



## **Municipality of Anchorage**

### **Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission**

Room 170  
Planning and Development Center  
4700 Elmore Road  
Anchorage, Alaska

#### ***ACTION SUMMARY***

12:00 Noon  
Wednesday, June 28, 2017

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

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

*Present:* Dan Billman  
Brett Jokela  
Holly Kent  
David Nyman  
Stephanie Quinn-Davidson  
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair

*Excused:* Dan Bosch  
Tamás Deák, Chair

*One Vacancy*

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

*Guest:* Josh Durand, MOA Parks and Recreation Department  
Dave Battle, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:10 p.m.

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

##### **A. Regular Meeting of May 24, 2017**

*Commissioner Kent* moved to approve the May 24, 2017 minutes as written. *Commissioner Nyman* seconded.

**The minutes for the May 24, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved as written.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS (none)**

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. WNRC Case No. 2017-01: Proposed New Singletrack Trails in Far North Bicentennial Park**

Staff updated the Commission on the project status. The MOA staff is waiting for submission of a revised trail plan, which is intended to include a reduced trail footprint that aligns new trails farther from Campbell Creek. MOA Planning and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) staff discussed options and concerns about the proposed trail realignments and wildlife conflict risks. ADFG submitted a new letter restating their concerns about locating new trails in this section of the Park. The Commission discussed its concerns about how these trails will be used and how those uses increase bear conflict risks. This led to some general recommendations from the Commission about reducing the northerly segments of the proposed trails in the north half of the Spencer Loop ski trail.

The Commission directed staff to draft a letter addressed to MOA Parks and Recreation staff and the Urban Design Commission. The focus of the letter is to recommend that the MOA review of this Singletrack Advocates (STA) proposal include a recommendation that the final alignment not include the majority of the orange trail segments and the main east-west, northerly blue segment—these should be deleted.

The Commission acknowledged that the remaining downhill blue trail could remain as a connector to the rest of the new trail sections. This connector should not be down near the bottom of the system, which is too close to the creek wildlife corridor.

*Commissioner Billman moved* that staff draft the letter to the MOA Parks and Recreation Department staff and to the Urban Design Commission, as mentioned above.

*Commissioner Nyman* seconded after minor clarifications from the Commission's discussion.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**B. WNRC Case No. 2017-02: Trap, Neuter, Return Proposal for Cats**

Postponed discussion or action to another meeting.

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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Billman moved* to adjourn. *Commissioner Quinn-Davidson* seconded.

**The motion passed without objection.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.