified the plan itself takes no action, and the forthcoming implementation plan would not put land up for sale.

The Commission and Committee discussed parcels on Map 17, considering parking for softball events, food vendors, and parcels currently under Special Use Permits. Clarification was provided on the Title 21 requirement for Airport Reserve lands to benefit the Airport and community.

It was noted that a comprehensive Parks Plan could help guide these decisions in the future.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Commissioner Kisena **MOVED** to change the recommendation for parcel 04316017 on Map 10 to Retain, for the purpose of a future campground. Chair Gabriel **SECONDED** the motion.

Discussion involved how a campground could generate revenue and serve the fishery, whether the space was adequate for this use, and how it may affect surrounding neighborhoods.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YEA: Stephens, Wisniewski, Kisena, Rigall, Gabriel, Roland, Phillips, Douthit, Warner, Heale

NAY:

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Commissioner Rigall **MOVED** to change the title of the City of Kenai Land Management Plan to the City of Kenai Land Management Inventory and Recommendations. Chair Gabriel **SECONDED** the motion.

It was noted that this would clarify that it is not a governing document.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YEA: Stephens, Wisniewski, Kisena, Rigall, Gabriel, Roland, Douthit, Warner, Heale
NAY: Phillips

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Commissioner Rigall **MOVED** to change the designation of "Dispose" in the Land Management Plan to "Disposable." Chair Gabriel **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YEA: Rigall, Douthit
NAY: Stephens, Wisniewski, Kisena, Gabriel, Roland, Warner, Heale, Phillips

MOTION FAILED.

It was noted that the term Dispose can be misleading, and clarification was provided that Dispose is defined in the LMP and the term is also used in City Code.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Commissioner Kisena **MOVED** to change the recommendation for parcels 04312004 and 04312008 on Map 13 to Retain, for the purpose of a future campground. Chair Gabriel **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

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

MOTION TO AMEND:

Commissioner Kisena **MOVED** that the recommendation for 04327030, 04327031 and 04327032 on Map 17 remain as Retain, but the management intent of those parcels is such that parking would be allowed to support the adjacent softball fields. Chair Stephens **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

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

MOTION TO AMEND:

Commissioner Kisena **MOVED** to change the recommendation for parcels 04506006 and 04506008 to Retain, for the purpose of trade with the Kenai Peninsula Borough for parcels on Map 8. Chair Gabriel **SECONDED** the motion.

It was discussed how Dispose may be the more appropriate recommendation for parcels intended to be traded.

The motion to amend was withdrawn with consent of the second.

City Manager Ostrander stated that he would include trade in the definition of Dispose.

Parcel 04075602 on Map 28 was considered, and it was explained that in past years the Kenai Outdoor Opportunity Location (KOOL) Subcommittee had developed a conceptual design for Millennium Square.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Committee Member Douthit **MOVED** to amend Resolution No. PRB21-01 with the following changes:

- Amend the Title to read: A Resolution of The Parks & Recreation Commission and Beautification Committee of the City of Kenai Recommending the Council of the City of Kenai Adopt the City of Kenai Land Management Plan;
- Delete the seventh whereas in its entirety;
- Insert a new seventh whereas to read: WHEREAS, after reviewing the plan as presented on November 4, 2021, the Parks & Recreation Commission and Beautification Committee has recommended amendments for consideration by City Council.;
- Amend Section 1 to read: The Draft of the City of Kenai Land Management Plan is hereby recommended for adoption with the following amendments:

Chair Gabriel **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: There were no objections; **SO ORDERED.**

4. COMMISSION QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Kisena thanked Administration for their hard work.

Committee Member Warner thanked Administration for their hard work.

Chair Gabriel thanked Administration for their hard work.

5. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

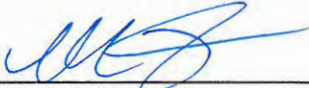
Council Members Glendening and Winger thanked the Commission and Committee Members for their hard work. Council Member Winger expressed concern for putting a campground in a residential neighborhood.

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS** – None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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Deputy City Clerk