

**KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2024  
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611  
CHAIR GRANT WISNIEWSKI, PRESIDING**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was held on January 4, 2024, in the Kenai City Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Chair Wisniewski called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Wisniewski led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

There were present:

Grant Wisniewski, Chair	Sovala Kisena, Vice Chair
Kyle Graham	Jennifer Joanis
Michael Bernard	Charlie Stephens
Nigel LaRicca	

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were:

Tyler Best, Parks & Recreation Director  
Jenna Brown, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director  
Deborah Sounart, City Council Liaison  
Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk

**3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Stephens **MOVED** to reappoint Chair Wisniewski. Vice Chair Kisena **SECONDED** the motion.

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

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Joanis **MOVED** to reappoint Vice Chair Kisena. Chair Wisniewski **SECONDED** the motion.

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

**4. Agenda Approval**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Stephens **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Bernard **SECONDED** the motion.

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

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

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

**D. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

1. November 2, 2023

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Joanis **MOVED** to approve the November 2, 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission minutes. Commissioner Bernard **SECONDED** the motion.

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

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion/Recommendation** – Recommendations as Discussed During the Commission Review – Work Session Held Immediately Prior.

Commissioner Stephens stated that during the prior work session, the documents presented in the packet were reviewed and the Commission was given the opportunity to provide input and discuss concerns; it was noted that this feedback would be taken into consideration by Administration when drafting changes to bring back to the Commission at their next meeting for recommendation to Council.

**G. REPORTS**

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

- Hanging Christmas lights.
- Grooming ski and walking trails.
- Snow removal from fire hydrants, and new “Adopt a Hydrant” program.
- Rec Center use statistics from sign-in sheets.

2. Commission Chair – Chair Wisniewski thanked the Parks & Recreation department for clearing trails.

3. City Council Liaison – Council Member Sounart reported on the January 3, 2024 City Council Meeting and Budget Goals Work Session.

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

**I. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION – February 1, 2024**

**J. COMMISSION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Parks & Recreation Midmonth Report – November 2023

There being no further business before the Parks & Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting of January 4, 2024.



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Meghan Thibodeau  
Deputy City Clerk