


Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of the Borough Mayor

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor 

DATE: May 18, 2021

RE: Appointment to the KPB Resilience and Security Advisory Commission

Pursuant to the enactment of Ordinance 2020-25, I hereby submit my recommendation for confirmation by the Assembly, of the following appointment to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience and Security Advisory Commission. The Applicant has been verified and resides within the area to be represented. Application and verification are attached for your review:

NORTHWEST BOROUGH (areas of Hope, Tyonek, Nikiski)

Louise B. Heite

Expires 09/30/2023

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of the Borough Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Charlie Pierce, Borough Mayor
THRU: Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk (V/M) for JB.
FROM: Tatyana Shassetz, Borough Clerk Administrative Assistant (AS)
DATE: April 13, 2021
RE: Resilience & Security Advisory Commission Application

Currently, the Resilience & Security Advisory Commission has one vacancy:

Northwest Borough

Term to Expire 09/30/2023

A notice of vacancy was advertised on the borough's website. The application period for this vacancy closed on April 12, 2021.

In accordance with Ordinance 2020-25 that established the Resilience & Security Advisory Commission, the applicant listed has been verified as a resident of the geographic area described below and is being submitted to you for your consideration.

Northwest Borough Seat

Louise B. Heite

cc: Planning Department/Land Management

Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

Resilience & Security Advisory Commission Application Submitted 2021-03-16 12:19:49

Seat: Northwest Borough (Hope, Tyonek, Nikiski) Term to Expire 09/30/2023

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Occupation or place of employment:
Eagle Glade Farm / 1st Choice Home Health
How long have you lived in the area served by this Resilience & Security Advisory Commission?
7 years residence, landowner for 15 years
In which of the 10 areas defining the scope of the commission do you have experience?
I believe that I have some competence in all these areas. My strengths, preferences and expertise are discussed below.

What knowledge, experience, or expertise will you bring to this board?

1. I own a small farm and participate in farmers markets, and other small-scale and diversified food distribution.
2. I have worked in cultural resources management involving land use studies and historical demography.
3. I am very familiar with solar electricity generation, which is the main source of power for my home and farm.
4. I have good public communication skills and experience in news reporting and teaching.
5. I now work in home health services as a skilled professional (speech pathologist). I am very familiar with the needs and processes for delivering health services in a rural community.

Have you, or do you currently, serve on other Kenai Peninsula Borough commissions, boards or task forces?

I have not and do not serve on any Borough commissions, boards, or task forces but I have been a board member of the Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District for the past 6 years.

Are you available for:

Night meetings Day meetings

Comments (areas of interest, additional experience or qualifications, etc.):

My particular interests are agriculture, of course; power use and generation; equitable distribution of resources; and health care. Rural cultural development is a very particular interest, as are education and community outreach.

LOUISE B. HEITE

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Education and certification:

Certifications and degrees:

BFA, Art History, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1970
MA, American Studies, University of Delaware, 1978
Ph.D., American History, University of Delaware, 1987
MA, Speech-Language Pathology, Temple University, 2001

Teacher certification, University College of Education of Iceland, 1998
Type C Teaching Certificate, Alaska DEED (not current)
Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, Alaska, no. 120
American Speech-Language and Hearing Association, no. 12039212
Licensed airplane pilot, instrument rated (not current)

Short courses:

Mannings Handweaving School, 1976, 1977
Smithsonian Institution Seminars:
 Label writing and editing, 1976
 Exhibit design, 1976
 Museum education programs, 1977
Winterthur Summer Institute, University of Delaware, 1979
Delaware Master Gardener Course, 1987
Many short courses in agriculture from the Alaska Agricultural Extension Service

Memberships, honors, and community service:

Board member, Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District
Board member, Kenai River Council on the Arts, June, 2003 - August 2004
Kala Singh Fellow, American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation, 1998
Delaware State Arts Council, 1980-1986
Delaware Agricultural Museum Association, charter member
Handweavers' Guild of America, former Delaware state representative until 1989
Delaware Art Museum, trustee, 1986-1989
Who's Who Among American Women, 16th edition

Phi Alpha Theta honor society in history
Mensa
Cooperator, Kenai Soil and Water Conservation Service

Employment

2016 - present: Owner and manager of Eagle Glade Farm, 52400 Blueberry Avenue in Nikiski. This is a small, diversified farm offering vegetables grown using organic practices, eggs, and whole chickens.

May 2017 - present: Speech therapist with 1st Choice Home Health services, part-time. In this position I visit homebound patients to provide services in speech, language, cognition, and swallowing. This involves working closely with the patient's medical team to coordinate rehabilitation services for rural residents.

October 2015 — April 2017 Home Depot Associate, part-time primarily in sales.

December, 2011 – March 2015: Private voice therapy specifically for transgendered adults, on a per-visit basis, not associated with any full-time employer but with full knowledge of that employer.

October, 2012 – March, 2015: Frontier Home Health (formerly Amedisys Home Health)

This position provides speech, cognitive, and swallowing therapy to adult homebound patients in their place of residence.

January, 2008 – October 2012: Therapist with Alaska Speech and Hearing Clinic, Anchorage, AK. This is a clinical position, serving a pediatric population ranging from infants to late teens, addressing the entire scope of practice as described by the American Speech-language and Hearing Association; and some supervision of student therapists also.

June 2005 – January 2008: Speech-language pathologist (part and full time), Toutonghi Language and Cognitive Services, Kenai, Alaska

August 2001 – August, 2006: Speech Pathologist, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Soldotna, Alaska

January, 2001 – August 2001: Speech Pathologist, Chesterfield County Public Schools, Chesterfield, VA (temporary position)

August, 1998 – December 2000: Graduate Assistant, Institute on Disabilities/ UAP, Temple University, and student in the university's Communication Disorders program. Responsibilities include web page design, assisting with mailing list maintenance and demographic data collection and analysis, and general office work.

1986 - 2001: Proprietor, Louise Heite Importer (Icelandic fleece, yarn, and rovings) This involved not only importing and selling Icelandic wool in the US but also developing Wool Camp in Iceland. That was a tour package that focused on teaching traditional textile techniques to visitors during a week-long residency in Iceland.

1995 – 1997: Proprietor of a sign and graphics shop in Seydisfjordur, Iceland

June 1992 - August 1994: Manager, Frú Lára h.f., a cooperative marketing association, Seydisfjordur, Iceland

September 1989 – June 1992: Teacher of English, Seydisfjordur, Iceland

Summer 1989: Archæologist, Arbæjarsafn, Reykjavík, working primarily in artifact curation and analysis.

February 1982 - September 1989: Consultant in history and archæology, Heite Consulting, Camden, DE. Responsibilities included research design, land use analysis, artifact curation and research, public presentations, news release generation, and mapping.

July 1980 - February 1982: Historian, Soil Systems, Inc., Wilmington office. Responsibilities included historic land use analysis and demographics as well as some artifact curation and research.

January 1977 – July 1980: working on MA degree at U Delaware

January 1977 - October 1977: Curator of Exhibits, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Bureau of Museums and Historic Sites. Responsibilities included exhibit design and construction, educational program planning, public presentations, news release generation, some historical and curatorial research as needed.

August 1974 - January 1977: Museum Aide, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Bureau of Museums and Historic Sites. Responsibilities included museum guide and interpretation work, public presentations, assisting in curation of museum collections.

Part-Time Experience

2006 – January 2008: Owner/proprietor, Kenai Restorations, antique restoration and custom furniture

February 1974 - June 1985: Arts and cultural affairs columnist, Dover Post

1980: Field researcher, Delaware fugitive records project

1978 - 1982: Occasional researcher for Debrett's Ancestry Research (Debrett's Peerage)

September 1970 - September 1972: Part-time guide, researcher, and curatorial assistant, Winterthur Museum Odessa properties