



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 22, 2014

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Dan Billman
Tamás Deák, Chair
Holly Kent
Cherie Northon
Bob Pawlowski
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair

Excused: Dan Bosch
Brett Jokela
David Nyman

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 September 24, 2014

Commissioner Kent moved to approve the September 24, 2014 minutes.

Commissioner Pawlowski seconded.

The minutes for the September 24, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. WNRC Case No. 2014-01, Chester Creek Watershed Plan – MOA

Cherie Northon, Anchorage Waterways Council, presented on behalf of the MOA Watershed Management Section. Cherie and a working group drafted this Plan, which updates and expands on the original *Chester Creek Watershed Plan* from 2005. This version will be adopted by the Assembly as a Comprehensive Plan element. The MOA is required to adopt watershed plans as a condition of its APDES permit. This version follows a format developed for the more recent *Little Campbell Creek Watershed Plan*. This new document summarizes problem areas, creek issues, and restoration projects for the Chester Creek watershed. On behalf of the Watershed Management Section, staff and Commissioner Northon produced a draft resolution in support of the *Chester Creek Watershed Plan*, which will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Assembly.

Commissioner Northon moved to approve the draft resolution in support of this Plan.
Commissioner Billman seconded.

Discussion of this draft resolution followed. *Commissioner Billman* noted that the Plan might offer more discussion and reference of the community's interest in preserving and increasing salmon runs in the watershed. There is still widespread public support in improving the creek channels and water quality of the system for salmon habitat. Commissioners agreed that the Plan is appropriate and the goals are supported and reflect other MOA plans. The Plan supports improvements in the watershed. *Commissioner Billman* noted that the Plan should include the restoration project, which is already designed to place the North Fork back into its original channel in Sitka Street Park. Commissioners made several other minor changes to the draft resolution.

All changes were agreed to as friendly amendments and added to the final resolution.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS (none)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.