



## **Municipality of Anchorage**

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

Room 155 - City Hall  
632 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska

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

12:00 Noon  
Wednesday, July 24, 2013

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

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

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

*Excused:* Cherie Northon

*Staff:* Thede Tobish, Senior Planner, Community Development Department,  
Planning Division, Long-Range Planning Section  
Nicole Jones-Vogel, Associate Planner, Community Development  
Department, Planning Division, Long-Range Planning Section  
Jessy Coltrane, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:04 p.m.

#### **III. ACTION SUMMARY**

##### **A. Regular Meeting of May 23, 2013**

*Commissioner Billman* moved to approve the May 23, 2013 minutes as written. *Commissioner Bosch* seconded.

**The May 23, 2013 minutes were passed as written.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Bear-proof Garbage Cans – Solid Waste Service Area**

*Commissioner Sinnott*, along with State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game Area Biologist Jessy Coltrane, presented information on the need for consideration of bear-proof garbage containers in the Solid Waste Service Area. Recent newspaper articles presented more information and conflicts on the problem of bears getting into common garbage containers in front of and near homes. According to ADFG, nearly 95% of bear conflicts come from bears getting into poorly covered trash in residential subdivisions. Fish and Game staff and the State Troopers can issue citations, but a more effective deterrent is to provide opportunities for homeowners to use bear-proof containers. Alaska Waste, one of the area's largest trash collectors, provides bear-proof carts and continues to collaborate with ADFG to target conflict areas.

Although the Solid Waste Services (SWS) coverage area lies mostly away from bear use areas, some of their pick-up neighborhoods have traditional bear conflicts, including Baxter Bog, the edges of Government Hill, and South Anchorage. Currently SWS provides no bear-proof options. ADFG wants SWS to offer bear-proof containers to their customers. This approach has been supported by the public based on two public surveys and is noted in the Anchorage Bear Plan. ADFG requests that the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission consider directing the Solid Waste Services Department to provide bear-proof container options to its clients at least in the known risk zones within their coverage area.

*Commissioner Sinnott* volunteered to provide a draft resolution for the Commission to consider.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Stream Protection Ordinance Setback Project – Update**

Staff provided a brief update on the mapping project that is intended to conclude with a new stream setback distance recommendation for Assembly consideration as a Title 21 amendment. Maps were distributed to the Commission at the meeting for review. Commissioners asked that vacant lots be called out in the maps and that lots newly impacted by a broader setback width be called out. The mapping exercise will continue, and an update will be provided at the next regular meeting.

#### **VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT (none)**

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**The motion passed without objection.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.