



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, April 27, 2011

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Dan Billman
Dan Bosch
Tamás Deák
Brett Jokela
Holly Kent
Captain Bob Pawlowski

Absent: David Nyman
Rick Sinnott

One Vacancy

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of March 30, 2011

Commissioner Pawlowski moved to approve the March 30, 2011 minutes as written.
Commissioner Billman seconded.

The March 30, 2011 minutes were passed as written.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. WNRC Resolution No. 2011-01, Sport Fishing in Anchorage – Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) Overview for Anchorage Creeks and Discussion of Policies and Practices

Staff presented a draft resolution on this subject, which had been presented and discussed at the March 30, 2011 regular meeting. Discussion included changes and adjustments to the draft resolution for clarification of the intent, which is to call the Administration's attention to the economic benefits of the local sport fishery to Anchorage.

After discussion and changes to the draft, *Commissioner Jokela* moved to approve the amended resolution concerning the economic benefits of the local sport fishery and the State's hatchery to Anchorage.

Commissioner Kent seconded.

The resolution was approved as amended.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft Boards and Commissions Ordinance

Staff presented the basic information concerning a forthcoming Draft Boards and Commission ordinance. It is described as a housekeeping action to clarify mainly that all boards and commissions will be based on a regular sunset schedule. After a certain number of years, each board and commission will sunset and will require reappointment by the Assembly. Some Commissioners recommended that staff draft a resolution for the Commission once the ordinance is introduced and the public hearing is open.

Commissioner Billman moved to request that staff draft a resolution in support of the new boards and commission ordinance that includes a request from this commission to change the sunset date for the Watershed and Natural Resources Commission that equates to five years since the commission was initiated. Staff recommended that he work with the Community Development Department Director prior to the draft.

Commissioner Jokela seconded.

The amendment was approved unanimously with that provision.

B. West Anchorage District Plan

Staff presented an overview of the Draft West Anchorage District Plan. Currently there is a public review draft out for comment. Items in this district plan are relevant to the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission's focus on the resolution of land use conflicts and

specific parcels of land within and adjacent to Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. The plan lays out these conflicts, mainly that several parcels owned by the airport are used by the community for public access and recreation (including Little Campbell Lake section of Kincaid Park and most of the Coastal Trail), and offers potential solutions. The main implementation action for these parcels with conflicts calls for a comprehensive land exchange between the State and the Municipality. Staff will update the commission on the plan review status.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS / STAFF REPORT (none)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Billman moved to adjourn. *Commissioner Kent* seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.