



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

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

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon
Wednesday, October 23, 2013*

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Dan Bosch
Dan Billman
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 Water and Soil Conservation District
Lindsey Flagstad, UAA-Alaska Heritage Program

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of September 25, 2013

Commissioner Bosch moved to approve the September 25, 2013 minutes as written.
Commissioner Nyman seconded.

The September 25, 2013 minutes were passed as written.

**Note: Date was corrected to October 23, 2013, from October 25, 2013.*

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Invasive Plant Species Discussion

Ryan Stencel of the Alaska Soil and Water Conservation District gave an overview of their group's ongoing assistance to property owners in the greater Anchorage area. This program does not overlap federal programs but rather works with individual landowners or groups. At this time, they have been involved for several years in a Sand Lake vegetation management project. They have been inventorying the presence and distribution of *Elodea*, which she says could well be native and/or has been established so long that it functions as a native component of the Sand Lake system (three lakes). The landowners desire to have this plant actively managed and/or eradicated to the point that it does not impact the lake water quality. Ms. Stencel characterized this lake complex as having a severe water quality problem with dense aquatic overgrowth. They are considering the introduction of microbes to manage the *Elodea* growth and persistence. The long-term goal is a healthy lake system. They did not anticipate complete eradication of the invasive, but resource agencies are seriously concerned about eradicating the species so that it cannot spread out of the area and impact natural systems and fish populations.

Lindsey Flagstad from the UAA-Alaska Heritage Program suggested that *Elodea* is indeed an invasive, non-native species and noted that how it is dealt with here will impact all regions of Alaska. Herbicides may be the only means to eradicate it. UAA staff are doing trials on methods of eradication. She emphasized that Alaska's state and federal resource agencies and other natural resource managers are intent on eradicating local populations of this species and taking actions to restrict any spreading.

The Commission suggested that it should continue to converse with resource agencies involved in aspects of *Elodea* management and eradication.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Draft WNRC Resolution 2013-02, Recommendation for Road Planners to Solicit Input from WNRC During New Road Project Scoping

This resolution was submitted for consideration by Commissioner Sinnott following presentation and discussion with ADOT&PF and the Minnesota Drive fencing project at the September regular meeting.

Commissioner Billman moved to table the resolution for now and consider it at the November regular meeting instead. *Commissioner Bosch* seconded.

The Motion to Table passed unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT (none)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Billman moved to adjourn. *Commissioner Pawlowski* seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.