



Municipality of Anchorage
Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

Room 155 - City Hall
632 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon
Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Dan Bosch
Holly Kent
David Nyman
Captain Bob Pawlowski
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair
Cherie Northon

Excused: Dan Billman
Tamás Deák, Chair
Brett Jokela

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 12:06 p.m.

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of December 21, 2011

Commissioner Bosch moved to approve the December 21, 2011 minutes as written.
Commissioner Kent seconded.

The December 21, 2011 minutes were passed as written.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (none)

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. WNRC 11-06, Title 21 Amendments

Following on the December regular meeting's discussions about stream setbacks and non-conformities with the new Title 21 language, the Commission narrowed down its points of interest and concern with the proposed Administration's Title 21 amendments.

There was discussion regarding concerns with grandfather rights within the new 50' proposed stream setbacks vs. changing the Title 21 setbacks back to the current 25'. The Commission reached consensus that the provisionally adopted 50' setback is most appropriate and they continue to support that change.

The Commission supported the staff justification language in its memo to the Mayor on this particular issue. The technical language and arguments in favor of a 50' setback are sound and appropriate. The Commission supports the staff's best judgment and technical expertise. There is no technical support to justify changing back to the 25' setback from 50'. The Commission directed staff to summarize its findings and technical highlights in a resolution that would go to the Planning and Zoning Commission's public hearing.

Commissioner Kent moved to have staff provide the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission with a resolution for review and approval in support of retention of the provisionally adopted 50' setback based on the technical merits of this setback distance.

Commissioner Bosch seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT (none)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 12.42 p.m.