



## **Municipality of Anchorage**

### **Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission**

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

#### ***ACTION SUMMARY***

12:00 Noon  
Wednesday, February 2, 2011

#### ***Regular Meeting***

### **I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

*Present:* Dan Bosch  
Tamás Deák  
Brett Jokela  
Holly Kent  
David Nyman  
Captain Bob Pawlowski  
Rick Sinnott

*Excused:* Dan Billman

*Staff:* Thede Tobish, Senior Planner, Long-Range Planning Section, Planning Division, MOA-Community Development Department

*Guests:* Kristi Bischofberger, Manager, Watershed Management Section, Project Management and Engineering Division, MOA-Public Works Department

### **II. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:02 p.m.

### **III. ACTION SUMMARY**

#### **A. Regular Meeting of November 24, 2010**

*Commissioner Bosch* moved to approve the November 24, 2010 minutes with a minor change to the second to last sentence in Item A. The funding program should be identified from both the Pacific Coastal Restoration Fund and Sustainable Salmon Fund.

*Commissioner Sinnott* seconded.

**The November 24, 2010 minutes were passed unanimously with the minor addition.**

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Update on Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), Watershed Management Section's 2011 Projects and Activities**

*Kristi Bischofberger, Manager of the Watershed Management Section*, provided an overview of the projected 2011 activities for Watershed Management, which focus on managing the Anchorage NPDES program (APDES) and various stream area restoration projects. She said the Administration has identified the following priorities for her program:

- Little Campbell Creek restoration at the Alaska Zoo;
- Chester Creek restoration at Muldoon (looking for funds to finish);
- DNS concrete channel restoration;
- Try to extend the Pacific Coastal Restoration Funding program for Anchorage, consolidate projects into the above;
- Ship Creek angler access projects (fund search—via new grant and/or state CIAP funds); and
- Ship Creek conservation easement for Port mitigation funds.

*Commissioner Pawlowski* asked if there was concern that state CIAP funds could be used for infrastructure projects. *Kristi* said the State had already approved a portion of the MOA's CIAP funds for Ship Creek projects.

The Municipality has finished its first year of the APDES permit term with a 2010 report to ADEC. Anchorage has identified a suite of items to be monitored per the permit for 2011, including pesticides, wet weather runoff, dry weather screening, etc. Funding is in place for nearly all 2011 priorities. The Watershed Section has established a system to evaluate both private and public projects for stormwater issues.

Watershed continues to work with updating the Design Criteria Manual with new APDES requirements, including mitigating options should the requirements not be feasible for certain sites or project types (e.g., two-year on-site detention).

There is an APDES planning meeting on February 17, and WNRC members are invited.

Kristi welcomed input from the Commission on technical aspects of LID or on-site retention ideas and design.

The Watershed Section has also initiated an update of the *Chester Creek Watershed Plan*.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **B. Homeless Camps in Municipal Parks and Greenbelts**

Staff confirmed that there is no formal Parks and Recreation Department policy and procedure on homeless camps or related activities. *Chair Deák* asked if the Commission wishes to do anything further on this subject. The Commission deferred a response till the next meeting when *Commissioner Billman* can weigh in, since he introduced the topic.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT**

Staff reported that the Mayor's Office was working on a new ordinance to clarify items related to municipal boards and commissions. The Watershed and Natural Resource Commission will not be repealed, contrary to an earlier suggestion. Rather, it appears that the new ordinance for boards and commissions will establish a sunset clause on a five-year term, which would require Assembly action to reinstate or continue each board or commission for another term. This is a fairly common approach to advisory boards and commissions. Staff will provide the Commission with any ordinance items when those become available.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Bosch* moved to adjourn. *Commissioner Pawlowski* seconded.

**The motion passed without objection.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.