

**KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.  
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611  
VICE CHAIR SOVALA KISENA, PRESIDING**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was held on September 7, 2023, in City Hall Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Vice Chair Kisenka called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair Kisenka led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

There were present:

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| Sovala Kisenka, Vice Chair | Jennifer Joanis  |
| Kyle Graham                | Charlie Stephens |
| Michael Bernard            | David Rigall     |

A quorum was present.

Absent:

Grant Wisniewski, Chair

Also in attendance were:

Tyler Best, Parks & Recreation Director  
Jenna Brown, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director  
Victoria Askin, City Council Member

**3. Agenda Approval**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Joanis **MOVED** to approve the agenda with the requested revisions and requested unanimous consent. Commissioner Bernard **SECONDED** the motion.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

**B. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.**

**C. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.**

**D. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

**1. March 2, 2023.**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Graham **MOVED** to approve the minutes of March 2, 2023. Commissioner Bernard **SECONDED** the motion.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

E. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion** - City of Kenai Commissions, Committees and Council on Aging Review

Director Best reported on the upcoming City of Kenai Commissions, Committees and Council on Aging Review, noting the information provided in the packet.

*[Clerk's note: Commissioner Rigall joined the meeting at 6:19 p.m.]*

G. **REPORTS**

1. Parks & Recreation Director – Director Best reported on the following:

- Recap of 2023 Kite Festival event.
- Introduced new Assistant Director Jenna Brown.
- Update on personal use fishery bypass lane.
- Reviewed Summer 2023 Parks & Recreation Department activities as described in the packet.

2. Commission Chair – Vice Chair Kisenia discussed a project which would capture historical geographic data.

3. City Council Liaison – Council Member Askin reported on the actions of the September 6, 2023 City Council Meeting.

H. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

I. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION** – October 5, 2023.

Commissioner Graham noted he would be absent for this meeting, and Commissioner Stephens may miss it as well.

Commissioner Rigall noted he would be absent for the November 2, 2023 meeting.

J. **COMMISSION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Graham discussed the possibility for salmon education at the Cohoe Street trail.

Commissioner Rigall inquired about the new storage shed next to the Kenai Art Guild; Director Best noted that an informational item will be added to the next meeting packet.

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

L. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** – None.

There being no further business before the Parks & Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting of September 7, 2023.



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Meghan Thibodeau  
Deputy City Clerk