

**KENAI COUNCIL ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.
KENAI SENIOR CENTER
CHAIR DON ERWIN, PRESIDING**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Erwin at 4:32 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Erwin led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll was confirmed as follows:

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

A quorum was present.

Staff/Council Liaison

Present: Administrative Assistant Clary, Council Liaison Pettey

c. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

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

2. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT -- None.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

MOTION:

Member Geller **MOVED** to approve the April 8, 2021 Meeting Summary as written and Member Milewski **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections. **SO ORDERED.**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- None.

6. NEW BUSINESS –

a. Discussion – Possible Name Change for Council on Aging

Senior Administrative Assistant Clary provided a summary from the April 8th meeting for members who were absent at that time.

Senior Administrative Assistant Clary spoke to the laydown item “May 5th, 1971 City of Kenai

Resolution 71-11" and provided a summary of research done by Senior Director Romain regarding other areas of the nation.

Questions asked:

- Is there a reason for the change?
- Does it have to be approved by the City?
- Are there other places rejecting the word senior?

Input provided:

- There's nothing wrong with being a senior citizen;
- We're aging...some of us need help and some of us don't;
- The laydown item states "The Mayor's Council on Aging";
- I don't see any need to change the name.

After an in-depth discussion, to include brainstorming potential name change ideas, Members agreed to table the discussion again until the June 10th meeting.

b. **Discussion** – Greenhouse Project

Senior Administrative Assistant Clary reported that Director Romain and Senior Kenai Senior Connection, Inc. are still in the process of connecting with local vendors to view different options but a greenhouse has not been purchased as of this meeting.

7. **REPORTS**

- a. Senior Center Director – Senior Administrative Assistant Clary reported:
- Both temporary employees (20 hour & 14 hour) have resigned earlier than their expected date of June 30th (end of grant cycle). Resignations were due to finding permanent/full time employment with benefits for one employee and moving back to the States for the other employee;
 - Opening phases for the Center expected to be pushed back marginally to allow for 3 permanent full-time employees to take vacations due to not having any time off since before the Center closed for COVID-19 restrictions in March of 2020;
 - Still waiting on approval of the second MOWAA grant that will allow for another temporary employee;
 - Kayla Feltman, new Activities and Volunteer Coordinator, to start at Center full-time Monday, May 17, 2021.
- b. Council on Aging Chair – Chair Erwin, no report.
- c. City Council Liaison – Council Member Pettey reviewed the Action Agenda for the Council's April 21, 2021 and May 05, 2021, meeting which was included in the packet, noting ordinances and resolutions passed, etc.

8. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION** – June 10, 2021

Member Craig announced a potential absence for the June 10, 2021 meeting.

9. **COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS** – None.

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 5:33pm.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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