



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

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

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon
Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

Excused: Dan Billman

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of May 28, 2014

Commissioner Bosch moved to approve the May 28, 2014 minutes.

Commissioner Sinnott seconded.

The minutes for the May 28, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Draft Resolution No. 2014-03, Northern Access to U-Med District – State of Alaska Road Project – Design for Wildlife

Commissioner Sinnott introduced discussion of a draft resolution with findings related to the presentation that DOWL HKM provided to the Commission at its April 23, 2014 regular meeting. A draft of this resolution had been circulated to the members. DOWL HKM presented draft and concept design elements of the project relative to passage and accommodations for wildlife. *Commissioner Sinnott* noted that FHA has sponsored design and research on wildlife passage techniques for highway projects in the west. These included fences to channel wildlife to areas along the alignment that provide for dedicated wildlife road crossings.

Commissioner Bosch suggested that data may be available on the efficiency of using boulders at the Martin Luther King project and whether that design reduced wildlife accidents. These data should be evaluated. There was some discussion about tabling this resolution until the Commission can also hear about design elements for this project relative to wetlands and local hydrology. The *Commission* agreed that this resolution was timely and keeping with the body's intent to provide comments on major projects at the early stages of design and scoping. The *Commission* acted as a body-of-the-whole and worked on final language for the final resolution. Concept final language was reached, and staff was directed to finalize the document following a vote.

Commissioner Bosch moved to approve WNRC Resolution 2014-03 as edited, amended, and agreed upon on the floor.

Commissioner Nyman seconded.

WNRC Resolution No. 2014-03, addressing design consideration for wildlife passage in the Northern Access to U-Med District Road Project, was amended and adopted unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Kent requested that a similar presentation be made by DOWL HKM on the Northern Access to U-Med District Road Project to the Commission that focuses on the project design relative to wetlands and hydrology. The *Commission* agreed that the presentation address:

1. How does the road project change or affect local hydrology.
2. What research and features are included in the design to address local hydrology & impacts
3. What is the basis for design to treat stormwater and local water movement.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed without objection. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.