

**KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 6, 2020 – 6:00 PM  
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CHAIR CHARLIE STEPHENS, PRESIDING**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Stephens led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**b. Roll was confirmed as follows:**

Commissioners present: C. Stephens, S. Kisena, J. Joanis, T. Wisniewski, J. Dennis

Commissioners absent: T. Winger

Staff/Council Liaison present: Parks & Rec Director B. Frates, Council Liaison B. Molloy

A quorum was present.

**c. Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Joanis **MOVED** to maintain the Chair and Vice Chair status quo; Commissioner Kisena **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED.**

**d. Agenda Approval**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Joanis **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented and Commissioner Kisena **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED.**

**2. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY**

**a. December 5, 2019**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Joanis **MOVED** to approve the meeting summary of December 5, 2019 and Commissioner Wisniewski **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED.**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Discussion** – Amending Current Policy for Student Representative for the Parks & Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Director referred to the memorandum in the packet stating he thought it was appropriate to add the Kenai Alternative High School to the Parks and Recreation Commission Student Representative Policy No. 2018-01.

It was suggested to include students with Connections Homeschool Program and Idea Homeschool, as well as students that reside in Kenai but attend a school in another community (i.e. Soldotna). Further discussion continued and focused on the Limitations, Qualifications, and Requirements section of the policy.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Wisniewski **MOVED** to recommend Council approve Policy No. 2018-01 with the following revisions: 1b. The student shall be a Kenai resident and a junior or senior in good standing [AT THE KENAI CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL] with school Administration. 1c. The student shall be [ELECTED] approved by [THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF KENAI CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE KCHS] school administration; if multiple applications are received, the Mayor will nominate an applicant. 1g. The student will communicate with [STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS AT KENAI CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL] other students to provide information and seek feedback from other students on Parks and Recreation issues affecting young people; and Commissioner Joanis **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections.

7. **REPORTS**

- a. **Parks and Recreation Director** – Frates noted that although the Department was short-staffed due to the flu, most routine maintenance schedules were met, including clearing snow from sidewalks, grooming ski trails and performing ice maintenance at Daubenspeck Pond. Director Frates also reported on the following:
- Staff met with a homeschool student to discuss her Caring for the Kenai project; the topic was Pollinators and was a top finisher last year;
  - The date of May 23 was set for the 2020 Kenai Festival;
  - Staff was working on budgets; and
  - He helped the City's marketing firm, Divining Point set up a few photo shoots that included skiing, snow shoeing, and playground shots at an elementary school.
- b. **Commission Chair** – Stephens welcomed the new Commission member, Michael Bernard and Student Representative, River Tomrdle.
- c. **City Council Liaison** – Molloy provided an update on Divining Point efforts with the City of Kenai on branding and marketing, reporting the tagline developed was, "Kenai – the Best Place to Alaska." He also reported on an upcoming Salmon Celebration set for June 6 that included a Community Celebration at the City Dock.

**8. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION – March 5, 2020**

Commissioner Joanis noted she would be absent at the next meeting.

**9. COMMISSION QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Commissioner Wisniewski inquired about the dip net Capital Improvement Plan and its status. Councilor Molloy clarified that the Bluff Erosion Project remained first priority and that the three PU Fishery improvement projects supported by resolution were the South Beach Fee Shack, Little League Restrooms and Vault Restrooms. He added that the campground was not approved and no decision had been regarding alternative site locations.

**10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**

**11. INFORMATION**

- a. Multi-Purpose Facility Ice Schedule – January/February 2020

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:

  
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