



**Municipality of Anchorage
Geotechnical Advisory Commission**

A G E N D A

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

**Regular Meeting
(Hybrid format)**

<u>Physical Location</u>	or	<u>via Microsoft Teams</u>
Training Room Planning and Development Center 4700 Elmore Road Anchorage, Alaska		Click here to join the meeting or Join by Conference Call: Dial-in Number: (907) 519-0237 Conference ID: 722 614 145#

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Establishment of Quorum
 - B. Disclosures
- II. MINUTES
 - A. April 26, 2022
- III. OLD BUSINESS
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Port of Alaska Update
- V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (3-minute limit)
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Communications Committee
 - B. Hazard Mitigation Committee
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
- VIII. STAFF REPORTS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting – June 28, 2022



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ACTION SUMMARY

Virtual Teams Meeting

12:00 Noon
Tuesday, April 26, 2022

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: Dennis Berry
Kyle Brennan, Vice Chair
Steven Halcomb
David Hemstreet
Cody Kreitel
Thomas Krzewinski
Keri Nutter
Amy Steiner
John Thornley, Chair

Staff: Tom Davis, Senior Planner, Planning Department
Wayne Bolen, Plan Reviewer, Building Safety, Development Services Department
Timothy Huntting, Geotechnical Lab Manager
Project Management & Engineering Department

Guests: Jake Horazdovsky, RESPC

B. Disclosures

No disclosures.

II. MINUTES

A. March 22, 2022

Commissioner Brennan moved to approve the March 22 minutes as drafted. *Commissioner Berry* seconded.

The March 22, 2022 minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolutions Thanking John Aho and Joey Yang for Their Service

Chair Thornley explained that the resolution for Mr. Yang is ready for signature, and that Mr. Aho's length of service is still under research with staff. Once that research is incorporated into the resolution for Mr. Aho, the approved resolutions will be ready for presentation to Mr. Aho and Mr. Yang.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Expansion of the Building Safety Service Area – Jake Horazdovsky

Chair Thornley introduced the guest presenter Jake Horazdovsky, SE, PE, a structural engineer with RESPEC. Mr. Horazdovsky is president of the Chugiak Community Council and a member of the Chugiak-Eagle River Advisory Board but is speaking as a resident of Chugiak-Eagle River.

Jake Horazdovsky delivered a presentation on the topic of the performance of single-family wood homes during the November 2018 earthquake, using the visuals provided in the GAC meeting packet. The presentation included case studies and concluded with recommendations for how to improve earthquake resiliency and adherence to building safety codes in Chugiak-Eagle River. *Mr. Horazdovsky* also gave his assessment of the status of efforts to advocate for changes, the challenges that face such efforts to carry out changes, and potential solutions.

Commissioners provided comments, asked questions, and discussed different aspects of this topic with Mr. Horazdovsky, including ideas such as reaching out to inform the residential mortgage finance sector about the problems presented.

Commissioners discussed possible next steps for the GAC regarding this topic, including determining what role or actions the GAC might take in terms of facilitating or informing community discussion regarding potential expansion of the Building Safety Service Area. Ideas included sending an awareness/informational letter to the Anchorage Assembly, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, or other institutions.

Chair Thornley proposed continuing this business item to the next meeting and inviting a second presenter, Scott Hamill, about ongoing UAA research of earthquake resistance of structures.

B. GAC Outreach Letter to the Municipal Agencies and Organizations

Commissioner Nutter explained that the draft outreach letter to municipal agencies and officials was sent out for Commissioners' individual edit comments and suggested Commissioners send any additional comments by end of the week.

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communications Committee

Commissioner Nutter explained that the next committee meeting will be next Tuesday, May 3. The Communications Committee will revise and finalize the GAC outreach letter (discussed in New Business Item B. above) and move forward with outreach efforts.

B. Hazard Mitigation Committee

Chair Thornley reported that he had not heard back from the municipal Office of Emergency Management (OEM) regarding the draft All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which the GAC commented on in February.

Another item, USGS will be in Alaska this summer looking at additional sites studying characteristics of seismicity in Anchorage and Chugiak-Eagle River, with strong motion stations in the Municipality and Mat-Su Valley.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS (none)

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

Tom Davis provided the hardcopy of the updated GAC Charter that the Commission approved in January for the Commissioners' signature at the meeting. *Mr. Davis* reported that staff had not heard back from OEM regarding the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The in-person/hybrid GAC meeting format in the Training Room seems to be working well.

Wayne Bolen reported that the Development Services Department had a preliminary meeting with the Port of Alaska modernization project. The Port project team led by Jacobs Engineering will present an update on the Port modernization project to GAC next month.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kreitel moved to adjourn. *Commissioner Halcomb* seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.