



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

Room 525 - City Hall
632 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon
Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Dan Billman
Dan Bosch
Tamás Deák, Chair
Brett Jokela
Cherie Northon
David Nyman
Captain Bob Pawlowski
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair

Absent: Holly Kent

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:59 a.m.

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of November 28, 2012

B. Special Meeting of December 4, 2012

Commissioner Bosch moved to approve the November 28, 2012, and December 4, 2012, minutes as written.

Commissioner Billman seconded.

The November 28, 2012, and December 4, 2012, minutes were passed as written.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Title 21 Revision Update/Overview

Agenda item was postponed till the April meeting.

B. Stream Protection Ordinance Amendments – Special Project as Directed by the Anchorage Assembly

Planning Division Staff outlined the purpose and goals of project – to research aspects of the MOA stream setback issue and make a recommendation to the Assembly for updating Title 21. The main products will be a revised stream setback width recommendation and language about how to address future non-conformities. Staff presented the draft work program, which includes participation from both the Planning Division and Public Works' Watershed Management Section.

The basic approach includes a GIS mapping exercise in which various stream-related parameters are to be mapped and/or analyzed for an example watershed. The Commission made recommendations of items to be considered for addition to the mapping exercise. The Commission generally considers a variable width approach to new setback recommendations based in part on channel width. Results of the mapping approach will allow staff to analyze the impacts of various setback widths on private and public property in the context of riparian protection. The project approach includes regular updates and dialogue with the Commission.

Once a recommendation is reached, the draft code revision language will be reviewed by the Commission. The Commission will also hold a public hearing ahead of their findings, which will be forwarded to the Assembly for their consideration. This approach recognizes the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission as the technical body through which such code revisions should pass ahead of Assembly action.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT (none)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Billman moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bosch seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.