KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MARCH 5, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611 http://www.kenai.city

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Roll Call
- c. Agenda Approval
- 2. <u>SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> (Public comment limited to ten (10) minutes per speaker)
- **3.** <u>UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT</u> (Public comment limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; thirty (30) minutes aggregated)

4. <u>APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY</u>

a. February 6, 2020

5. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

6. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

a. **Discussion/Recommendation** – Amending the Parks & Recreation Commission Student Representative Policy

7. <u>REPORTS</u>

- a. Parks & Recreation Director
- b. Commission Chair
- c. City Council Liaison

8. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION – April 2, 2020

9. <u>COMMISSION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS</u>

10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Multi-Purpose Facility Ice Schedule February/March 2020
- b. March Monthly Report
- c. Arbor Day Grant 2020
- d. Soldotna Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center Announcement

12. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING: JACQUELYN -- 283-8231 OR, BOB -- 283-8261 (This page was intentionally left blank)

KENAI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION FEBRUARY 6, 2020 – 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 6:05 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, S. Kisena, J. Joanis, T. Wisniewski, J. Dennis			
Commissioners absent:	T. Winger			
Staff/Council Liaison present:	Parks & Rec Director B. Frates, Council Liaison B. Molloy			

A quorum was present.

c. Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair

MOTION:

Commissioner Joanis **MOVED** to maintain the Chair and Vice Chair status quo; Commissioner Kisena **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

d. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Commissioner Joanis **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented and Commissioner Kisena **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. December 5, 2019

MOTION:

Commissioner Joanis **MOVED** to approve the meeting summary of December 5, 2019 and Commissioner Wisniewski **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections; **SO ORDERED**.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Discussion** – Amending Current Policy for Student Representative for the Parks & Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Director referred to the memorandum in the packet stating he thought it was appropriate to add the Kenai Alternative High School to the Parks and Recreation Commission Student Representative Policy No. 2018-01.

It was suggested to include students with Connections Homeschool Program and Idea Homeschool, as well as students that reside in Kenai but attend a school in another community (i.e. Soldotna). Further discussion continued and focused on the Limitations, Qualifications, and Requirements section of the policy.

MOTION:

Commissioner Wisniewski **MOVED** to recommend Council approve Policy No. 2018-01 with the following revisions: 1b. The student shall be a <u>Kenai resident and</u> a junior or senior in good standing [AT THE KENAI CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL] with school Administration. 1c. The student shall be [ELECTED] <u>approved</u> by [THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF KENAI CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE KCHS] <u>school</u> administration; <u>if multiple</u> <u>applications are received</u>, the Mayor will nominate an applicant. 1g. The student will communicate with [STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS AT KENAI CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL] <u>other students</u> to provide information and seek feedback from other students on Parks and Recreation issues affecting young people; and Commissioner Joanis **SECONDED** the motion. There were no objections.

7. **REPORTS**

- a. **Parks and Recreation Director** Frates noted that although the Department was short-staffed due to the flu, most routine maintenance schedules were met, including clearing snow from sidewalks, grooming ski trails and performing ice maintenance at Daubenspeck Pond. Director Frates also reported on the following:
 - Staff met with a homeschool student to discuss her Caring for the Kenai project; the topic was Pollinators and was a top finisher last year;
 - The date of May 23 was set for the 2020 Kenai Festival;
 - Staff was working on budgets; and
 - He helped the City's marketing firm, Divining Point set up a few photo shoots that included skiing, snow shoeing, and playground shots at an elementary school.
- b. **Commission Chair** Stephens welcomed the new Commission member, Michael Bernard and Student Representative, River Tomrdle.
- c. City Council Liaison Molloy provided an update on Divining Point efforts with the City of Kenai on branding and marketing, reporting the tagline developed was, "Kenai the Best Place to Alaska." He also reported on an upcoming Salmon Celebration set for June 6 that included a Community Celebration at the City Dock.

8. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION – March 5, 2020

Commissioner Joanis noted she would be absent at the next meeting.

9. COMMISSION QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Wisniewski inquired about the dip net Capital Improvement Plan and its status. Councilor Molloy clarified that the Bluff Erosion Project remained first priority and that the three PU Fishery improvement projects supported by resolution were the South Beach Fee Shack, Little League Restrooms and Vault Restrooms. He added that the campground was not approved and no decision had been regarding alternative site locations.

10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

11. INFORMATION

a. Multi-Purpose Facility Ice Schedule – January/February 2020

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared and submitted by:

Jacquelyn LaPlante Deputy City Clerk (This page was intentionally left blank)



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MEMO:

- **TO:** Parks & Recreation Commission Members
- FROM: Robert J. Frates, Parks & Recreation Director
- DATE: February 26, 2020

RE: Amending the Parks & Recreation Commission Student Representative Policy

Purpose of this memorandum is to review proposed changes to the Student Representative Policy that we discussed at our last regular meeting of February 6, 2020.

Attached are two documents for your review, including (a) draft Resolution and (b) the current Policy No. 2018-01 with the suggested amendments. The plan is to bring this before Kenai City Council on March 18, 2020.

Thank you and please contact me should you have any questions.

Attachments



CITY OF KENAI

RESOLUTION NO. PR20-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, RECOMMENDING THE AMENDMENT OF COUNCIL POLICY NO. 2018-03 -PROVIDING FOR A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, TO BROADEN THE REQUIREMENTS AND MAKE IT MORE INCLUSIONARY.

WHEREAS, Council Policy No. 2018-01 recognizes the benefits received from a Student Representative, outlines the role, and defines limitations of the non-voting member of the Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Commission reviewed the current policy and recommends amendments to the policy that will help attract and target representation from a broader spectrum of high school students in the area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the Parks and Recreation Commission of Kenai recommends the City Council amend City Council Policy No. 2018-01 - Parks and Recreation Commission Student Representative Policy, as attached.

Section 2. That a copy of this Resolution be provided to the members of the Kenai City Council.

Section 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, this 5th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

CHARLIE STEPHENS, CHAIR

Jamie Heinz, City Clerk

<u>POLICY NO. 2018-01 (Amended):</u> Parks and Recreation Commission Student Representative Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide for a Student Representative for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Scope

This policy applies to the Parks & Recreation Commission and all Student Representatives appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Policy

It is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints and reactions to Parks and Recreation decisions. In order to provide student input and involvement, the Mayor of the City of Kenai, may appoint a Student Representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Student Representative may participate in the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings pursuant to the following:

- 1. Limitations, Qualification, and Requirements:
 - a. The Student may cast advisory votes on all matters except those subject to executive session discussion. Advisory votes shall be cast in rotation with the official Commission vote and shall not affect the outcome of a vote. Advisory votes shall be recorded in the meeting summaries. Student Representatives may not move or second items during a commission meeting.
 - b. The student shall be a junior or senior in good standing at the Kenai Central High School.

The student shall be a Kenai resident and a junior or senior in good standing with school administration.

- c. The student shall be elected by the Student Council of Kenai Central High School, subject to approval of the KCHS administration. The student shall be approved by school administration; if multiple applications are received, the Mayor may select an applicant for appointment.
- d. The student shall attend all Parks and Recreation Commission meetings and work sessions, unless excused by the Parks and Recreation Director.
- e. The student should have an interest in public service.
- f. The student should use this opportunity as a way to develop leadership skills.
- g. The student will communicate with Student Council Members at Kenai Central High School to provide information and seek feedback from other students on Parks and Recreation issues affecting young people. The student will communicate with other students to provide information and seek feedback from other students on Parks and Recreation issues effecting young people.

Effective Date:_____

Approved by Resolution 2020-*

BRIAN GABRIEL SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jamie Heinz, City Clerk



Kenai City Council - Regular Meeting February 19, 2020 – 6:00 PM Kenai City Council Chambers 210 Fidalgo Avenue, Kenai, Alaska www.kenai.city

ACTION AGENDA

A. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Agenda Approval
- 4. Women's Voting Rights Day Proclamation
- 5. Consent Agenda (*Public comment limited to three* (3) *minutes*) *per speaker; thirty* (30) *minutes aggregated*)'

All items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council 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. <u>SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>

(Public comment limited to ten (10) minutes per speaker)

1. Tim Dillon, Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District - Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD) Update.

C. <u>UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>

(Public comment limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; thirty (30) minutes aggregated)

D. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>

- **1. ENACTED UNANIMOUSLY. Ordinance No. 3103-2020** Accepting and Appropriating a Grant from the Alaska State Library for Employee Travel and Training. (Administration)
- 2. ENACTED UNANIMOUSLY. Ordinance No. 3104-2020 Accepting and Appropriating a Federal Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services Passed Through the Alaska State Library for Employee Travel and Training. (Administration)

- **3. ENACTED UNANIMOUSLY. Ordinance No. 3105-2020** Accepting and Appropriating Two Donations From the Totem Tracers and the Friends of the Kenai Community Library for the Upgrade of Library Equipment. (Administration)
- 4. ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. Resolution No. 2020-08 Requesting the State of Alaska Provide Necessary Funding to the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol at a Minimum of \$184,300 to Provide Support for Utility Costs, Insurance Premiums and Emergency Roof Repair. (Council Member Knackstedt)
- 5. ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. Resolution No. 2020-09 Supporting the Collection of Sales Tax from Remote Sellers by the Kenai Peninsula Borough and Other Municipalities within the Borough, Authorizing the Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission to Implement, Administer, and Enforce Provisions of the Uniform Remote Seller Sales Tax Code on the City's Behalf and Affirming the City's Adoption by Reference of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Uniform Remote Seller Sales Tax Code. (Legal)
- 6. ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. Resolution No. 2020-10 Authorizing a Budget Transfer in the General Fund Buildings and Non-Departmental Departments for Building Repairs in Excess of Budgeted Amounts. (Administration)

E. <u>MINUTES</u>

1. **APPROVED BY THE CONSENT AGENDA.** *Regular Meeting of February 5, 2020 (City Clerk)

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

- 1. APPROVED BY THE CONSENT AGENDA. *Action/Approval Bills to be Ratified. (Administration)
- 2. APPROVED BY THE CONSENT AGENDA. *Action/Approval Purchase Orders Over \$15,000. (Administration)
- 3. APPROVED BY THE CONSENT AGENDA. *Action/Approval Non-Objection to the Renewal of Liquor Licenses for New Peking Restaurant and Fraternal Order of Eagles. (City Clerk)
- 4. INTRODUCED BY THE CONSENT AGENDA/PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR 03/04/2020. *Ordinance No. 3107-2020 - Increasing Estimated Revenues and Appropriations in the Congregate Housing Funds for Costs in Excess of Budgeted Amounts. (Administration)
- INTRODUCED BY THE CONSENT AGENDA/PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR 03/04/2020. *Ordinance No. 3108-2020 - Increasing Estimated Revenues and Appropriations in the General Land Sale Permanent Fund to Transfer Earnings in Excess of Budgeted Amounts to the City's General Fund. (Administration)

- 6. *INTRODUCED BY THE CONSENT AGENDA/PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR* 03/04/2020. *Ordinance No. 3109-2020 - Authorizing the City Manager to Reimburse Annual Leave Used by Firefighter Scott Summers for Attending a Paramedic Internship Program. (Administration)
- 7. INTRODUCED/ REFERRED TO THE HARBOR COMMISSION /PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR 03/18/2020. Ordinance No. 3106-2020 - Amending Title 11 -Harbor and Harbor Facilities, to Remove Provisions that are No Longer Historically Relevant, Recognize Changes to Other Chapters of City Code That Now Provide for Lease and Sale of Harbor Lands and Provide the Harbor Commission a Platform to Move Forward. (Council Members Peterkin and Glendening)
- 8. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. Action/Approval Second Amendment to Agreement for Guardian Security Systems, Inc. (Administration)

H. <u>COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>

- 1. Council on Aging
- 2. Airport Commission
- 3. Harbor Commission
- 4. Parks and Recreation Commission
- 5. Planning and Zoning Commission
- 6. Beautification Committee
- 7. Mini-Grant Steering Committee

I. <u>REPORT OF THE MAYOR</u>

J. <u>ADMINISTRATION REPORTS</u>

- 1. City Manager
- 2. City Attorney
- 3. City Clerk

K. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Citizens Comments (Public comment limited to five (5) minutes per speaker)
- 2. Council Comments

L. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

1. To Discuss a Request to Purchase Properties Located at 11823 Kenai Spur Highway, Kenai, Alaska, Also Known as "Anchor Camp Ground," Pursuant to AS 44.62.310(c)(1)(3) is a Matter of which the Immediate Knowledge may have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the City, and a Matter by which Law, Municipal Charter, or Ordinance are required to be Confidential.

M. <u>PENDING ITEMS</u>

N. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

O. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Purchase Orders Between \$2,500 and \$15,000.
- 2. Kenai Historical Society January 2020 Newsletter

The agenda and supporting documents are posted on the City's website at <u>www.kenai.city</u>. Copies of resolutions and ordinances are available at the City Clerk's Office or outside the Council Chamber prior to the meeting. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 907-283-8231.

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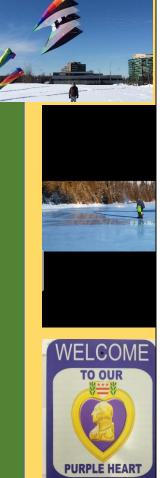
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Kenai Parks & Recreation

the city of KENAI, ALASKA



Monthly Report

March 2019 Robert J. Frates, Parks & Recreation Director

Administrative

- Attended Dept. Head Meetings
- Produced Feb/Mar addition of Kenai Breeze (Carol Bannock)
- Working on new employee orientation revisions
- Working on FY21 budget and opening of summer hire positions
- MPF ice reservation billings and scheduling
- Initiated Kite Festival planning meetings
- Ordered 2020 summer plugs and misc. plantings
- Preliminary planning initiated for 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Mayor proclaims Kenai as a Purple Heart City in January

Capital Projects

- New cemetery expansion n/a
- Recreation Center bathroom tile work n/a
- Recreation Center exterior painting n/a

Maintenance & Miscellaneous

- Daily meetings with staff
- Weekly trash & restroom cleaning, Friday recycling
- Monthly/weekly/daily inspections
- Zamboni ice tailing snow removal
- February Daubenspeck Pond Maintenance hrs 3
- February Parking Lot Snow Removal hrs 15
- February Sidewalk Snow Removal hrs 49.75
- February Kenai Nordic Trail Grooming 51 hrs
- Finished hanging remaining dasherboard advertisements at MPF
- Hauled off approximately 450 lbs trash from park system
- Recreation Center served 5,289 patrons and 46 youth for the month of January – gym (3,593), weight room (811), sauna/shower (361), racquetball courts (524)
- Treadmill troubleshooting at Kenai Recreation Center
- Compacted snow around perimeter of Kenai Sports Complex for walkers
- Repaired compromised wood at Rec. Center sauna





Arbor Day Grants, 2020

Alaska Community Forest Council

PO Box 241282, Anchorage, Alaska 99524 / 907-786-6315 / http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/council

The Alaska Community Forest Council is a nonprofit organization with 15 members from across the state. Members advise the Division of Forestry on how to develop and deliver community forestry programs to Alaskans, support education, and encourage public involvement in community forestry.

The Alaska Community Forest Council shares the mission of the Alaska Community Forestry Program **to help communities build effective, self-sustaining community forestry programs with strong local support**.

Grants are intended to help the meet this goal by funding projects that:

- 1. Generate awareness of and participation in Arbor Day (officially May 18, 2020);
- 2. Increase public awareness of the benefits of trees and forests and build support for planting and caring for public trees;
- 3. Provide a public demonstration of the benefits of trees and/or proper tree selection, planting, and care;
- 4. Use trees to solve community problems. Examples include: reduce or treat stormwater, create wind breaks or living snow fences, restore streams or rivers, plant fruit trees to provide healthy food, screen surfaces prone to graffiti, calm traffic, and beautify your schoolyard.

Requirements

- Applicant must be a government entity or nonprofit organization with IRS 501(C)3 status.
- Applicants may apply for a grant of from \$200 to \$500. Approximately \$3,000 is available for grants.
- Grant funds may not be used for wages or benefits.

• If trees and shrubs are planted with grant funds, follow practices described in *Plant a Tree: Alaska's Guide to Tree Selection, Planting, & Care.* See link below.

Trees must:

- Have a three-year, budgeted maintenance plan.
- Be of high quality, appropriate for the site, and meet the *American Standard for Nursery Stock* 2014.

http://americanhort.org/documents/ANSI Nursery Stock Standards AmericanHort 2014.pdf

- If you would like help writing specifications to ensure that you receive trees in excellent condition and form, please contact us.

• Grant funds were provided by contributions from the Society of American Foresters Cook Inlet and Yukon River Chapters, Matanuska Electric Association, Golden Valley Electric Association and Paul's Tree Service.

Any media (print, online etc.) or public event produced in association with this grant shall recognize the support of the Alaska Community Forest Council, Alaska Division of Forestry, and U.S. Forest Service.

Proposal

Complete an application (<u>http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/council</u>) Be creative and find ways to reach a large audience in your community.

Selection Criteria

- 1. Quality, clarity and organization of project and budget.
- 2. Extent to which project generates awareness of and participation in Arbor Day.
- 3. Extent to which project increases public awareness of the benefits of trees and forests and builds support for planting and caring for public trees.
- 4. Extent to which project demonstrates the benefits of trees and/or proper tree selection, planting, and care.
- 5. Project's benefits to the community and its ability to solve a problem or meet a need.

Application Process

Complete the attached two-page application. The deadline for the application to be received by the Alaska Community Forest Council is **5:00 p.m., Friday, March 20, 2020**. The Alaska Community Forest Council and Community Forestry staff will review applications and grant awards will be announced no later than May 1, 2020. Upon approval of the proposal, the council and grantee will sign a grant agreement.

For more information or assistance

Please call if you need help preparing your proposal. We can provide information to help you design a successful project, including *Plant a Tree: Alaska's Guide to Tree Selection, Planting, and Care*, online at http://forestry.alaska.gov/Assets/uploads/DNRPublic/forestry/pdfs/community/publications/PlantATreeWeb2011.pdf

Information and publications are also available at http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/publications.

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THE FUTURE OF PENINSULA WINTER GAMES

As the Soldotna Chamber enters our 61st year, we look forward to continuing to serve the greater Soldotna area through representation and advocacy for our member businesses, as well as encouraging community engagement through impactful events.

Guided by our vision to be "*The Leading Resource for Business Development and Community Growth,*" we have, over the past five years, placed considerable effort toward creating, developing, and maintaining many robust community events. Our goal has been to strengthen the social fabric of Soldotna by invigorating our community and ultimately solidifying Soldotna as a welcoming place with many opportunities for residents and visitors to come together and bond through shared experiences.

Community growth and cohesion are positively influenced by the social bonding that occurs during public events. That said, we recognize that evaluating our operational sustainability and analyzing our distribution of commitments is vital in ensuring that every event the Soldotna Chamber produces meets the level of excellence our community deserves. To this end, through many strategic planning sessions, The Greater Soldotna Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has determined the need to sunset our involvement in the production of Peninsula Winter Games. Ideally, we would like to find a home for the Games with another local nonprofit organization.

In 1976, the Peninsula Winter Games was started by the late Mr. Al York, a member of the Soldotna Lions Club. Mr. York recognized the need to create an event where local kids would have an opportunity to enjoy sports, games & kid-friendly activities during the winter season. With the passing of Mr. York, Mr. John Torgerson picked up the torch, and with the help of the Soldotna Lions, carried on the tradition. In more recent years, the Kenai Peninsula Tourism and Marketing Council facilitated the Games, and then in 2009, the honor was passed onto the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce. While the spotlight of the Peninsula Winter Games is on kids, the community greatly benefits from the influx of visitors this long-standing winter festival brings to the Kenai Peninsula. We invite you to join us in continuing this tradition, building a strong foundation for future Peninsula Winter Games, and leaving a legacy for our children.

The Soldotna Chamber will give any digital and tangible materials to the adopting organization, as well as providing consultation on event planning, operations, and sponsorships available upon transfer of the program.

If your organization is interested in adopting this turn-key event that has been a flagship program on the Kenai for the past 44 years, we encourage you to reach out to us and explore this proposal further. The Soldotna Chamber staff are happy to set aside time with any interested organization to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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