

KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
JUNE 3, 2021 – 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 6:00 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, T. Wisniewski, J. Dennis, S. Kisen, M. Bernard, J. Joanis

Commissioners absent: D. Rigall, R. Tomrdle

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

A quorum was present.

c. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

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

2. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Suzanne Phillips – Aurora Borealis Robotics Team Presentation

The Aurora Borealis Robotics Team presented their project Free Play, the proposal of which includes maps directing people to all the free activities in the area and gear vaults for people to use around the local area, and would include an online version. The team noted that they have been working with BRIDGES, and they are in need of space, volunteers and donated equipment.

Discussion and questions from the Commission were positive and encouraging. It was suggested that they talk to Director Frates about coming up with a space in Kenai. It was noted that their website is not up yet, and that the students will contact Kenai Parks & Recreation when they are ready to take donations.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

a. May 6, 2021

MOTION:

Commissioner Dennis **MOVED** to approve the meeting summary of May 6, 2021 and Commissioner Wisniewski **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED.**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Discussion/Recommendation** – Aurora Borealis Robotics Team Project

The Commission discussed more regarding the ABC presentation, including possible locations in Kenai to house gear vaults and providing donations of equipment.

7. **REPORTS**

a. **Parks and Recreation Director** – Director Frates reported

- The Kite Festival was wet, but good. Sunday there was an impromptu kite flying event on Millennium Square;
- Help at the Parks & Recreation Department is sparse, but everyone is working hard.

b. **Commission Chair** – Chair Stephens asked questions regarding why we do not have applicants this year.

c. **City Council Liaison** – Council Member Winger reported on the actions of the May 19, 2021 and June 2, 2021 City Council meetings.

8. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION** – August 5, 2021

9. **COMMISSION QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kisenka thanked Parks & Recreation for the restrooms at the disc golf course.

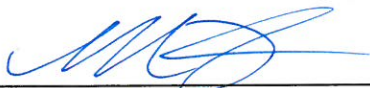
10. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

11. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** – None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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