

**KENAI BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CHAIR LISA GABRIEL, PRESIDING**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gabriel led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll was confirmed as follows:

Committee Members present: Chair L. Gabriel, T. Canady, K. Reed, T. Wilson

Committee Members absent: Vice Chair S. Peterson, B. Madrid, R. Sierer

Staff/Council Liaison present: Parks and Recreation Director B. Frates, Parks and Recreation Operator R. Dodge, Council Member Boyle

A quorum was present.

c. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Committee Member Canady **MOVED** to approve the agenda; and Committee Member Reed **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. April 10, 2018

MOTION:

Committee Member Reed **MOVED** to approve the April 10, 2018 meeting summary and Committee Member Canady **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Discussion – Volunteer Plant Day

General discussion took place regarding the Volunteer Plant Day. Specifics of the discussion included: The event date scheduled for June 9 at 10 a.m.; beds prepped in advance; volunteers to meet at the Kenai Fire Department; planting maps and diagrams would be available; and that the Department would send out Public Service Announcements.

Committee members assigned themselves various plant beds to facilitate during the planting day.

b. **Discussion** – 2018 Plants and Designs

Director Frates referred to the planting diagrams provided in the packet and credited Operator Dodge for his good work. Dodge reviewed each bed design, and it was noted that the plant day should be fun for volunteers.

c. **Discussion/Recommendation** – Winter Pole Displays

Committee Members reviewed several variations of street pole decorations. It was noted that the per unit price range was typically \$450 to \$750 depending on size and style. Different styles were discussed, such as garland wrapped versus silhouettes. Director Frates expressed his recommendation of a winter theme silhouette, particularly if the desire was to have them remain up for a month or longer. It was further noted that the decorations would be replacements for the wreaths along Willow Street.

MOTION

Committee Member Reed **MOVED** to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Director purchase pole mounted decorations keeping with a snowflake theme. Committee Member Wilson **SECONDED**. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

6. REPORTS

a. **Parks & Recreation Director** – Frates reported the following:

- The Department was finalizing the recruitment of temporary hires;
- Jacob Hart accepted a position as Laborer and starts working on May 14;
- Administrative Assistant Melanie Beverly's last day would be May 10;
- The Department was working with several other organizations and community volunteers on the Bike Safety event planned for Saturday, May 12. He added that the event included a bike obstacle course, safety information, bike safety checks, and ice cream; and
- Little League opening ceremonies were scheduled for May 19.

b. **Committee Chair** – Gabriel thanked the City of Kenai Parks and Recreation Department efforts for putting together the Volunteer Plant Day.

c. **City Council Liaison** – Council Member Boyle noted that the ideas being considered by the Airport Commission regarding a sign at the Wildflower Garden may be something of interest to the Beautification Committee.

7. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION – September 11, 2018

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Chair Gabriel expressed her interest in seeing the sign options. She further commented that the Beautification Committee has been diligent in keeping the associated signs and fencing low-profile.

It was noted that a garden tour was typically arranged for an August timeframe.

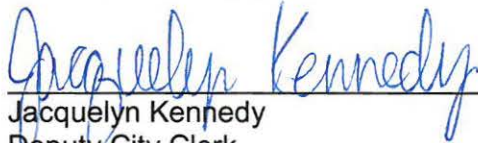
9. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

10. INFORMATION

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:


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