

**KENAI COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2020 – 4:30 P.M.
KENAI SENIOR CENTER
361 SENIOR CT., KENAI, AK 99611
<http://www.kenai.city>**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Don Erwin at 4:38 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Erwin led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll was confirmed as follows:

Members Present: V. Geller, D. Erwin, L. Nelson, B. Modigh, M. Milewski
Members Absent: R. Williams, A. Weeks, C. Thornton, S. Bise

A quorum was present.

Staff/Council Liaison

Present: Senior Director K. Romain, Administrative Assistant A. Clary, and
Council Member G. Pettey

c. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Member Modigh **MOVED** for approval of the agenda as presented and Member Geller **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections. **SO ORDERED.**

2. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS (*Public comment limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; thirty (30) minutes aggregate*) – None.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT (*Public comment limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; thirty (30) minutes aggregate*) – None.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

a. August 13, 2020

MOTION:

Member Milewski **MOVED** to approve the August 13, 2020 meeting summary as presented and Member Modigh **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections. **SO ORDERED.**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -- None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Discussion** – Senior Center Update

Senior Director Romain reported the following:

- Despite COVID-19, day to day operations, including services and grocery deliveries for seniors, were continuing;
- For the next few weeks, a tentative Friday closure for the kitchen was planned;
- The volunteer/activities coordinator position was being re-advertised;
- The \$50,000 Kenai Peninsula Borough CARES Grant was received and will be used to assist in the remodeling of the card room, purchasing of automatic soap dispensers in the restrooms, and touchless water bottle filler (replacing the former drinking fountain);
- Through partnering with the Kenai Senior Connection, Inc., Peninsula Community Health Services, and Hilcorp, Christmas goodie bags for home meals clients will be delivered by Christmas;
- Because the State was behind in its approval process, she was still waiting to hear whether her grant request had been approved for COVID funds for older Alaskans and their caregivers (will provide temporary meals driver, new stove in the kitchen, and emergency buckets). The grant funds, if approved, will run from January to June 2021.

7. **REPORTS**

a. **Senior Center** – No further report.

b. **Council on Aging Chair** – Thanked the staff for their work. No further report.

b. **City Council Liaison** – Council Member Pettey reported the following:

- A bluff erosion update;
- All City public buildings would be closed through the end of the year;
- The fireworks display provided the day after Thanksgiving was well received throughout the community;
- A City Council meeting schedule update and information;
- Announced Victoria Askin was appointed to Council to fill past member Peterkin's seat until the October 2021 election. She and Council Members-Elect Winger and Knackstedt were sworn in at the last council meeting.

8. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION** – January 14, 2021

There were no announcements of absences for the January 14, 2021 meeting.

9. **COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Member Milewski requested an update about the new van and Member Modigh requested information about the phone-buddy use.

10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS – None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Member Geller **MOVED** for adjournment and Member Milewski **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections. **SO ORDERED.**

There being no further business, the Council on Aging meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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