



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, July 26, 2017

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Dan Billman
Holly Kent
David Nyman
Stephanie Quinn-Davidson
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair (Acting Chair)

Excused: Dan Bosch
Tamás Deák, Chair
Brett Jokela

One Vacancy

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

Guest: Kirsten Swann, Chugiak-Eagle River STAR

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of June 28, 2017

Commissioner Kent moved to approve the June 28, 2017 minutes as written. *Commissioner Billman* seconded.

The minutes for the June 28, 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 provided an update to the Commission. The STA Group will submit a revised application for Site Plan Review with modified trail alignments. Staff will notify the Commission so they can alter and finalize its response to the Planning Department's review.

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

The Commission is still waiting for the TNR proposal to be formally submitted to the State Board of Game. The Commission agreed to take this up and consider action once the proposal is finalized and up for review. The Commission discussed how best to take action and represent the MOA on this State proposal. It was tentatively agreed that the Commission would entertain a resolution with recommendations for the Administration to comment to the Board of Game directly.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT

A. Support of Efforts to Restore the Eklutna River, Draft Assembly Resolution

Staff reported that the contractor team for this removal project is working with the Assembly to provide project updates and to appeal for support to resolve the water shortage in Eklutna River for salmon habitat. Once the old dam is removed, the project team wishes to pursue the reservation of more water volumes for the river to sustain salmon runs. The Commission agreed that action on this draft Assembly resolution or on the reservation of new water volumes should come later. Economics and logistics of obtaining more flow in the river are yet to be calculated or resolved. There are also concern and unknowns about the terms and timing of the complicated State-Federal agreements about management of the Eklutna River system. Staff agreed to look into the timing of the Assembly worksession and resolution.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kent moved to adjourn. Commissioner Billman seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.