

Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

Virtual Teams Meeting

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Regular Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Establishment of Quorum

Present: Emily Creely

Tamás Deák Brett Jokela

David Nyman, Chair

Rick Sinnott Simon Wigren

Excused: Paul McLarnon

Stephanie Quinn-Davidson, Vice Chair

Absent: Holly Kent

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

Planning Department

B. Disclosures

No disclosures.

II. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of November 18, 2020

Commissioner Sinnott moved to approve the November 18, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Jokela seconded.

The November 18, 2020 minutes were approved unanimously as written.

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III. OLD BUSINESS

A. WNRC Case No. 2020-02, Potential Collaboration with Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Fish and Wildlife Commission

The Commission continued an open discussion about how it can establish and enhance collaboration on issues of mutual interest with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission. Items to consider included having both commissions sharing regular meeting announcements and agendas and including Matanuska-Susitna Borough Commission staff in our announcements. Staff will send out meeting announcements.

B. Eklutna River Restoration Study Document—Follow-up

Commissioner Jokela had volunteered to review the study document on behalf of the Commission and gave an overview of these documents. He focused on the geomorphology, infrastructure, and hazards analyses and submitted comments to the project manager contact, who thanked him for commenting.

Commissioner Jokela suggested the Commission consider adding a member to the project technical working group. He volunteered to continue as the Commission's liaison.

Chair Nyman offered to contact Brad Meiklejohn to request the Watershed Commission be included as a technical working group member. The Commission will invite someone from the restoration project's working group to attend the next regular meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Nyman led a discussion about Commission goals and identification of future projects to review for the next year. The Commission recommended further discussion of this action plan for the January meeting. Some items for consideration included:

- Connors Bog Snow Dump
- Chester Creek Restoration Project at Arctic Boulevard
- Solar Farm at Strawberry Bog
- Cook Inlet Beluga Whales
- Fish Creek Restoration in Spenard
- MOA Stormwater Utility
- Tire Particulates as Pollution (per Seattle findings)

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (none)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT (none)

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Deák moved to adjourn. Commissioner Sinnott seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.