

**KENAI BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 14, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CHAIR LISA GABRIEL, PRESIDING**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gabriel called the meeting to order at 6:10 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: Chair L. Gabriel, K. Reed, T. Wilson, T. Canady

Committee Members absent: B. Madrid, M. Rhyner

Staff/Council Liaison present: Parks and Recreation Director B. Frates, Parks and Recreation Operator R. Dodge

A quorum was present.

c. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Committee Member Reed **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented; and Committee Member Canady **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED.**

2. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

a. April 9, 2019

MOTION:

Committee Member Reed **MOVED** to approve the April 9, 2019 meeting summary and Committee Member Wilson **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED.**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **Discussion** – Wildflower Garden Design Ideas

The Parks and Recreation Director clarified that he heard a clear consensus from committee members at the last meeting that it was the size of the wildflower garden. The Director suggested that the planting could be scaled back by just planting inside the established trails, which would include approximately 40K sq. ft. versus the current 65K sq. ft. It was noted there would be a cost savings on at least the planting side. It was further noted that the mowed turf space around the perimeter of the garden would draw more attention to the wildflowers.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Discussion** – Volunteer Plant Day

The Parks and Recreation Director referred to the memorandum in the packet and recommended June 1 as the date of the Volunteer Plant Day with a check-in time of 10 a.m. and a BBQ to follow at Noon. There were no objections.

The Director suggested the Committee Members assign themselves and facilitate the various beds needing planted. Flowerbeds were discussed and the Committee member assignments were decided as follows:

- Chairman Gabriel – Fire Department, Blue Star;
- Member Madrid – Fire Department, Blue Star;
- Member Wilson – Leif Hansen Memorial Park Sign Bed;
- Member Canady – Circle planters at old Carrs Mall;
- Member Reed – Kenai Municipal Park and Leif Hansen Memorial Park Tree.

b. **Discussion** – Flowerbed Designs

The Parks and Recreation Director presented various designs and requested modifications, as needed. Designs were reviewed and the following changes were recommended:

- Blue Star Memorial – Confirmed as presented;
- Fire Department Bed – Consider placing Livingston Daisies around the perimeter in place of red Supertunias;
- Leif Hansen Park Sign Bed – Consider adding Kale (Red Bore and Tascano);
- Municipal Park Sign Bed – Confirmed as presented;
- Old Remax Bed – Consider substituting the Livingston Daisies with mounding type Petunias; and
- Town Tree – Confirmed as presented.

7. **REPORTS**

a. **Parks & Recreation Director** – B. Frates reported the following:

- The Department held its first East Egg Hunt at the Municipal Park on April 19;
- The Department was wrapping up its temporary hire for its summer maintenance program; and
- A community cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. – Noon; Alaska Waste would provide a large roll-off container at no expense.

- b. **Committee Chair** – L. Gabriel noted the committee still had a vacant position needing filled.
- c. **City Council Liaison** – None.

8. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION** – September 10, 2019

9. **COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Chair Gabriel noted that a garden tour was typically held in August. It was suggested August 13 as the tentative date.

10. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

11. **INFORMATION**

- a. April/May Monthly Report

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:

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