



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

Room 830 - Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall
632 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon
Wednesday, November 25, 2009

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Daniel Billman
Dan Bosch
Tamás Deák
Heather Dean
Brett Jokela
Holly Kent
Rick Sinnott

Excused: David Nyman
Bill Rice

Staff: Thede Tobish, Senior Planner, MOA-Planning Department
Mel Langdon, MOA-Project Management & Engineering Department,
Watershed Management Services Division (WMS)

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:10 p.m.

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of October 21, 2009

Commissioner Bosch moved to approve the October 21, 2009 minutes. *Commissioner Deák* seconded.

The October 21, 2009, minutes were passed unanimously as written.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Utility Project Construction Practices near Streams

Commissioner Jokela stated that the revised memo, which had been reworked by *Chair Rice* and circulated for review, addresses his issues from previous discussions. The revised provides more detail. He suggested that Item #3 needs to be clear that above-ground utilities are a priority. He asked if it is appropriate to include a date of term in Item #3.

Commissioner Kent said that a date included helps focus the effort and it can be changed if needed.

Commissioner Billman said that Item #3 has several issues, including, does a date of 2015 apply to all three items in the resolution? He suggested there should be a standard for prioritization, and is removal of a feature always the ideal approach. Item needs clarity. He asked if WMS has reviewed the revised language.

Mel Langdon, Watershed Management staff, affirmed that WMS has reviewed the revision and they concur.

Commissioner Deák noted that the intent is to identify at risk utilities. He does not mind having a date in the resolution. Item #3 is intended to make sure that the MOA identifies at risk utilities and address a fix.

Commissioners discussed and then made changes to the resolution to better address issues and clarify intent and process. A revised resolution will be sent out for final review ahead of the December regular meeting.

Commissioner Billman moved to delay a final vote until the revisions are sent out and reviewed by WMS for a final vote at the December meeting.

Commissioner Bosch seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. MOA NPDES Permit

WMS Staff Langdon gave an overview of the new MOA NPDES permit from EPA. It is the MOA's second such permit and becomes effective on 2/1/2010. It includes 6 management measures and more monitoring:

1. Construction run-off inspection and manual
2. New and redevelopment sites
3. Commercial and industrial sites
4. Stormwater mgmt and street maintenance
5. Illicit discharges
6. Public Education

All permittees must obtain a monitoring program approval.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (none)

VII. OTHER BUSINESS (none)

VIII. STAFF REPORT

Staff reported that three commissioner terms are up in October (Rice, Dean, Jokela). The commissioners were asked to provide a letter or e-mail to staff noting whether or not they wish to be considered for reappointment. WMS must develop two new watershed plans during the permit term.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dean moved to adjourn. *Commissioner Deák* seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.