

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission was held on August 1, 2016, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair John Klapperich.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Planning Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

- Ms. Mary Anderson, Assembly District #1
- Mr. Thomas Healy, Assembly District #2
- Mr. John Klapperich, Assembly District #3 *Chair*
- Ms. Colleen Vague, Assembly District #4
- Mr. William Kendig, Assembly District #5
- Mr. Tomas Adams, Assembly District #6

Planning Commission members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Vern Rauchenstein, Assembly District #7

Staff in attendance:

- Ms. Sara Jansen, Acting Planning Services Chief
- Ms. Shannon Bodolay, Assistant Borough Attorney
- Mr. Emerson Krueger, Land Management Specialist
- Ms. Mary Brodigan, Planning Commission Clerk

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Klapperich inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Emerson Krueger, a MSB staff member.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

1. June 20, 2016, regular meeting minutes

B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

(There were no introductions for quasi-judicial public hearings.)

C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

1. **Resolution 16-28**, recommending Assembly approval of an Interim Materials District (IMD) known as Denali Highway Mile 99, in accordance with MSB 17.28 – Interim Materials District, for the extraction of 500,000 cubic yards of earth material within a

69.91 acre parcel until the year 2060, located within Township 19 South, Range 2 West, Section 10 & 15, Fairbanks Meridian. Public Hearing: August 15, 2016. (*Applicant: State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, AKDOT&PF, Staff: Susan Lee*)

Chair Klapperich read the consent agenda into the record.

Chair Klapperich inquired if there were any changes to the consent agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The consent agenda was approved without objection.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(There were no committee reports.)

VI. AGENCY/STAFF REPORTS

(There were no agency/staff reports.)

VII. LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS

(There were no land use classifications.)

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke regarding concerns with public process, and the legitimacy of Commissioner Healy sitting on the Planning Commission and the Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS (*Public Hearing not to begin before 6:15 P.M.*)

Commission members may not receive or engage in ex-parte contact with the applicant, other parties interested in the application, or members of the public concerning the application or issues presented in the application.

(There were no quasi-judicial public hearings.)

X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

A. **Resolution 16-26**, recommending the Assembly adopt the update to the Borough Recreational Trails Plan. (*Staff: Emerson Krueger*)

Chair Klapperich read the resolution title into the record.

Mr. Emerson Krueger provided a staff report:

- staff recommended approval of the resolution.

Commissioners questioned staff regarding:

- the process for reviewing the Government Peak Recreations Area Trails and whether they will be included in the MSB Recreational Trails Plan or the Government Peak Recreation Area Master Plan;
- clarification of whether the Maclaren Trail is already in the MSB Recreational Trails Plan;
- whether the Matanuska Greenbelt overlaps with the MSB Land Fill boundary;
- who recommended that Birch Creek Loop be removed from the plan;
- is there right-of-way for Birch Creek Loop; and
- if a trail is removed from the Trails Plan, is it referenced in another plan.

Chair Klapperich opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke regarding concerns with public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

There being no one else to be heard, Chair Klapperich closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Kendig moved to approve Resolution 16-26. The motion was seconded.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

(There was no correspondence and information.)

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution 16-25**, recommending the Assembly support the development of a Regional Transportation Planning Partnership Program. Postponed from June 20, 2016. *(Staff: Sara Jansen)*

Chair Klapperich:

- stated that on June 20, 2016, Ms. Jessica Smith provided an overview of the Regional Transportation Planning Partnership Program;
- the public hearing was opened and closed after public testimony;
- Commissioner Kendig moved to approve Resolution 16-25, and was seconded by Commissioner Anderson;
- commissioner discussion ensued regarding postponing a decision until after the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) has had an opportunity to review the program and make their recommendations;
- Commissioner Adams moved to postpone a decision until August, 1, 2016, and was seconded by Commissioner Healy; and
- that the motion to postpone passed without objection.

Ms. Sara Jansen:

- provided an overview of TAB Resolution 16-26; and
- recommended approval of Planning Commission Resolution 16-25.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- questioned TAB's intent with the items that they added;
- all of the resolutions submitted were nearly the same verbatim;
- whether to take TAB's recommendation to substitute the word "encourage" with "ensure" on page two of PC Resolution 16-25 to read: "ensure community and stakeholder involvement; and
- which projects will qualify for this process.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

(There was no new business.)

XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items

(Commission Business was presented and no comments were noted.)

XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Jansen:

- stated that Central Monofill Services (CMS) has been remanded back to the Planning Commission by Superior Court; and
- reminded commissioners not to have any discussions or ex parte communications.

Ms. Brodigan stated that the Assembly Chambers are not available for the October 3, 2016, Planning Commission meeting, and that the meeting has been moved to the MSB School District Administrative Building located at 501 North Gulkana Street in Palmer.

Commissioner Healy:

- responded to comments from Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman, a member of the audience;
- stated that Mr. Haberman has cast aspersion on the legitimacy of his membership on the Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board;
- opined that if Mr. Haberman had done his homework, he would have seen that he had been appointed to the board by the Palmer City Council prior to being employed by the City of Palmer;
- noted that this appointment stands; and
- stated that he doesn't appreciate Mr. Haberman's aspersions that he is not legitimately seated on that board.

Commissioner Vague:

- welcomed Commissioner Kendig back from Cleveland; and
- stated that she is looking forward to progressing with the business of the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Kendig:

- stated that Cleveland was fun;
- Senator Dan Sullivan treated the delegates very well;
- noted that all of the delegates were given a private tour of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame;
- stated that it was a very nice atmosphere with no problems and an overall great experience; and
- he's glad to be back and getting back to business.

Commissioner Adams:

- referred to future PC agenda items and noted that there are a number of Tall Tower CUP's coming forward;
- these are the first CUP's coming forward since the ordinance was adopted;
- it will be interesting to see how well the PC did when recommending some of the changes to the ordinance; and
- stated that he appreciates Mr. Healy's service on this commission and knowing him, any board that he participates in is well served by his presence regardless of his employment status.

Chair Klapperich:

- stated that the next PC meeting will be on August 15th and that the deadline for agenda items is tomorrow;
- commented that the agenda setting process is interesting and that he would like to be involved;
- opined that planning is becoming more and more important as is getting the public more involved;
- encourages public participation in public meetings;
- commented on the planning process for the MSB Land Fill;
- applauded the PC for their participation;
- stated that there will be Boards and Commissions Training in August facilitated by Nick Spiropoulos and Lonnie McKechnie; and
- encouraged commissioners to attend.

[Clerk's note: Parliamentary Procedure Training for MSB Boards and Community Councils is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2016, in the Assembly Chambers. Contact the Clerk's office to register.]

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



JOHN KLAPPERICH, Planning Commission
Chair

ATTEST:



MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Commission
Clerk

Minutes approved: August 15, 2016