



## **Public Naming Commission**

**September 9, 2026**

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

City Hall, 632 W 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Conference Room #155  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Darrel Hess, Chair  
Cuckoo Gupta  
Kevin Heller

Jennifer Harrison, Vice Chair  
Ayse Gilbert

#### **1. Call to Order**

#### **2. Roll Call**

#### **3. Land Acknowledgement**

A land acknowledgement is a formal statement recognizing the Indigenous people of a place. It is a public gesture of appreciation for the past and present Indigenous stewardship of the lands that we now occupy. It is an actionable statement that marks our collective movement towards decolonization and equity. The Public Naming Commission would like to acknowledge that we gather today on the traditional lands of the Dena'ina Athabascans. For thousands of years the Dena'ina have been and continue to be the stewards of this land. It is with gratitude and respect that we recognize the contributions, innovations, and contemporary perspectives of the upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina.

#### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

#### **5. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- a. June 10, 2026
- b. August 12, 2026

#### **6. Unfinished Business**

- a. Review Public Naming Commission Process Document

#### **7. New Business**

- a. Legal Review re: Downtown Library Name
- b. Public Hearing: Eagle River Commons Park Renaming Request
- c. Public Hearing: Girdwood Lions Club
- d. Public Hearing: Northeast Connector Trail

#### **8. Member Comments**

#### **9. Audience Participation**

#### **10. Adjournment**



**Municipality of Anchorage  
Public Naming Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting of June 10, 2026**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Hess convened the meeting at 4:02 p.m. in City Hall, 632 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Conference Room #155, Anchorage, Alaska.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Jennifer Harrison, Cuckoo Gupta, Kevin Heller, Ayse Gilbert, and Darrel Hess  
Absent: Selma Khan

Also in attendance was Jasmine Acres, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

**3. Land Acknowledgement**

Vice Chair Harrison read the land acknowledgement.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

Jennifer Harrison moved, to approve the amended Agenda  
Kevin Heller seconded, of the Public Naming Commission  
Meeting of June 10, 2026

**and the motion passed without objection.**

With unanimous consent, the Chair moved to amend the agenda to add under Unfinished Business 6.a. Indigenous Naming Pathway Partners.

**5. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Jennifer Harrison moved, to approve the Minutes of the  
Kevin Heller seconded, Public Naming Commission  
Meeting of May 13, 2026

**and the motion passed without objection.**

**6. Unfinished Business**

a. Indigenous Naming Pathway Partners

**7. New Business**

a. Public Hearing: Downtown Library Naming

Chair Hess opened the public hearing. There was no one to testify and he closed the public hearing.

Marjorie Harrison, Anchorage Public Library, Director, spoke.

Katherine Clark, Anchorage Library Foundation, spoke.

b. Review Public Naming Commission Process Document

Kevin Heller moved,  
Jennifer Harrison seconded,

to recommend to the Anchorage  
Assembly the Downtown Library be  
Named the "Anchorage Original  
Townsite Downtown Library"

**and the motion passed without objection.**

Marjorie Harrison, Anchorage Public Library, Director, spoke.

Jasmine Acres, Deputy Municipal Clerk, spoke.

**8. Member Comments –**

Kevin Heller spoke.

Cuckoo Gupta spoke.

Darrel Hess spoke.

**9. Audience Participation – None.**

**10. Adjournment**

Kevin Heller moved,  
Jennifer Harrison seconded,

to adjourn the Public Naming  
Commission Meeting of  
June 10, 2026 at 4:45 p.m.

**and the motion passed without objection.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Heinz, Municipal Clerk, MMC.  
JH/jh

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**Municipality of Anchorage  
Public Naming Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting of August 12, 2026**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Hess convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall, 632 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Conference Room #155, Anchorage, Alaska.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Jennifer Harrison, Cuckoo Gupta, Kevin Heller, Ayse Gilbert, and Darrel Hess  
Absent: None.

Also in attendance was Jasmine Acres, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

There was no quorum.

**3. Land Acknowledgement**

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

**5. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**6. Unfinished Business**

- a. Review Public Naming Commission Process Document

**7. New Business**

- a. Legal Review re: Downtown Library Naming
- b. Discuss next steps re: Centennial Park Naming Request
- c. Discuss next steps re: Eagle River Town Square Park Renaming Request
- d. Honorary Naming Request: Girdwood Lions Club
- e. Honorary Naming Request: Northeast Connector Trail

8. **Member Comments**
9. **Audience Participation – None.**
10. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Heinz, Municipal Clerk, MMC.  
JH/jh

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