

# City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686



## DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 16, 2026

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

**Beautification Commission**

**REGULAR AGENDA - 5:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nielsen Called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:	3	T.C. Greene
		Timi Miner
		Kathy Nielsen
Excused:	1	Meg Weaver
Vacant:	1	

**III. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Action Item: Approval of Recommendation to City Manager and City Council for Adoption of City of Valdez Public Art Policy**

MOTION: Commissioner Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Miner, to approve a recommendation to City Manager and City Council for adoption of City of Valdez Public Art Policy.

Commissioners Miner and Greene shared about the process and voiced support for the draft policy.

Commissioner Nielsen asked clarifying questions about responsibilities of City Council outlined in section 4.1.

Conversation continued on the following topics:

- Timing of requests to City Council for funding of projects and annual budget process
- Intentionally broad nature of wording to allow for balanced funding between new projects and maintenance needs.
- The life cycle of public art and costs associated with deaccessioning of art work.
- The structure and uses of the Beautification Reserve Fund.
- Responsibilities of property owners and safe guards needed when projects take place on private property.
- Interplay with the Beautification Matching Grant Program.
- The goal of the policy providing broad guidance rather than program specific details.
- The opportunity to regularly update the policy.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yays: 3 - Nielsen, Miner, and Greene

MOTION CARRIED.

Commission staff noted that the policy would be placed on the April 7, 2026 City Council agenda for discussion.

**2. Discussion Item: Commission Timeline and Priorities for 2026**

Commission Members discussed email input provided by Commissioner Weaver and merit of light replacements on Egan Drive and possible wood carving project.

Staff Liaison Elise Sorum-Birk reiterated that recommendations needed to be clearly presented to City Council and should be aligned with the annual budget process.

Further discussion occurred on:

- Annual budget timeline.
- A need to formally prioritize projects to focus on.
- Having a step-by-step process to plan and to complete projects.
- A need for input from Capital Facilities and Building Maintenance staff to make sure recommendations for light replacements were well thought out and practical.
- Potential to involve the Parks and Recreation Commission and Director in the tree carving project planning.

**V. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.