

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 19, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611
Telephonic/Virtual Information Below
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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call
- c. Agenda Approval

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT *(Public comment limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; thirty (30) minutes aggregated)*

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion** – 2022 Flower Update & Volunteer Planting Day..... Pg.2
- b. **Discussion** – 2022 Goals & Objectives..... Pg.4
- c. **Discussion** – Setting a Date for the 2022 August Garden Tour

4. COMMISSION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

5. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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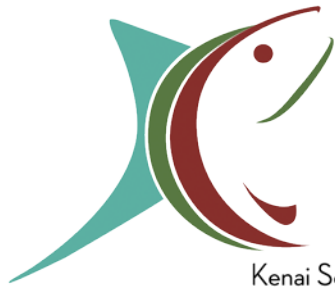
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Beautification Committee
FROM: Brad Walker, Parks Director
DATE: May 11, 2022
SUBJECT: Volunteer Plant Day 2022

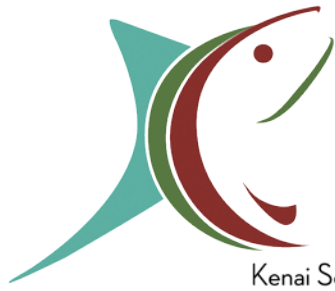
The purpose of this correspondence is to discuss and encourage approval of hosting a volunteer planting day the first Saturday in June. The recommended start time for this event is 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a BBQ starting at 12:30 p.m.

Generally, volunteers are needed to plant the Visitors & Cultural Center, Blue Star Memorial, Leif Hansen Memorial Park, old Re-Max bed and four small concrete planters along the Kenai Spur Highway.

Please see attachment for details

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachment



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WELCOME TO THE City OF KENAI VOLUNTEER PLANT DAY!

10:00 AM - Sign in at Kenai Fire Dept.
10:15AM – 12:30PM: Plant Flowers
12:30PM – 2:00PM: BBQ at Fire Dept.

All the flower beds have been prepped (weeded, tilled, and fertilized) and flowers are already placed at the designated beds.

Planting Tips:

1. Dig the Hole – Dig a hole deep enough and wide enough to hold the plant's root system; if it will hold the plant and pot, it will easily hold the plant by itself, with plenty of room to fill in loose dirt under and around the plant.
2. Carefully Remove Plant from Pot – Lightly squeeze sides of pot. With one hand supporting the bottom of pot, tip over pot so that the plant and soil slide out together.
3. Loosen the Edge of Root Ball, if needed – Gently tease out the tips of the roots, particularly if roots are wrapped around (root bound).
4. Place Roots in the Ground – Make sure root system gets buried below the soils surface. Press soil firmly around the root making sure soil is solid enough to support the plant and hold roots in place.

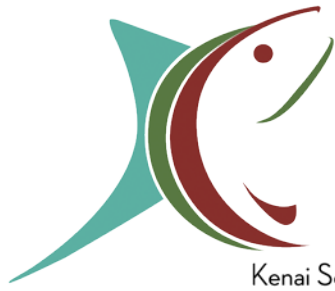
Note: Flower quantities are approximate. We suggest you arrange potted or unpotted flowers in the bed according to design and then rearrange as needed. If you need more material to complete an arrangement, you may call Randy Dodge at 907-625-1604

Trash bags are provided for:

- Litter and debris in proximity of your bed
- You may encounter some weeds; please place them in the trash bag.
- Place all pots and trays in one bag separate from litter and weeds.

Leave bags on site. City staff will come around at the end of the day and pick up all supplies and bags. Staff will water the beds.

Enjoy and thank you for your service!



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SUBJECT: Beautification Goals and Objectives 2022-2023

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with a draft of the 2022-2023 Beautification goals and objectives. Please review the attached document and provide comments or additional items for consideration at our next meeting.

Thanks for your consideration on this matter.

Attachement

Landscapes/Cityscapes & Street Trees

1. Goal: Continue improvement of streetscape along prominent corridors and park areas.

- a. Upgrade deteriorated rail-road timber beds.
- b. Refinish all park signs
- c. Pressure wash existing raised paver beds.
- d. Add new wood chips to landscape beds
- e. Finishing installing Little Free Libraries.
- f. Move already installed Little Free Libraries to new desired locations.
 - i. Municipal Park
 - ii. Daubenspeck Park
 - iii. Forrest Drive
- g. Implement new soil/weed management strategies for wildflower hill.

2. Goal: Continue improving the City's urban forest (protection, care and enhancement).

- a. Coordinate with DNR and other appropriate agencies for mitigating spruce beetle infestation, including removal of dead trees on City property.
- b. Start researching process on creating an Arbor Day tree planting event for Spring of 2023
- c. Research process on getting a Tree City USA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation.
- d. Coordinate with other City departments on developing a staffed slash site for beetle kill trees.
- e. Follow up in Spring of 2023 on the hazardous tree assessment and inventory of all park space areas.

3. Goal: Continue improving City's trail infrastructure.

- a. Complete a total assessment of the City of Kenai's trail system.
- b. Fix/repair and damaged areas of trails, work on reroute options for historically troubled areas.
- c. Look for trail connection opportunities to build a cohesive trail system.
- d. Update current trail maps
- e. Add information kiosks at all trailheads and necessary parks