



**Municipality of Anchorage
Geotechnical Advisory Commission**

A G E N D A

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Teams Meeting Dial-in Number: (907) 519-0237

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Establishment of Quorum
 - B. Disclosures
- II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
 - A. Election of Officers
- III. MINUTES
 - A. April 27, 2021
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. GAC 2021-02, Project in Seismic Zone 4 at 11th Avenue and P Street
– Seth Andersen, Arete, LLC
 - B. GAC Resolution for Service Recognition
- VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (3-minute limit)
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS
- IX. STAFF REPORTS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting: July 27, 2021, via Teams



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ACTION SUMMARY

Virtual Teams Meeting

12:00 Noon

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Regular Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

A. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was present.

Present: John Aho
Dennis Berry
Kyle Brennan, Vice Chair
David Hemstreet
John Thornley, Chair
Zhaohui (Joey) Yang

Three vacancies

Staff: Thede Tobish, Senior Planner, Planning Department
Robert Doehl, Building Official and Director, Development Services Department
Timothy Hunting, Geotechnical Lab Manager
Project Management & Engineering Department
Tana Klunder, Assistant to the Director, Development Services Department
Ross Noffsinger, Engineering Services Manager
Development Services Department

Guests: Thomas Krzewinski, Commissioner pending reappointment
Steven Halcomb, CRW Engineering
Keri Nutter, DOWL
Matt Blakeslee, Rabbit Creek Community Council representative

B. Disclosures

No disclosures.

NOTE: The agenda order was changed to take up IV.A. New Business, before II. Minutes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Palaterra Subdivision Slope-stability Issues–Matthew Blakeslee

Chair Thornley introduced the item. The Rabbit Creek Community Council has concerns about slope stability for a new plat in the area (Platting Board Case 12607).

Matt Blakeslee presented on behalf of these concerns and provided background materials for this site near Our Own Lane off Upper DeArmoun Road. The back two or three lots are of concern since they have more than 50-foot grades or more than 2:1 slope. The applicant did a geotechnical report, which the neighbors and Mr. Blakeslee said included incorrect information about the slopes. Concerns are with groundwater conditions and how these impact the slope stability once the homes are to be built. The existing factor of safety is near 1, but this would change to lower with the addition of new groundwater from the site's septic systems. The Community Council wishes that a slope stability analyses be done to address stability with the introduction of additional groundwater.

Mr. Blakeslee showed examples where similar nearby sites had slope failures after clearing and new septic systems introduced more groundwater. Neighbors are concerned about impacts on adjacent parcels and the local roads if the slopes fail based on this current lot configuration.

Mr. Blakeslee is seeking input from the Commission to address the issues to the Platting Board for this case review. His recommendation is to do additional stability analysis and possibly tract out these steep slope areas.

The Commission discussed whether it should comment to the Platting Board. Most members agreed the Commission should address this issue for the south end's 3-4 lots and comment on this proposed plat. The Commission more typically reviews suitability issues for lots with new building permit applications.

Commissioner Brennan moved to have the Geotechnical Advisory Commission provide a letter to the Platting Board for this proposed plat expressing concerns of geotechnical hazards on slopes in proposed lots 4 through 7, which should be addressed in the plat.

Commissioner Berry seconded.

Chair Thornley summarized some elements that might be included in this letter.

The motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: The normal agenda order continues from here.

II. MINUTES

A. March 23, 2021

Commissioner Brennan moved to approve the minutes as drafted. *Commissioner Aho* seconded.

Commissioners Hemstreet and *Yang* made the following amendments:

1. Under Guests, *Commissioner Hemstreet* recommended that Tom Krzewinski be identified as: *Commissioner pending reappointment.*
2. Under IV.B. New Business, Letter to UAA Identifying Port of Alaska Shovel-ready Projects, Line 2, *Commissioner Yang* noted three words to delete: *...concerning earthquake issues...*

The March 23, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

III. OLD BUSINESS (none)

NOTE: IV.A. New Business was taken up before agenda item II.A.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (3-minute limit) (none)

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (none)

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. STAFF REPORT (none)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brennan moved to adjourn. *Commissioner Aho* seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

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