



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

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

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon
Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

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

Guests: Ryan Stencil, Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
(ADOT&PF)

Joann Mitchell and John Pekar, Kinney Engineering, LLC

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of August 28, 2013

Commissioner Bosch moved to approve the August 28, 2013 minutes as written. *Commissioner Sinnott* seconded.

The August 28, 2013 minutes were passed as written.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Minnesota Drive Moose Fence Project – ADOT&PF with consultants

Kevin Jackson, Project Manager from ADOT&PF, gave an overview of the project purpose and need, along with a summary of the planning and public involvement process. There is a total of 9 miles of fencing (both sides of a 4.5-mile section of the corridor). Minnesota has one of the highest moose-vehicle collision rates in Anchorage.

The ADOT&PF goal was to reduce collisions by 50%. The fence is located at the outer edge of the ROW to provide for a maximum clear zone between habitat and the road. Instead of extra gates or gaps in the fence, ADOT&PF sees the moose using adjacent east-west arterials and corridors (Raspberry Road, Campbell Creek Greenbelt).

The Commission was interested in working with ADOT&PF to identify, analyze, and design for wildlife conflict mitigation measures in the early scoping and preliminary design phases so that more efficient and better functioning methods are eventually used (overpasses/underpasses). The Commission will work on a future resolution in support of this type of new approach.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Stream Protection Ordinance Setback Project – Update

Staff provided an 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. Revised maps were distributed to the Commission at the meeting for review. Commissioners seemed to be satisfied that the new mapping approach will yield enough information of the net effect of setbacks of 35' and 50' to make an informed recommendation on new setback distances to the Assembly.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT

Staff will attempt to get appropriate municipal staff, and possibly the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District, to attend a future meeting to discuss respective invasive plant programs.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.