
City of Bethel, Alaska

--- Planning Commission Minutes

March 14, 2008

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bethel Planning Commission was held on Mar. 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1st Floor City Hall, Bethel, Alaska.

Joy Shantz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, the following were present:

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| Sharon Lindley | Mike Walter | Hugh Dymant |
| Joy Shantz | Thor Williams | |

Excused absence(s): John Guinn

Unexcused absence(s):

Also in attendance were the following:

City Planner Richard Abboud
Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Lee
Planning Clerk Betsy Jumper

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – none

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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| MOVED BY: | Hugh Dymant | To approve the agenda for the Mar. 14, 2008 Planning Commission Meeting. |
| SECONDED BY: | Sharon Lindley | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | 5 yes 0 no motion carried |
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| MOVED BY: | Thor Williams | To approve the minutes from the Feb. 14, 2007 Planning Commission Meeting as amended. |
| SECONDED BY: | Hugh Dymant, with Corrections | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | 5 yes 0 no motion carried |
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COMMUNICATIONS- none

PLANNERS REPORT:

Alaska Coastal Management Program: Senator Donnie Olsen has introduced SB 161. Briefly, this bill seeks to address issues that have been realized since the enactment of HB191, which launched sweeping changes to the coastal management program. Although DNR opposes SB 161, it has seemed to get their attention. So far, they have proposed to re-evaluate the program earlier than planned. It is difficult to say how they might address the most crucial item, the interpretation of regulations.

Code Enforcement Activities: A plan to cure the zoning violations found on the AVCP property has been presented to the Planning Commission. Part of the plan includes the purchase of City owned land to the south of the property. The Planning Commission has unanimously agreed to provide a recommendation to the Bethel City Council to approve the purchase of property.

The City is continuing to pursue the prosecution of tickets issued to those that continue to be in violation of the Bethel Municipal Code.

Vehicle left in the rights-of-ways have been minimal so far this winter. A few cars have been noticed and owners have complied with requests to move them.

The Code Enforcement Officer has been taking on duties as the Safety Officer and has been and will be less active with code enforcement.

Hazard Mitigation: The Hazard Mitigation Plan is now awaiting final approval in the regional FEMA office. The approval of the plan has been slowed to a point that it is unlikely that the City will be able to submit for grant funds during the current round of submittals. We may have to start working on materials for the next round of submission. I am hoping that we will be able to garner additional funds for port related projects.

Indian Reservation Roads (IRR): We have been working with ONC and ASCG/WH Pacific to submit the proper corrections to increase the IRR inventory, which will need to be submitted by March 15.

Recreation Center: We are still working on the proposed design of the building along with the identification of other goals and objectives. Several priorities have been identified for the committee work, including plans to gain support of community organization. All are invited to attend.

Site Plans: While things have been predictably slow for the winter, we are experiencing an increase of inquiries regarding projects for the next building season.

Transportation Plan: We are working with ASCG/WH Pacific and ONC on finalizing the scope of work for the project. Our contractor has been particularly amenable to proposed adjustment in the scope. Our project should be in full swing shortly.

Water Source Protection: We did not hold a meeting in January and have not heard from our contact, as of late.

A discussion was held about a running trail/boardwalk that Parks and Recreation was proposing, along with other possible routes/options from ONC.

A motion was made to ask Council Representative Williams to contact the lobbyist to discuss SB 161.

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| MOVED BY: | Hugh Dymont Thor Williams | To ask Council Representative Williams to contact the lobbyist to discuss SB 161. |
| SECONDED BY: | | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | 5 yes 0 No Motion Carried |
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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Sharon Lindley- none.

Mike Walter-Welcomes Hugh Dymont to the Commission and apologizes for being late.

Thor Williams- Seconded what Mike said.

Hugh Dymont – Glad to be here.

Joy Shantz- Welcomes Hugh to the Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-none

New Business: Item A:

Due to right-of-way/easement questions, a discussion ensued regarding a section of Tundra Ridge Road. Various options were discussed about a new road. It was decided that if need be, a special meeting could be called forth by the Chair person to study the item in more detail.

ADJOURNMENT

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| MOVED BY: | Thor Williams Sharon Lindley | To adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., Mar. 13, 2008. |
| SECONDED BY: | | |

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| VOTE ON MOTION | 5 Yes 0 No Meeting Adjourned |
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APPROVED THIS 20 **day of** March **, 2008.**

ATTEST: 

Joy Shantz, Chair Pro tem