

**KENAI BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 19, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
KENAI COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CHAIR SARAH DOUTHIT, PRESIDING**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Douthit 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:

Committee Members present: S. Douthit, T. Wilson, B. Roland, J. Phillips,

Committee Members absent: L. Gabriel, C. Warner, E. Heale,

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

A quorum was present.

c. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

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

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion – 2022 Flower Update & Volunteer Planting Day

Director Walker noted that the Parks & Recreation department got a new mower, and Assistant Best discussed the available space in the Kenai Community Garden and asked the committee if they or anyone they knew had interest in renting plots.

The committee discussed the upcoming Volunteer Plant Day, and Director Walker clarified that it will take place on June 4, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, and it will be followed by a barbecue provided by the Kenai Fire Department. He noted that the annual Kite Festival will also take place on the same day, and the Parks & Recreation Department will “divide and conquer” the events on the same day. Discussion included the public’s involvement in Plant Day and outreach efforts.

b. Discussion – 2022 Goals & Objectives

Director Walked explained that their goals and objectives include updated park signs, new landscaping, new mulch in beds, and installation of little free libraries. He noted that one of the big goals will be to improve the wildflower hill by treating and tilling it for an entire summer to refresh the soil and kill weeds. Additional goals would be for Kenai to become an Arbor City which would include planting trees.

The committee discussed beetle kill trees, the Kenai Dog Park, the Doctor's Cabin at the Kenai Visitor Center; Director Walker explained the City's current efforts to implement plans for these issues.

c. **Discussion** – Setting a Date for the 2022 August Garden Tour

The committee scheduled a Garden Tour work session for August 9, 2022.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Committee Member Phillips said to have a wonderful summer.

Vice Chair Wilson noted that she liked the plan for caring for the field of flowers.

Chair Douthit noted she hopes there is something that can be done with the 4th Street Park; she does not like the way it looks.

Council Member Sounart noted that she likes the wildflower plan.

5. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS – None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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