

**KENAI PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611
CHAIR JEFF TWAIT, PRESIDING**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Kenai Planning & Zoning Commission was held on June 14, 2023, in City Hall Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Chair Twait called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Twait led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

There were present:

Jeff Twait, Chair
Gary Greenberg
John Coston
Gwen Woodard

Joe Halstead, Vice Chair
Jim Glendering
Diane Fikes

A quorum was present.

Absent:

None

Also in attendance were:

Linda Mitchell, Planning Director
Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk
Henry Knackstedt, Council Member

3. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Chair Twait noted the following additions to the Packet:

Add to item I.3

City Administration Report

- 2022 Conditional Use Permits Annual Report Review

Add to item O.2

Informational Items

- King of the River Food Drive Flyer

MOTION:

Vice Chair Halstead **MOVED** to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the requested revisions. Council Member Woodard **SECONDED** the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were read into the record.

Chair Twait opened the floor for public comment on consent agenda items; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.
There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

All items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Commission and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commission Member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda as part of the General Orders.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Regular Meeting of May 24, 2023

Approved by the consent agenda.

C. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

D. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS

Will Jahrig provided an update on the progress of the Restaurant/Brewery development at 800 Childs Avenue.

E. CONSIDERATION OF PLATS

1. **Resolution PZ2023-10** – Recommending Approval for Preliminary Plat - Reutov Subdivision to Subdivide a Parcel into Four (4) Lots Located at 106 Lawton Drive (Parcel ID: 04902008) in the Suburban Residential (RS) Zoning District.

MOTION:

Vice Chair Halstead **MOVED** to approve Resolution PZ2023-10. Commissioner Coston **SECONDED** the motion.

Planning Director Mitchell presented her staff report with information provided in the packet explaining that the applicant intends to subdivide the parcel into four lots. Zoning and uses of surrounding lots were reviewed; staff recommended approval to Kenai Peninsula Borough, subject to the following conditions:

1. Update the City of Kenai's City Manager name under the Certificate of Acceptance section.
2. Place the following note on the plat: The 20-foot wide access portion of the flag lots (Lots 3 and 4) must be unobstructed and maintained for emergency access.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE:

YEA: Fikes, Glendening, Woodard, Twait, Greenberg, Halstead, Coston

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution PZ2023-09** – Granting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Allow for Lodging on the Property Located at 1534 Stellar Drive (Parcel ID: 04714032) in the Suburban Residential (RS) Zoning District.

MOTION:

Vice Chair Halstead **MOVED** to approve Resolution PZ2023-09. Commissioner Glendening **SECONDED** the motion.

Planning Director Mitchell clarified the definition of lodging in Kenai Municipal Code, and presented her staff report with information provided in the packet explaining that the applicant had been running a lodging operation for a few years without knowing it required a conditional use permit (CUP). The criteria

for CUPs were reviewed; it was noted the application met the criteria and City staff recommends approval subject to the following conditions:

1. Any development or use of the property shall comply with all applicable Federal, State of Alaska, and City regulations regardless of whether or not the requirements are listed as conditions for the approval of the Conditional Use Permit.
2. Upon request, the applicant or applicant's representative shall meet with City staff for an on-site inspection.
3. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Applicant Mary Kennedy noted that she had submitted a statement into the packet, and would be available for questions.

Chair Twait opened for public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Support was expressed; it was noted that the applicant had put in a good faith effort to comply with code.

In response to questions from the commission, Mary Kennedy clarified that she is not collecting sales tax but has been paying it to the Kenai Peninsula Borough; apologized for not being aware of the CUP requirement and expressed appreciation for Director Mitchell for helping her through the process; noted that she doesn't advertise but does list her property on AirBNB and VRBO; explained how a group with travel trailers had booked her property last summer, and she had made neighbors aware beforehand and provided them with her contact information in case of issues; noted that her property has been consistently booked in previous years; discussed how she mitigates potential guest issues with a security camera and communication with neighbors; and clarified she has had no homeowner's insurance claims.

VOTE:

YEA: Glendening, Woodard, Greenberg, Fikes, Twait, Halstead, Coston

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Action/Approval** – Requesting an Excused Absence for the May 24, 2023 Regular Meeting - Coston.

Approved by the consent agenda.

2. ***Action/Approval** – Time Extension for Compliance with Conditions in Resolution PZ2022-14 for a Restaurant/Brewery on the Property Located at 800 Childs Avenue (Parcel ID: 04901138) in the Heavy Industrial (IH) Zoning District.

Approved by the consent agenda.

I. REPORTS

1. City Council – Council Member Knackstedt reported on the actions of the June 7, 2023 City Council meeting.
2. Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning – Commissioner Fikes reported on the actions of the June 12, 2023 Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission Meeting.
3. City Administration – Planning Director Mitchell reported on the following:

- Storefront and Streetscape Improvement grant applications have been out since last week; two completed applications received. Explained program process.
- FY2024 budget includes travel expenses for commissioners who want to the American Planning Association conference in Anchorage on September 20, 2023.
- There will be a work session prior to the regular meeting on June 28th.
- Reviewed the 2022 Conditional Use Permits Annual Report provided in laydown; asked commissioners to review and noted that it is within the purview of commission to revoke permits.

J. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

K. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION**

1. Next Meeting: June 28, 2023

Vice Chair Halstead noted he would be absent from the June 28th meeting.

L. **COMMISSION COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

M. **PENDING ITEMS** – None.

N. **ADJOURNMENT**

O. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Kenai Public Open House Flyer

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting of June 14, 2023.



Meghan Thibodeau
Deputy City Clerk