



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 22, 2018

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Tamás Deák, Chair
Brett Jokela
Holly Kent
David Nyman
Stephanie Quinn-Davidson
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair

Three Vacancies

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

Guests: Jeff Urbanus, Hydrologist, MOA Watershed Management Services
Kristi Bischofberger, Manager, MOA Watershed Management Services
Terry Cummings, Northeast Community Council
Marc Grober, Northeast Community Council
Carla McConnell, Northeast Community Council

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of September 13, 2017

Commissioner Sinnott moved to approve the September 13, 2017 minutes as written.
Commissioner Kent seconded.

The minutes for the September 13, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

NOTE: The Chair changed order of the agenda to accommodate V.A. Persons to Be Heard first.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Persons to Be Heard: Members of the Northeast Community Council

Several members of the Northeast Community Council presented their concerns and frustrations with the municipal Parks and Recreation staff and Parks and Recreation Commission's apparent failure to address the council's concerns and input on projects in their area. They referenced the proposed Russian Jack Park single-track trail project as an example. The proposed project had recently been postponed, but during early review, the Council had assumed that the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission would have been asked by Parks and Recreation staff to review the project basics. This did not happen.

The council members asked that in the future for projects like this, the Commission be counted on to provide timely review assistance. They asked that the Commission consider ways to make sure this doesn't happen again. The Commission offered to discuss these issues at the September meeting and convey recommendations to Parks and Recreation staff.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. WNRC Case No. 2015-02, Bears-Garbage Conflicts—Solid Waste, Garbage Proposed Standards, New Concepts

Discussion postponed to next meeting.

B. WNRC Case No. 2015-03, Stream Protection Ordinance Case 2015-03

Jeff Urbanus and Kristi Bischofberger from the municipal Project Management & Engineering Department's Watershed Management Services offered an overview of the current version of this ordinance. They noted where the Commission's original review input from past meetings had been incorporated into this Assembly draft substitute ordinance. The new ordinance offers a two-tiered or two levels of setback, totaling 50 feet for most streams. The largest rivers and streams carry 100-foot setbacks. They highlighted other items and updates that are included in the final Assembly draft. The ordinance is due before the Assembly in early October. Watershed Management Services staff asked the Commission to consider a resolution of support.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT (none)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kent moved to adjourn. Commissioner Quinn-Davidson seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.