

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Planning Department

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Borough Mayor *ch.*

FROM: Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director *MA*

DATE: February 23, 2021

RE: Ordinance 2021-09: Authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Snomads, Inc.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission reviewed the subject ordinance during their regularly scheduled February 22, 2021 meeting.

A motion passed by unanimous vote (9 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent) to recommend approval of Ordinance 2021-09. ,

In the ordinance please amend the last WHEREAS statement:

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting of February 22, 2021 recommended approval by unanimous vote.

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

public comment and opened discussion among the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Bentz moved, seconded by Commissioner Brantley to forward to the Assembly a recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2021-08: Authorizing leases of space at the Kenai River Center building with the State of Alaska Department of Fish & Game and Department of Natural Resources and repealing Ordinance 2020-30

MOTION PASSED: Hearing no discussion or objection, the motion was carried by the following vote.

Yes	9	No	0	Absent	2
Yes	Bentz, Brantley, Carluccio, Chesser, Fikes, Gillham, Martin, Morgan, Venuti				
No					
Absent	Ecklund, Ruffner				

6. Ordinance 2021-09: Authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Snomads, Inc.

Staff report given by Marcus Mueller.

Snomads, Inc., a non-profit organization, ("Snomads") develops, maintains and manages snow machine trails on borough land near Homer. Snomads has applied for a Community Trail Management Agreement ("CTMA") to continue its trail management activities into the future.

A CTMA has been prepared that provides a framework and set of management tools that can be used to implement a Trail Management Plan (TMP) in balance with other interests of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

The trail facilities proposed are year-round, motorized and non-motorized, and human-powered uses which would be groomed in the winter and maintained in the summer. The TMP would allow for administrative amendments 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.

This proposal considers authorizing the trail manager to implement a trail regulation restricting public use in the form of prohibiting motorized wheeled vehicles on groomed trails during the winter season. Your consideration is appreciated.

END OF STAFF REPORT

Chair Martin opened the item for public comment. Hearing no one wishing to comment, Chair Martin closed public comment and opened discussion among the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Gillham moved, seconded by Commissioner Bentz to forward to the Assembly a recommendation to adopt Ordinance 2021-09: Authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Snomads, Inc.

MOTION PASSED: Hearing no discussion or objection, the motion was carried by the following vote.

Yes	9	No	0	Absent	2
Yes	Bentz, Brantley, Carluccio, Chesser, Fikes, Gillham, Martin, Morgan, Venuti				
No					
Absent	Ecklund, Ruffner				

AGENDA ITEM G. PLAT COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Carluccio report that the committee reviewed and approved five preliminary plats.

AGENDA ITEM H. OTHER