TITLE 21 NOTES – Wednesday November 9 – 10 AM - 12 Noon

There was a presentation of the Land Use Plan Map that is intended to serve as a 20-year plan for growth of the Anchorage Bowl. Population projections are based on an anticipated gain of 300,000 people by 2020. The map is intended to be an area specific, not lot specific, guide for land use and then eventual rezoning.

The Land Use Composite map consists of three layers – Residential, Community Facilities and Industrial/Commercial. The narrative attached to the map helps explain and clarify it. The Land Use Designations Summary Table on page 6 can be used to link the map to specific zones. The map generally looks the same as the 1982 Land Use Map. The changes that have been made recognize changes in land use patterns. They tend to reflect what is there now but are also looking at what is likely to happen in the future.

The capital T's on the commercial intensity map are existing and planned transit facilities and are still being evaluated for additions, particularly in midtown. They will be in higher intensity use areas and will encourage for higher density along the lines and in Town/major employment Center areas. These areas could have commercial/retail space on the bottom/front of a building with residential on top/behind. There are certain central areas that can handle higher density growth leaving most other neighborhoods intact. As a long-term policy, we need to preserve our industrial land for economic growth. The Commercial map layer shows an increased amount of industrial areas. It establishes where to encourage future growth.

A map layer showing areas of residential increased and/or decreased density was also presented. The maps will go through a screening process over the next few weeks to make sure they match anticipated population growth. When that is accomplished a new public hearing draft will be released, probably in December.

Next Meeting: Wednesday November 16th 10AM – 12 Noon, Planning Dept. First Floor Conference Room