

Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

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

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Special Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Tamás Deák

Holly Kent

David Nyman, Chair

Stephanie Quinn-Davidson, Vice Chair

Rick Sinnott Simon Wigren

Excused: Brett Jokela

Paul McLarnon

One Vacancy

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

Guest: John Weddleton, Anchorage Assembly

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of May 22, 2019

Commissioner Deák moved to approve the May 22, 2019 minutes as written. Commissioner Jokela seconded.

The minutes for the May 22, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. WNRC Case No. 2015-02: Bears-Garbage Conflicts

1. Review AO No. 2019-74

The Commission discussed AO No. 2019-74 with Assemblymember John Weddleton, who noted there is a new version of this AO before the Assembly. Commissioner Sinnott went through and detailed the recommendations for changes, definitions, or additions to the AO, as highlighted in the draft WNRC Resolution 2019-02. Much of the Commission's recommendations for consideration of AO 2019-74 come from similar text in local adopted ordinances in Juneau and Sitka.

Assemblymember Weddleton highlighted elements of the AO, including how bear safety zones described in the AO will be defined. He also initiated discussion about economic impacts of the AO and enforcement of the new AO and if it might allow for contributions from APD. Increases in Code Enforcement fines and responsibilities will be key to implementing the new AO. Enforcement will be primarily complaint driven and costs are likely to increase. There was some discussion about the Commission acting as a conduit for outreach/education on bear-garbage conflicts and solutions.

2. Approve Commission Resolution WNRC No. 2019-02

Commissioner Deák moved to approve Commission Resolution WNRC No. 2019-02. Commissioner Quinn-Davidson seconded.

From discussion about parts of the AO and item H. Secure Trash Regulation Zones on page three of the Resolution, Commissioner recommended amending item K of the Resolution to "... All outdoor trash and animal food containers...".

The makers of the Motion accepted this as a friendly amendment.

The Motion was approved unanimously as amended.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Deák moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kent seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.