

**KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2021 – 6:00 PM  
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CHAIR L. GABRIEL, PRESIDING**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Gabriel led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Parks and Recreation

Commissioners present:

T. Wisniewski, J. Dennis, S. Kisená, M. Bernard, J. Joanis,  
D. Rigall

Beautification Committee

Members present:

L. Gabriel, J. Roland, T. Wilson, S. Douthit

Staff/Council Liaison present:

Parks and Rec Administrative Assistant T. Best, City Clerk  
J. Heinz, Council Liaison T. Winger, Council Liaison D.  
Sounart

A quorum was present.

**c. Agenda Approval**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Kisená **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented and Commissioner Rigall **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

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

**3. NEW 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.

Planning Director Foster gave a presentation on the draft Land Management Plan (LMP), including why it was created, the background and development of the LMP, the new City Lands Inventory and Database, the objectives of the LMP, how it categorizes lands by recommendation, and timeline for approval by commissions and Council. He provided a demonstration of the new GIS tool and explained how it interacts with the database, and how it can be used by the City and the public in the future.

Discussion involved the title of the plan, and it was questioned whether it is a plan or a tool. Clarification was provided on the recommendation classifications.

**MOTION:**

Committee Member Douthit **MOVED** to approve Joint Resolution No. PRB21-01. Commissioner Kisenia **SECONDED** the motion.

It was noted that the Resolution would need to be updated dependent on public comment received.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Commissioner Rigall **MOVED** to amend Joint Resolution No. PRB21-01 by renaming the draft Land Management Plan to the City of Kenai Land Inventory and Recommendations. Commissioner Wisniewski **SECONDED** the motion.

Clarification was provided how the LMP would work with current City processes, Kenai Municipal Code, and Comprehensive Plan to streamline land management. Appreciation was expressed for the ease with which the public can access land information with the LMP.

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

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Joanis **MOVED** to postpone to a Joint Special Meeting on January 6, 2022. Commissioner Rigall **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

**4. COMMISSION QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Commissioner Joanis thanked Administration for their work, noting the good discussion.

Committee Member Douthit thanked the Planning Director for the information, noting it will be a good tool.

Commissioner Dennis thanked the Planning Director for the information, noting she looks forward to talking about it in January.

Committee Member Wilson noted that this is good research and looks forward to further discussion.

Committee Member Roland noted the great discussion, is looking forward to seeing the tool online.

Chair Gabriel thanked Administration for bringing the LMP discussion to the Commission and Committee. Announced new Council Members as liaisons; Council Member Sounart will serve as Beautification Committee Liaison, and Vice Mayor Glendening will serve as Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison.

Council Liaison Sounart thanked everyone for the welcome and noted she looks forward to working with the Beautification Committee.

Council Liaison Winger thanked Administration, Commission and Committee, and looks forward to future discussions. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**5. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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Meghan Thibodeau  
Deputy City Clerk