

Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

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

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Dan Billman

Brett Jokela Holly Kent Cherie Northon Bob Pawlowski

Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair

Excused: Dan Bosch

Tamás Deák David Nyman

Staff: Thede Tobish, Tom Davis, Jon Cecil, Senior Planners, MOA Community

Development Department, Planning Division, Long-Range Planning Section

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:06 p.m.

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of July 29, 2015

Commissioner Billman moved to approve the July 29, 2015 minutes.

Commissioner Northon seconded.

The minutes for the July 29, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

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IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map

Tom Davis and Jon Cecil from the Community Development Department presented a general overview of the process to date for drafting a new Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map. This map and accompanying background materials and definitions will become a targeted element of the Comprehensive Plan. It will implement *Anchorage 2020* and neighborhood and district plans.

This new map will build on and expand the concept-approved 2006 Anchorage Land Use Plan Map and replace the current 1982 map. During this process, it became clear that the Anchorage population has grown by half the numbers projected for *Anchorage 2020*. This map will represent accommodation for population growth of .75 to 1.5% annual growth.

The map will also represent and address findings and policy recommendations outlined in the Residential Housing, Commercial, and Industrial lands studies. Staff will produce story maps and annotated descriptions of each of the land use categories being assigned.

They also introduced a new Growth Supportive concept, which will include a Greenways Corridor. This concept builds on areas where stream corridors could be restored to become focal points for new residential and commercial development nodes that might also include pedestrian trails. Examples include Fish Creek and Furrow Creek near Huffman Road. The Commission mentioned upper Chester Creek and Little Campbell Creek as potential additional sites.

V. OLD BUSINESS (none)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT (none)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting lost its quorum at 1:00 p.m. with only four members remaining past that time.

The meeting adjourned unofficially without a motion at 1:10 p.m.