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Planning Commission Minutes

Rescheduled Regular Meeting April 17, 1997

CITY OFFICES, CONFERENCE ROOM

7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Guinn at 7:45pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Guinn, Warner, Notti, Hamilton.

Members absent: Hickson, Andrew

Members excused: Herron

Others Present: Sharon Mc Clintock, BNC Land Consultant.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M Hamilton/Warner Approve the minutes of the March 27, 1997 meeting.

Unanimous

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M Notti/Hamilton Approve the agenda as published.

Unanimous

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Distributed to Commission members:

1. Copy of Nome City ordinances pertaining to Certificate of Occupancy, building inspections and other building compliance issues.

2. Two letters from the Department of Education dated April 10, 1997 reference correcting land encroachment by ME school and other land exchange matters on the School District Headquarters site.

3. Third HDR Engineering progress report on the Comprehensive Plan project.

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

VI. PLANNER'S REPORT

1. The Kusko 300 Race Committee, Inc. has negotiated an amended deed for "Duttus Park" (park strip in front of First National Bank) with John Nelson president of Bethel Marina, Inc. the parks grantor. This amended deed allows as a conditional use by the Kusko 300 Committee the location of a headquarters building on the park and further allows them to engage in commercial activities for the promotion of the sled dog racing event. This conditional occupancy is good for five years, then must be renegotiated with the grantor.
2. The Planning Department is planning to extend its regular office hours until 6:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and open on Saturday mornings for three hours from 9:00am till noon to further accommodate the public requiring Site Plan applications, permits and assistance. These hours will be in effect from May 1st until August 1st.
3. DOE school lands: Mr. Morgan from DOE (person who sent letters distributed under Communications) is anticipating a trip to Bethel during the first week of June. Jim Kohl from the local school district office is preparing maps of DOE's proposed land transactions outlined in Mr. Morgan's letters.

VII. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

NONE FOR THE AGENDA

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Crediting Bethel Native Corporation under ANCSA 14 (c)(3) with 400 acres of land relinquished by Bethel Native Corporation in 1975 and subsequently conveyed to the City of Bethel.

Sharon Mc Clintock, BNC's land consultant made a presentation on the history and present status of ANCSA 14 (c)(3) land selections including a history of the 400 acre land relinquishment by BNC.

No motion offered on the agenda item.

It was the consensus of the planning commissioner's in attendance that this request by BNC needed more exposure to the public. Further, the whole 14 (c)(3) process needed more public exposure and understanding especially now that renewed negotiations for additional city selections may be happening in the near future.

The Commission requested that staff invite the city council to a joint commission/city council instructional/technical worksession on this issue. A suggested meeting time to be scheduled for the latter part of May. Technical presenters would be available to present and facilitate on this issue. The worksession would be advertised for public participation.

X. ADJOURNMENT

M/M Notti/Warner To adjourn meeting.

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.

PREPARED BY: John F. Malone, City Planner

ATTEST:


John Guinn, Chairman

DATE: 5/8/97