

**KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 6, 2020 – 6:00 PM
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VICE-CHAIR GRANT WISNIEWSKI, PRESIDING**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Wisniewski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

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

b. Roll was confirmed as follows:

Commissioners present: S. Kisenia, J. Dennis, M. Bernard, T. Winger, T. Wisniewski

Commissioners absent: C. Stephens, J. Joanis, R. Tomrdle

Staff/Council Liaison present: Parks & Rec Director B. Frates, Deputy City Clerk J. LaPlante, Council Liaison B. Molloy

A quorum was present.

c. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Commissioner Bernard **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented and Commissioner Winger **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. May 7, 2020

MOTION:

Commissioner Bernard **MOVED** to approve the meeting summary of May 7, 2020 and Commissioner Winger **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion – Kenai River Marathon

The Parks and Recreation Director noted the City of Kenai in conjunction with the Kenai Chamber

of Commerce were putting on the Kenai River Marathon this year, scheduled for Sunday, September 27. So far there were 43 – 50 runners registered and it was the intent to utilize the previously certified route for the marathon, although it was not likely a Boston Qualifier with the recent changes to the bike path. Measures were being discussed to mitigate or lessen COVID-19 risks, including limiting the number of supporters specifically located at the water station, only water would be available on the table, and options were being evaluated of a staggered start or wearing masks at the start of the race, seeking ideas to make it safer. Support by Commission members was expressed of a staggered start.

It was noted there was a high need for planning committee members or if anyone was interested in participating at any scale, contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

- b. **Action/Approval** – Ratify the Commission’s Decision Regarding Future In-Person and/or Virtual Meetings.

MOTION:

Commissioner Winger **MOVED** to approve the transition to in-person and Zoom virtual hybrid meetings and Commissioner Dennis **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

7. REPORTS

- a. **Parks and Recreation Director** – Director Frates reported there were limited summer hires this year but it was impressive on how much had been accomplished this summer; noted the employee spotlight in the department newsletter recognizing outstanding employees; and recognized the Department Admin Assistant for the hard work in development of this year’s flower guide. He further reported that the Silver Salmon Derby was scheduled for September 15th – 20th; over 25 trees were safely removed from the Kenai cemetery; RCIA (Recreation and Cultural Interests Area) signs would be installed soon near the intersection of Old Town Kenai; and a joint Beautification Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission work session was being scheduled for August 13 to tour the Kenai Gardens.
- a. **Commission Chair** – None.
- b. **City Council Liaison** – Council Member Molloy reported on the recent actions of the August 5 City Council meeting, including naming of the City of Kenai’s Wildlife Viewing Platform, an update on the Beaver Loop pedestrian pathway, and the City Manager’s report of COVID-19 on the Kenai Peninsula.

8. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION – September 3, 2020

9. COMMISSION QUESTIONS & COMMENTS – None.

10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

11. INFORMATION

- a. Department Newsletter – “Kenai Breeze”
- b. Beautification Brochure 2020

c. Kenai Park & Trail Guide

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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