



## **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, May 27, 2015

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

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

*Present:* Dan Billman  
Tamás Deák, Chair  
Brett Jokela  
Cherie Northon  
Bob Pawlowski  
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair

*Excused:* Dan Bosch  
Holly Kent  
David Nyman

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

*Guests:* Paul Alcantar, Director, MOA Solid Waste Services  
Kenniss Brady, Recycling Coordinator, MOA Solid Waste Services  
Birgitta Kytte, Customer Service Coordinator, MOA Solid Waste Services

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

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

### **III. ACTION SUMMARY**

#### **A. Regular Meeting of January 28, 2015**

*Commissioner Pawlowski* moved to approve the January 28, 2015 minutes.

*Commissioner Sinnott* seconded.

**The minutes for the January 28, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously as written.**

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Overview of Bear-Trash Management, Solid Waste Services**

Paul Alcantar, Solid Waste Services (SWS) Director, gave an introduction and overview of SWS's various management techniques related to bear-garbage issues and concerns. SWS is in the process of ongoing evaluations of new bear-proof designs and different cans. These are tested with black and brown bears at the Alaska Zoo. Most examples of new cans do not work in a manner that will be acceptable to the utility since none of the new cans will work with the automated trucks that pick up garbage. The utility is setting up a pilot program on Government Hill based on a common collection area plan using a large dumpster.

Paul feels that most important to the bear garbage conflicts is public education and overall garbage management within the neighborhoods most susceptible to bear roaming. Certain bear proof cans are not user friendly and may not be used over the long term. There are 13,000 households in the SWS service area, but only 2-3% of that total would benefit from bear proof containers and fall in areas of heavy bear interactions. SWS plans to focus on public education and outreach and creating a bear proof can that will work with the automated pick-up trucks. Budget issues remain a shortcoming for progressing this issue.

#### **B. Election of Officers for 2015**

Tabled till June meeting.

#### **C. Update on Chugach Access Plan**

Tabled to future meeting.

### **V. OLD BUSINESS (none)**

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**The motion passed without objection.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.