



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

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

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon
Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Dan Billman
Dan Bosch
Tamás Deák, Chair
Brett Jokela
Holly Kent
Cherie Northon
David Nyman
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair

Absent: Captain Bob Pawlowski

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:05 p.m.

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of March 27, 2013

Commissioner Bosch moved to approve the March 27, 2013 minutes as written. *Commissioner Northon* seconded.

The March 27, 2013 minutes were passed as written.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Title 21 Revision Update/Overview

Erika McConnell, Current Planning Division Manager, offered a detailed overview of the new sections of the Title 21 regulations that are relevant to the Watershed & Natural Resources Commission. These new regulations will become effective on January 1, 2014, and both the new and the outgoing code are to be in effect through that year. Chapter 7 offers the most relevant sections of the new code. The Assembly charged the Community Development Department with a project to come up with a final stream protection setback distance and language to treat future nonconformities. Other sections of note included slope setbacks, wildlife standards, and some new wetland and lake setbacks. The Commission acknowledged from Ms. McConnell that it will serve as the public review entity for the new stream setback language once it is generated by staff.

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

Planning Division Staff updated the Commission on the status of the project. Staff outlined the purpose and goals of the project – to research aspects of the MOA stream setback issue and make a recommendation to the Assembly for updating Title 21. The mapping exercise has been initiated by Watershed Management Section staff. The main products will be a revised stream setback width recommendation and language about how to address future nonconformities. Staff presented the draft work program, which includes participation from both the Planning Division and Public Works' Watershed Management Section.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT (none)

Commissioner Northon announced that the Mayor's Office, in conjunction with AEDC, has undertaken a lower Ship Creek master plan project. This vision and master plan will outline long-range uses of the vacant and redeveloping Alaska Railroad land along the creek, as well as in-creek uses. She also noted that there have been recent complaints about surface foam at the mouth of Fish Creek. Others noted that this is likely a natural condition and not associated with a pollutant.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.