



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

Room 525, City Hall
632 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon
Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Regular Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Tamás Deák, Chair
Holly Kent
Stephanie Quinn-Davidson
Rick Sinnott, Vice Chair
Simon Wigren

Excused: Brett Jokela

Absent: Paul McLarnon
David Nyman

One Vacancy

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

Guests: Marc Grober, General Public from Northeast Community Council

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:11 p.m.

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Introduction of New Commissioners

New commissioner Simon Wigren went over his background for the Commission.

B. Election of Officers

Election of Officers was postponed to December's meeting.

IV. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of September 26, 2018

Commissioner Kent moved to approve the September 26, 2018 minutes. *Commissioner Sinnott* seconded.

The minutes for the September 26, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

The Commission was updated on the late summer meetings relative to the Assembly worksession on addressing bear-garbage conflicts. Since the Assembly remains interested in tackling garbage issues, the Commission could solicit their assistance. Staff suggested the Commission work with the Assembly. Commissioner Sinnott noted that the draft Assembly worksession language would not resolve many conflicts. The Commission considered the following items as relevant to the bear-garbage conflicts:

- Garbage pick-up times
- Container security
- Education
- Draft code drafting and research

The Commission asked staff to work with the Director to see how Commission-Assembly collaboration might be initiated.

B. Russian Jack Park Planning Issues

Staff updated the Commission on the Parks and Recreation master plan and park planning process—it is to begin for Russian Jack Park in January. Staff invited the Parks and Recreation Department project manager to the December meeting. Parks and Recreation may ask for a WNRC volunteer for their plan advisory group.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Persons to Be Heard

Marc Grober, citizen from Northeast Community Council, noted that he is still waiting for Parks and Recreation to come to the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission. He wants to report to the Council on the Commission's action on Russian Jack Park. The Council is still investigating what the Parks and Recreation Department is doing in Russian Jack. For instance, Parks staff states that any game trail could be used for an official new park trail without

conferring with the public. Increased length of formal trails in the park is considered by Parks and Recreation as trail maintenance. This seems in conflict of the natural resource plan for the park and public process. Mr. Grober wanted the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission to be aware of these conflicts. The Natural Resource Plan should precede master plan.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT (none)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.