



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

Room 525 - City Hall
632 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon
Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

Excused: Dan Billman
Dan Bosch

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

Guests: Jessy Coltrane, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of February 26, 2014

Commissioner Pawlowski moved to approve the February 26, 2014 minutes.

Commissioner Sinnott seconded.

The minutes for the February 26, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wildlife Conflicts with Certain Fence Designs in Anchorage -- ADFG

Jessy Coltrane, Area Biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, introduced the topic and provided information and evidence for how certain fence types create wildlife hazards. Moose especially have been found hung up on black, wrought-iron fences on both private and public properties around the Anchorage Bowl. These fences are characterized by arrowheads and/or 4-6" high spikes, which impale moose, especially in the winter snow season. Some entities have modified these fence tops at the urging of ADFG. This modification is a possible solution for existing structures. Over the years, ADFG has documented quite a few examples of moose injuries and fatalities on these fences. ADFG has requested that the Commission consider how it might effectuate a change in Title 21 standards to somehow limit or restrict this fence type in Anchorage because of its impact on moose and public safety. The Commission discussed the concept of including education about these fences, perhaps in conjunction with the Federation of Community Councils. ADFG staff concurred with the draft resolution that supports municipal action with Title 21, as submitted by *Commissioner Sinnott*.

The Commission agreed to review and take action on the draft fence resolution at the April meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS (none)

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission asked staff to have ADFG Sport Fishing (e.g., Dan Bosch) provide an update on growth rates of salmon in the new Anchorage Ship Creek Hatchery.

The Commission suggested that staff and Commissioner Jokela inquire about a presentation from the APU team looking into the Eklutna Glacier work.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.