



MEMORANDUM

Re-appointment of Karin Marks to the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Lord and City Council
Date: November 12, 2024
From: Renee Krause, MMC, City Clerk
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

Homer City Code 2.76.040(i) directs that the Economic Development Advisory Commission should provide a representative for the KPB Economic Development District Board. Karin Marks has indicated that she would like to continue her service and requested re-appointment.

The seat is for three years, commencing in January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2028.

The Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD), a private non-government resource, enhances the quality of life for Borough residents through responsible and sustainable regional economic development.

Since 1988, KPEDD has been involved in a variety of projects, including public works projects, shellfish industry development, international trade, promoting a North Slope Natural Gas Pipeline to Cook Inlet, infrastructure development, workforce planning, community action plans, and tailored business assistance. Each year KPEDD hosts the Industry Outlook Forum, an educational event held in alternating communities which discusses current federal, state, local, and industry projects.

Goals and objectives are developed with broad community support in the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, or CEDS. These identified goals and action plans shape the economic development for the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm the re- appointment of Karin Marks as the EDC Representative on the KPEDD Board.

Fiscal note: N/A

Attachment:

Re-appointment application Karin Marks



Advisory Body Application For Reappointment to Committees, Commissions, Board & Task Forces

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The Information provided on this form will provide the basic information to the Mayor and City Council on your interest in serving on the selected Advisory Body. It is considered public and will be included in the City Council meeting packet. This information will be published in the City Directory and within city web pages if you are reappointed by the Mayor and your reappointment is confirmed by the City Council.

Applicant Information

Full Name: Karen Marks
Physical Address Where you Claim Residency: 202 W Pioneer Ave #C Homer AK 99603
Mailing Address: Same as above
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number(s): 907 202 4748
Email: weskar70@gmail.com

Advisory Body You Are Requesting Reappointment To

- ☐ Planning Commission
☐ Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission
☐ Port & Harbor Advisory Commission
☐ Economic Development Advisory Commission
☐ Library Advisory Board
☐ ADA Advisory Board
☐ Other - Please Indicate KPEDD Board

Please Answer the Following

Do you have a current Public Official Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement on file with the City Clerk as required by HCC 1.18.043? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What resident type is your current seat? ☒ City Resident ☐ Non-City Resident

Has your residency changed since your last appointment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How long have you served on this advisory body? 3 years as member at large 3 years Homer Rep

Background Information

Please list any current memberships or organizations that you belong to related to the advisory body you serve on:

Homer Economic Dev Advisory Comm / Homer Chamber of Commerce
Pratt ^{museum} ~~museum~~ / Pier One Theater / MAPP Housing Committee
Peony Celebration Committee

Please explain why you wish to be reappointed to the Advisory Body to which you currently serve. This may include information on accomplishments or projects completed, future goals for the body, or any additional information that may assist the Mayor in the decision making process. You may attach an additional page if needed.

As I have had time on the Board + representing Homer, I have come to gain understanding of more of Homer's relationship with the rest of the Borough especially the South Peninsula, and Central. This has allowed me to explain our positions + ideas at Board meetings. I think this history can allow me to be effective going forward as I work with Homer staff, KPEOD staff and nonprofits especially in areas that concern our areas such as mariculture, housing, transportation + workforce development to name a few.

Thank you for considering my reappointment