



## **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, December 18, 2013

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

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

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

*Excused:* Cherie Northon  
Bob Pawlowski

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

*Guest:* Jeff Urbanus, Public Works Department, Watershed Management Section

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

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

### **III. ACTION SUMMARY**

#### **A. Regular Meeting of November 27, 2013**

*Commissioner* moved to approve the November 27, 2013 minutes. *Commissioner Nyman* seconded.

Commissioner Sinnott noted that in two places Jessy Coltrane's name was misspelled and needed correcting.

**With the corrections, the November 27, 2013 minutes were passed.**

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Stream Setback Ordinance Project**

*Jeff Urbanus* from Public Works' Watershed Management Section introduced the most current draft ordinance that he and the Long-Range Planning Section have been working on. Following mapping exercises and data analyses, the planning team produced a draft new setback ordinance. This draft introduces a graduated setback distance, based on stream type, floodplain width, extent of existing development, while attempting to factor in national trends and findings. The proposed draft introduces a graduated, hard to soft setback zone that varies depending on stream from 25' to 150".

The Commission offered several clarifications to the language, including consideration about how to identify drainages when there is no defined edge, and a clause about "orderly development" on section B. 1. Urbanus also noted that new to the ordinance includes a setback requirement for drainages (non-stream conveyances). Staff agreed to the Commission's recommendation to provide a draft resolution in support at the January meeting.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Report on DeBarr Road Overflow Sampling**

*Jeff Urbanus* gave a brief update on the status and findings of the water (ice) sampling from the recent overflow flooding at the south edge of the old municipal dump at the edge of Merrill Field. Watershed Management staff had taken sets of grab-samples, and results were coming back in parts. With some of the data returned at this date, it is clear that the water includes leachate out of the old dump. Samples came from the source at the bluff bottom, in the above ground storm drain collection ditch, and in the nearby section of Chester Creek. Samples show water is 100% leachate at the source site and in the storm drain. AWWU is aware of the issue and working on resolutions.

#### **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 1:16 p.m.