

Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 1:30PM

Permit & Development Center, Training Room
4700 Elmore Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507

or via Microsoft Teams and telephonic hearing

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order and Statement of Procedure:** Interim Chair Marshall called the meeting to order at 1:35PM.
- II. **Roll Call, Introductions and Disclosures**

Interim Chair Marshall, Commissioners Flynn, Hansen, and Tenny were present. Commissioner Oswald was excused. Staff present were LMOs Giboney and Taylor, and Director of Economic and Community Development Lance Wilber
- III. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**
 - a. May 25, 2023 Agenda: Commissioner Tenny moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, the agenda passed unanimously
 - b. March 23, 2023 Minutes: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice-Chair Marshall, the minutes passed unanimously.
- IV. **Director's Report:** Lance Wilber provided the director's report and covered the following items:
 - HLB has been receiving comments on the Work Plan
 - HLBAC commissioner terms
 - Assembly Resolution 2023-40 financial component
 - RED director search continues
- V. **Presentations**
 - a. Kyle Kelley, Girdwood Service Area Manager, presented the Girdwood Trails Plan and asked the Commissioners to sign a letter of recognition. Commissioners discussed HLB's role and commitment to the Girdwood Trails Plan. There was a motion to amend the letter by Vice-Chair Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Tenny. The amendment clarified HLB and HLBAC's roles for future trails projects in Girdwood. the amendment was passed unanimously. The motion to approve the letter, as amended, was made by Commissioner Tenny and it was seconded by Vice-Chair Marshall, the motion passed
 - b. Emma Giboney, HLB Land Management Officer, presented a report on the feasibility of development of HLB parcels in Girdwood that was first presented at the Assembly Enterprise and Utilities Oversight Committee on April 20th, 2023. Vice-Chair Marshall asked about the purpose of the report and what it will be used for. HLB Staff clarified that it was for informational purposes and was completed at the request of the assembly and will not affect the management of HLB lands in Girdwood.

- VI. **Persons or Items not on the Agenda** (THREE minutes per individual, each person may only speak once, commissioners and staff will not answer questions, but may have questions for you after your testimony.)

Emily Becker, Alaska Community Forestry Council

Ms. Becker informed HLB Staff and Commissioners about the Native Plant Rescue Working Group. As municipal projects develop, the group would like to work with the Municipality to rescue the native plants for restoration of other areas. She would like for the group to be kept in mind for future projects. She provided links to the group's website:
https://www.nativeplantrescuesquad.org/about_us

Julie Raymond-Yakoubian

Ms. Raymond-Yakoubian expressed disagreement with the Girdwood Trails Plan and urged the Commissioners not to support it.

- VII. **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Tenny commented about the HLBAC Term expiration dates.

- VIII. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date:** Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 1:30PM in the Permit & Development Center, 4700 Elmore Road, Anchorage, Alaska or via Microsoft Teams and telephonic hearing. There was discussion by commissioners if the time should be changed, but it was agreed that 1:30pm worked for all present commissioners.

- IX. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Tenny motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Flynn seconded, the meeting adjourned at 2:40PM