



## **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, December 28, 2016

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

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

*Present:* Dan Bosch  
Dan Billman  
Cherie Northon  
David Nyman  
Stephanie Quinn-Davidson

*Absent:* Tamás Deák, Chair  
Brett Jokela  
Holly Kent  
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair

*Staff:* Thede Tobish, Senior Planner, Planning Department,  
Long-Range Planning Division

*Guests:* Tom Davis, Senior Planner, and Jody Seitz, Associate Planner,  
MOA Planning Department, Long-Range Planning Division  
Kristi Bischofberger, MOA Project Management and Engineering  
Department, Watershed Management Section

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:08 p.m.  
Commissioner Billman was appointed as Temporary Chair.

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

##### **A. Regular Meeting of August 24, 2016**

*Commissioner Bosch* moved to approve the August 24, 2016 minutes as written.  
*Commissioner Nyman* seconded.

**The minutes for the August 24, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved as written.**

**B. Special Meeting of October 12, 2016**

*Commissioner Bosch* moved to approve the October 12, 2016 minutes as written.

*Commissioner Nyman* seconded.

**The minutes for the October 12, 2016 Special Meeting were approved as written.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MOA-Watershed Management Section, Annual Update**

Kristi Bischofberger, Manager of the Project Management and Engineering Department's Watershed Management Section (WMS) gave an overview of her Section's activities for the past year. The Section continues to implement and administer the Municipality's federal/state Alaska Permit (APDES) with decreasing funding. WMS is updating its spill plans, including response and monitoring protocols. They operate an active deicing and anti-icing program on roads and parking lots, and focus on calcium chloride reductions, especially relative to runoff to streams and waterbodies. This is both a safety and environmental issue. WMS is working on a management approach to maximize the efficiency of use for this product. The MOA continues to use magnesium chloride.

WMS has contributed to the Anchorage Hazard Mitigation Plan, draft #2. The drainage section of the MOA Design Criteria Manual is out for public hearing and approval. And WMS continues to monitor and manage the groundwater seepage issue at Merrill Field and DeBarr. The Mayor's Office has shown renewed interest in a new areawide stormwater utility, but funding is a roadblock for now.

WMS will hold its annual meeting on March 29.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Map Discussion**

Commissioner Billman summarized that the Commission had some issues with the wildlife habitat data and summary information on the Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan's story background maps. The map may have some inconsistencies or improper depictions of certain wildlife information that may confuse or improperly inform future land use decisions, especially relative to bear data on the Hillside/State Park interface. Tom Davis, the map author, described the data, its sources, and how it informed the Draft 2040 Land Use Plan. Given the absence of several Commissioners from this meeting, it was agreed that this discussion will be added to the next regular meeting.

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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**The motion passed without objection.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.