


Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of the Borough Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Charlie Pierce, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor 

DATE: September 7, 2021

RE: Appointment to the Kachemak Bay Advisory Planning Commission

In accordance with KPB 21.02, appointments to Kenai Peninsula Borough Advisory Planning Commissions are recommended by the Borough Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Borough Assembly. The applicant meets the residency and registered voter qualifications. I hereby submit to the Assembly my recommendation for confirmation of the following appointment to the KPB Kachemak Bay Advisory Planning Commission:

<u>Kachemak Bay APC</u>	<u>Seat</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Courtney Cox Brod	D	September 30, 2021

Cc: Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director
Bryan Taylor, Land Management
Clerk's Office

Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

Advisory Planning Commission Application Submitted 2021-08-25 15:03:53

APC/Seat: Kachemak Bay – Seat D (Term Expires 09/30/2021)

Name Courtney Cox Brod	Mobile Phone 907-301-2311
Home Phone	Work Phone
Email coxbrod66@gmail.com	Date of Birth [REDACTED]
SSN [REDACTED]	Voter #
Residence Address	Mailing Address 59798 Lookout Mtn Lane Homer, Alaska 99603
How long have you lived in the area served by this Advisory Planning Commission? 23 years	What knowledge, experience, or expertise will you bring to this board? Having been raised on a working midwestern farm, my experience in agriculture began early. Though my career has been unrelated to land stewardship (I retired from Roling after 20 years of private practice), I'm a longtime Alaska Master Gardener with a focus on native habitat restoration and soil regeneration. I've taught horticulture in Oregon prisons to short-timer inmates seeking certification for nursery and greenhouse management jobs. This year I completed a three month in-depth course in Regenerative Agriculture and soil advocacy, and I currently volunteer at a thriving Homer farm which utilizes cutting edge regenerative principles and technologies. How the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Agricultural Initiative is implemented is of great interest to me, along with trails, affordable housing, habitat conservation, ecosystem functionality, and community education and involvement in planning concerns.

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Owen Meyer	C	September 30, 2021

Cc: Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director
Bryan Taylor, Land Management
Clerk's Office

Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

Advisory Planning Commission Application Submitted 2021-08-10 20:04:58

APC/Seat: Kachemak Bay – Seat C (Term Expires 09/30/2021)

Name Owen Meyer	Mobile Phone 907-756-3722
Home Phone	Work Phone 907-435-3124
Email owenb.meyer.ak@gmail.com	Date of Birth [REDACTED]
SSN [REDACTED]	Voter #
Residence Address	Mailing Address 40210 Alpenglou Circle Homer, Alaska 99603
How long have you lived in the area served by this Advisory Planning Commission? 24 Years	What knowledge, experience, or expertise will you bring to this board? I have a bachelor's degree in political science. I also work as the project technician for the City of Homer Public Works Department which has given me very extensive knowledge of municipal government processes.

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EXPERIENCE

LANDSCAPER, DUTCH BOY LANDSCAPING

MAY, 2015 – AUGUST, 2015

- Worked with a weed-whacker or a shovel and rake.
- Operated a tractor occasionally.

GROUNDSKEEPER, WHIP FAMILY HORSE FARM

MAY, 2016 – AUGUST, 2020 SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

- This job included a wide variety of tasks.
- Most days, the job consisted of mowing and horse pastures and weed-whacking around fence lines and buildings
- Other work including but not limited to: collecting hay bales from for the horses, cutting and limbing trees with a chainsaw, working on the construction of a new shop, helping with construction of a new house, and earthwork.
- Used a wide variety of equipment including a 4-wheeler with a drag-behind field mower and various other trailers, multiple types of lawn mower, weed whackers, hand scythes and heavy equipment including a backhoe and a skid steer.

STUDENT INTERN, CITY OF HOMER

JUNE, 2020 – AUGUST, 2020

- The internship started with the City Clerk but expanded to working with the Planning Department, the Public Information Officer, Public Works and Parks & Recreation.
- Duties for the City Clerk included stuffing envelopes, organizing filing cabinets, processing ordinances and resolutions and entering updates to the status of ordinances and resolutions on the City website.
- Duties for the Public Information Officer included contacting state agencies and local businesses to update the City's capital improvement plan and writing/editing entries for the capital improvement plan.
- Duties for Public Works included aiding the City Engineer in various research, writing descriptions for the City website, arranging radio and newspaper interviews for the City Engineer, and aiding water distribution and sewer collection crews with various tasks including sand blasting, pH testing and lift station maintenance.

- Duties for Parks & Recreation included organizing filing cabinets and researching past public interactions.

ASSET MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, CITY OF HOMER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

JANUARY, 2021 – JUNE, 2021

- Researched and wrote a comprehensive product recommendation for Public Works' asset management software.
- Designed a spreadsheet to track Public Works' capital project finances.
- Other duties included: Coordinating implementation of the City's ADA transition plan, processing invoices, drafting task orders for engineers and surveyors, miscellaneous research, creating bid packages for construction contractors, working as a parking lot attendant at vaccination clinic and other tasks as assigned by the Public Works Director.

PROJECT TECHNICIAN, CITY OF HOMER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

JULY 2021 – PRESENT

- I serve as the assistant to the Public Works Director, performing any tasks which come to her that she does not have time for.
- Am responsible for creating all of the bid packages, RFPs and task orders that Public Works puts out for capital projects as well as the financial management of those projects.
- Responsible for designing Public Works' implementation strategies for the City's ADA transition plan.

EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, CONNECTIONS HOMESCHOOL

GRADUATED MAY, 2016

- Received the Superintendent's Award of Excellence three years in a row, for having maintained a 4.00 GPA or higher for each of those years.
- Was one of twelve finalists in the Caring for the Kenai competition.

BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, LINFIELD UNIVERSITY

GRADUATED DECEMBER, 2020

- Majored in Political Science with a minor in Mathematics.
- Studied abroad for one semester at the University of Nottingham in Nottingham, UK.
- Was part of a student advocacy group trying to prevent Linfield University from firing tenured professors. We managed to collect over 400 signatures from students on a petition for the professors not to be fired.

ADA COORDINATOR CERTIFICATE, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

WILL COMPLETE IN AUGUST, 2021

- Currently in the process of completing my ADA Coordinator Certificate. I have finished approximately half of the needed credits and I expect to attain the certificate in August.

SKILLS

- Very strong written and verbal communications skills.
- Skills in researching.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Extremely fast learner and very adaptable.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Was an assistant instructor in a Karate class. I was given those responsibilities when I attained my brown belt in 2015.
- Have sung in choirs since middle school. In every choir I've sung in, I've been one of the lowest bass singers.
- Have played guitar since I was a small child. My parents are both talented musicians as well and we've formed a band that plays for contra and square dances in my town.
- I've always liked birds and one year I helped a local birding group with the Christmas Bird Count which is a massive count of birds seen in and around Homer. The data was used by conservation groups to track species population over time.
- I have attended the Conference of Young Alaskans (COYA), an event hosted by the Alaska Municipal League for Alaskans between the ages of 16 and 25 with the purpose of discussing how to improve municipal governments across the state.

REFERENCES

Janette Keiser, PE
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