



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

Virtual Teams Meeting

ACTION SUMMARY

12:00 Noon

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Regular Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Establishment of Quorum

Present: Emily Creely
Tamás Deák
Luke Graham
Brett Jokela
Holly Kent
David Nyman, Chair

(3 vacancies)

MOA Staff: Daniel McKenna-Foster, Long-Range Planning Division,
Planning Department

Guests: Ted Eischeid, Planner, Mat-Su Borough
Rick Sinnott, former Commissioner

B. Disclosures

No disclosures.

II. ACTION SUMMARY

A. Regular Meeting of June 23, 2021

Commissioner Deák moved to approve the minutes as written. *Commissioner Jokela* seconded.

The June 23, 2021 minutes were approved unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Chugach Solar Farm

Chair Nyman began the discussion.

Commissioner Creely went over her comments on the report and explained that she could not support the conclusion. She also posed the larger question of the role of this Commission and how much it can achieve or how it can be effective.

Commissioner Deák discussed the report, comments by Commissioner Creely, and limitations of the site/process.

Rick Sinnott discussed the reports and that items that should have been included by the group making the proposal.

Commissioner Deák talked about the role of the Wetlands Management Plan, and how the parcel is currently zoned/designated on MOA maps.

Commissioner Creely brought up comments about the role of the commission, what actions it can take, how the parcel in question is currently zoned and possibilities for conservation easements.

Commissioner Kent mentioned the need to potentially address these issues separately, and asked about next steps with the report.

Commissioner Deák concluded that the subcommittee should address all the comments on the report and finish the conclusion. Having done this, they can produce a new resolution that can be approved at the next meeting.

Commissioner Kent asked whether the subcommittee would set a deadline, consider comments, and bring the report back for approval. She established that the Commission should review the work they had done so far and get all comments to her or Rick by 12/3/2021.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Statutory Requirements (Annual Report)

The group discussed how to fulfill the statutory requirements and *Commissioner Deák* recounted how the process has worked in the past.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (none)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT

Commissioner Kent mentioned a future discussion about improving membership in the commission and recruitment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Deák moved to adjourn. *Commissioner Kent* seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.