

**KENAI COUNCIL ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2018 – 4:30 P.M.
KENAI SENIOR CENTER
CHAIR ROY WILLIAMS, PRESIDING**

MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Williams led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll was confirmed as follows:

Members Present: Chair R. Williams, Vice Chair D. Erwin, J. Hollier, V. Geller,
B. Modigh, L. Nelson, A. Weeks

Members Absent: M. Milewski, B. Osborn

Staff/Council Liaison Present: Senior Center Director K. Romain, Council Member G. Pettey

A quorum was present.

c. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Council Member Gellar **MOVED** to approve the agenda and Council Member Modigh **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 10, 2018

MOTION:

Council Member Geller **MOVED** to approve the meeting summary of May 10, 2018 as submitted and Council Member Weeks **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The rules were suspended to discuss a previous business item regarding security cameras. The Councilors discussed the suggested security camera purchase and it was noted the cost was approximately \$600.00.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion – Water Fountain Grant

Possible grant funding availability was being explored for the purchase of a new water fountain, which would offer the ability to fill bottles.

b. Discussion – Memorial Garden

Council members discussed the development of a memorial garden at the Senior Center. Comments included the costs involved, space/location for the garden, protection from vandalism, ideas in how the garden could represent patriotic families, recognition for veterans, seniors serving on Council on Aging, and placement of a sculpture or memorial stone identifying the reason for the garden.

c. Discussion – Council on Aging Schedule

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLIER LEFT THE MEETING AT 5:00 PM

The possibility of changing the meeting schedule from monthly to bi-monthly was discussed. It was clarified the By-Laws require an annual meeting in January. A brief discussion followed. Consensus of the Council on Aging was to keep the meeting schedule monthly and request cancellation through the City Clerk when there were no items for a meeting agenda.

7. REPORTS

- a. **Senior Center Director** – Director Romain noted Tawni Eubank had been hired as the new Activities and Volunteer Coordinator.
- b. **Council on Aging Chair** – Williams noted his concern whether the Council on Aging was doing all it could do to assist seniors, including providing a presentation related to hearing loss, balance issues, isolation, etc. He requested the members to prepare a list of issues that affected seniors over a long period and bring it to the next meeting for further discussion.
- c. **City Council Liaison** – Pettey reported the following:
 - Participation in the dip net fishery were down from previous years resulting in reduced funds collected at approximately \$175,000 less than from previous years which averaged \$500,000.
 - The bluff erosion project was now being reviewed in Hawaii and would then be sent back to Washington, DC. She hoped she would have more news by the September meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION – September 13, 2018

It was noted, unless new members are appointed by Kenai City Council before the September meeting, there would be two seats open. No other members noted they would be absent for the September meeting.

9. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Member Hollier stated her resignation from the Council on Aging, of which she had been a member since 1987.

Director Romain reported Member Bill Osborn also resigned from the Council on Aging due to his and his wife moving out of state.

It was requested to have a dry erase board or flip chart at the next meeting when discussing issues affecting seniors. Comments noted included the suggestion to have Bluegrass end before 9:30 p.m. by having activities that were prior to bluegrass start earlier (i.e. piano lessons, bridge, etc.); begin discussions of future capital projects; provide pictures to be placed in the bathroom to dress it up a bit; and it was suggested to investigate "seniors working with seniors" grant availability.


10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

11. INFORMATION – None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:



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