

**KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2022 – 6:00 PM
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CHAIR T. GRANT WISNIEWSKI, PRESIDING**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wisniewski called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wisniewski led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll was confirmed as follows:

Commissioners present: T. Wisniewski, S. Kisena, J. Dennis, J. Joanis, M. Bernard,
D. Rigall

Commissioners absent: C. Stephens

Staff/Council Liaison present: Parks & Recreation Assistant Director T. Best, Council
Member T. Winger

A quorum was present.

c. Agenda Approval

Chair Wisniewski noted the following additions to the agenda:

ACTION

Add to item 6.a

ITEM

Discussion/Recommendation – Recommending a
Landscape-Based Perimeter Plan for the Kenai Municipal
Cemetery Expansion

- Memo – Motion Revision

MOTION:

Commissioner Rigall **MOVED** to approve the agenda with the requested additions. Vice Chair Kisena **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

2. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Griffin, owner of the Kenai Golf Course, discussed new programs at the golf course including ones which intend to get more young people involved in golf. He requested that the City be mindful of beetle kill trees on the course.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

- a. May 5, 2022

MOTION:

Vice Chair Kisena **MOVED** to approve the meeting summary of May 5, 2022. Commissioner Joanis **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion/Recommendation** – Recommending the City Council Approve a Landscape-Based Perimeter Plan for the Kenai Municipal Cemetery Expansion.

MOTION:

Commissioner Rigall **MOVED** to recommend that the perimeter of the Kenai Municipal Cemetery Expansion be created by landscaping around the property. Commissioner Dennis **SECONDED** the motion.

Assistant Director Best provided a staff report discussing how a landscape-based plan for the Kenai Cemetery Expansion would be much more feasible and could potentially allow for more funding for other areas of the expansion.

Commission discussed the potential for vandalism, moose getting into the cemetery, and the species and height of trees that would be planted. It was noted that there is not yet a final plan for what would be planted.

VOTE:

YEA: Wisniewski, Kisena, Rigall, Dennis, Joanis, Bernard

NAY: None.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. REPORTS

- a. **Parks and Recreation Director** – Assistant Director Best reported on the following:
- The Pumpkin Festival was successful, and how crucial the Library and Fire Department were in the success of the event.
- b. **Commission Chair** – Chair Wisniewski reported on the following:
- Noted that his twins are almost a year old, and that winter is coming.
- c. **City Council Liaison** – Council Member Winger reported on the actions of the October 5, 2022 City Council meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION – November 3, 2022

9. COMMISSION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Joanis thanked the City and all the hard work they do, and asked about how the Kenai River Marathon went.

Commissioner Rigall noted that it would be great to see an economic impact study done to see the effect of Parks & Recreation events.

Commissioner Dennis asked about the Boys and Girls Club land use agreement with the City. Vice Chair Kisena noted that the Pumpkin Festival sounded great.

Commissioner Rigall noted that he would like to see a kiosk selling coffee on the ski trails.

Chair Wisnewski asked about snow machines on the ski trails, and how he would like to see a snow machine trail from Kenai to Hope.

10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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