

**KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
DECEMBER 7, 2017 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CHAIR CHARLIE STEPHENS, PRESIDING**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was confirmed as follows:

Commissioners present: C. Stephens, J. Joanis, S. Kisen, T. Wisniewski,
N. Widmayer

Commissioners absent: J. Halstead

Staff/Council Liaison present: Parks & Rec Director B. Frates, Council Member J.
Glendening

A quorum was present.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION:

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

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

- a. November 2, 2017

MOTION:

Commissioner Widmayer **MOVED** to approve the meeting summary of November 2, 2017 and Commissioner Joanis **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED.**

4. PERSONS SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD – None.

5. PERSONS PRESENT NOT SCHEDULED – None.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion – Pedestrian Trails

Parks and Recreation Director Frates called attention to the 2011 Draft Pedestrian Trails Plan, including history of the document and provided updates for the various trail segments accomplished to date. Frates stated that considerations should be given for prioritizing the next phase of the trails. He added there is a grant opportunity through Alaska State Parks, but the next

cycle is approximately a year out. Several options and ideas were discussed, including trails near the Kenai Golf Course, north of Ryan's Creek, and the drainage near Municipal Park. It was recognized that each of these areas provided opportunity for good connectivity, particularly the Municipal Park and areas near the golf course.

Director Frates stated that he will incorporate these three trail segments onto a map and any others that Commissioners may have and would bring it to the next meeting for review.

The Commission recommended that the Parks and Recreation Department update one of the trail maps to include connective routes utilizing pedestrian paths and the Kenai Spur Highway bike path. It was added that the Bluff Erosion Project may someday create opportunities that do not necessarily exist today.

8. REPORTS

- a. **Parks and Recreation Director** – Frates informed on the monthly activity report, specifically noting a Skate with Santa on December 16 at the Multi-purpose facility. Frates also reported on recent maintenance activities, and presented the new interpretive displays for the Bridge Access boardwalk.
- b. **Commission Chair** – None.
- c. **City Council Liaison** – Glendening reported on City Council meeting updates and current happenings.

9. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION – January 4, 2018

10. COMMISSION QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Joanis inquired about timelines for the Bluff Erosion Project. It was noted that the timelines were being tentatively identified and will be tied to construction plans and funding once the project is approved by the Corps of Engineers.

The Kenai Golf Course lease was mentioned and it was suggested that the City should reconsider how the lease is managed. It was noted that participation numbers are down, making it increasingly difficult to meet necessary costs, particularly with the high cost of maintenance involved.

Commissioner Joanis complimented and thanked the Parks and Recreation department for the effort and hanging all the holiday decorations in town.

11. PERSONS PRESENT NOT SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD – None.

12. INFORMATION

- a. City of Kenai Ice Schedule
- b. Skate with Santa – December 16

Director B. Frates noted the City of Kenai Ice Schedule and more details about the Skate with Santa were included in the packet.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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