


Kenai Peninsula Borough
Planning Department

MEMORANDUM

**TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members**

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Borough Mayor 

FROM: Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer

DATE: May 31, 2018

RE: Ordinance 2018-22; An ordinance authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Kachemak Nordic Ski Club.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission reviewed the subject Ordinance during their regularly scheduled May 29, 2018 meeting.

A motion passed by unanimous consent to recommend approval of Ordinance 2018-22, an ordinance authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Kachemak Nordic Ski Club.

In the Ordinance, please make the following amendment to the last WHEREAS statement:

WHEREAS, the KPB Planning Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting of May 29, 2018 recommend approval by unanimous consent.

Attached are the unapproved minutes of the subject portion of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARING

- 3. Ordinance 2018-22; An ordinance authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Kachemak Nordic Ski Club.

Memorandum & Staff Report given by Marcus Mueller

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Kachemak Nordic Ski Club has developed, maintains and manages 40 kilometers of Nordic ski trails on borough land in the Diamond Ridge and Fritz Creek communities. Since 2006 Kachemak Nordic Ski Club trails have been authorized by the borough through a land use permit and lease. The permit and lease will concurrently expire on June 15, 2018. Kachemak Nordic Ski Club has applied for a Community Trails Management Agreement (“CMTA”) to continue its efforts in developing, maintaining and managing a Nordic ski trail system on the southern peninsula.

A CMTA has been prepared that provides a framework and a set of management tools that can be used to implement a Trail Management Plan that works in balance with other interests of the borough.

The trail facilities proposed are year-round, non-motorized, human-powered which would be groomed in the winter for multiple uses and maintained in the summer also for multiple uses that the ground conditions can support. The trail management plan would allow for “administrative amendment” where modifications are consistent with the general scope authorized by the Assembly. “Major amendments” that introduce significant changes in location, use, fees, or regulations, would go before the assembly for additional approval.

There are a series of maps that are within the Trail Management Plan showing the array of Borough lands that are impacted by the trails. There are a set of rules at the end of the Trail Management Plan that will be published under this agreement.

The planning commission will consider this ordinance at its May 29, 2018, meeting and forward its recommendations to the assembly prior to the scheduled hearing on this ordinance.

Consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.

END OF STAFF REPORT & MEMORANDUM

Chairman Martin opened the meeting for public comment. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak Chairman Martin closed the public comment period and opened discussion among the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Ruffner moved, seconded by Commissioner Foster to recommend approval of Ordinance 2018-22, an Ordinance authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Kachemak Nordic Ski Club.

Commissioner Ruffner stated that he skies a fair amount on these trails and they do a good job maintaining those trails. He was pleased with those types of partnerships between borough land and community partners.

Chairman Martin stated that he too has participated on those trails with the high school kids skiing.

VOTE: The motion passed by unanimous consent.

BENTZ ABSENT	CARLUCCIO YES	ECKLUND YES	ERNST YES	FIKES YES	FOSTER YES	ISHAM ABSENT
MARTIN YES	MORGAN ABSENT	RUFFNER YES	VENUTI YES	WHITNEY YES		9 YES 3 ABSENT

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- ~~4. Ordinance 2018-23; An ordinance amendment KPB 7.20 and KPB 7.30 regarding borough comments~~