



## **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, June 22, 2016

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

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

*Present:* Dan Bosch  
Tamás Deák, Chair  
Brett Jokela  
Holly Kent  
Cherie Northon  
David Nyman  
Stephanie Quinn-Davidson  
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair

*Excused:* Dan Billman

*Staff:* Thede Tobish, Tom Davis, Senior Planners, MOA Planning Department,  
Long-Range Planning Division

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

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

#### **III. ACTION SUMMARY**

##### **A. Regular Meeting of May 25, 2016**

*Commissioner Sinnott* moved to approve the May 25, 2016 minutes as written.

*Commissioner Bosch* seconded.

**The minutes for the May 25, 2016 meeting were approved as written.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS (none)**

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. WNRC 2016-01 - AWWU Fish Creek Sewer Trunk Project Fencing Discussion**

The Commission discussed its ideas on this request for recommendations from the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) concerning the fencing issues and conditions at their project site in the Fish Creek Estuary. AWWU offered a graphic depiction of existing and future fence features at the project site and along the Alaska Railroad (ARR) property line.

There are existing and potential future conflicts in this location for wildlife and the future trail corridor planned in concept along the ARR property line. The Commission continues to have general concerns about the use of fencing to demarcate linear projects like major road or ARR features, which create wildlife crossing conflicts. The suggestion was made at the prior meeting that a moose gate or other crossing feature be designed into the fence project. The Commission determined that a moose gate here in this site's circumstances is inappropriate. It was also stated that vegetation within the ARR corridor, which might be isolated between existing and future fence lines, is what would further attract moose and make conflicts worse. The Commission decided that it should convey a memo to AWWU on this subject with the following items:

- Vegetation is the basis for attracting more moose into and through the sewer easement – ARR corridor.
- The ARR and the Municipality should consider factoring in and constructing a passageway, most likely a separated crossing (e.g., underpass) of the ARR ROW, for a future trail, which might function for moose movements.
- The Commission does not recommend a moose gate here.

### **B. Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map**

Tom Davis from the Long-Range Planning Division continued discussing features of the Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map draft that are relevant to the Commission. Items he hopes the Commission will find of interest are the Greenway Supported Development Corridors, the Natural Assets Map, and the Public Facility/Natural Areas concepts, which focus on important natural areas that could become future major facilities, like parcels at the Airport perimeter.

Tom is asking for the Commission to focus on these and offer findings and recommendations when the public hearing draft comes out. He hope to receive these via a resolution in general support.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT (none)**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**The motion passed without objection.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.