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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Planning Commission-Minutes

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November 12, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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Before the regular Nov. 12, 2009 meeting commenced, it was pointed out that since there was no quorum when the Oct. 8, 2009 was "formally" adjourned, a motion had to be made to officially adjourn the meeting.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OCT. 8, 2009 Meeting**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Joy Shantz	To adjourn the Planning Commission meeting of Oct. 8, 2009.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Abe Palacios	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Voice Vote – All in Favor 4-0 Motion passes; 4 yes and 0 opposed.	

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on November 12, 2009 at 6: 30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chair, John Guinn called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call:

John Guinn    Mike Walter    Joy Shantz    Abe Palacios    Alan Hippler

Unexcused: Sharon Lindley

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Daniel Shea, Planning Director                      Betsy Jumper, Recorder

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**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF Nov. 12, 2009**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Mike Walter	To approve the agenda for the Nov. 12, 2009 meeting, as corrected (item A, under new business, tabled due to no representative available to discuss the St. Sophia's Church project).
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Joy Shantz	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Voice Vote – All in Favor 5-0 Motion passes; 5 yes and 0 opposed.		

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM the Oct. 8, 2009 Meeting**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Joy Shantz	To approve the minutes of the Oct. 8, 2009 meeting, with changes noted.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Mike Walter	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>		
Voice Vote – All in Favor 5-0 Motion passes; 5 yes and 0 opposed.		

**V. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:** None

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS:** Dan presented a memo he had written to the City Manager and City Attorney stating his opinion in regards to the sale of alcoholic beverages. John Guinn stated that the majority of people he talked to didn't like the limits on us, but they also don't want the sale of alcohol in the City. Mike stated this puts the "local" back in local control.

**VII. PLANNER'S REPORT:** See Attached

**VIII. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS:** **Commissioner Palacios:** Glad to see Alan on board; **Commissioner Walter:** Welcomes Alan to the Planning Commission, hopes we aren't going too fast, and expressed gratitude to all veterans for all their sacrifices to the country; **Commissioner Shantz:** Welcomes Alan and hopes to learn new things at the upcoming Planning Commissioner's Training; **Commissioner Guinn:** Welcomes Alan and stated he has a new job as Executive Director at ONC; **Commissioner Hippler:** Stated he is glad to be on this Planning Commission; this is the one he wanted.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**X. NEW BUSINESS:** Item A tabled until Dec.'s meeting. Item B: - Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee: Dan stated we are looking to develop a steering committee for the development of the Bethel Comprehensive Plan. It was decided that the Planning Committee would be in charge of reviewing the RFP's that are submitted and that the Planning Commission members will be involved in the process. Item C: Alaska Army (Readiness Center) National Guard: The Army National Guard will be putting forth a site plan and preliminary plat that we'll be dealing with, near the airport. Also the existing site plan with the memorial park will be tied in as well. Item D: Infill Permit Applications/Quarry Operators: Dan stated there have been some issues with quarry operators not coming in and filling out site plans for residential and/or commercial/industrial. "We need to know where all

the in-fill is going, so am thinking about writing a letter to all local and outside operators informing them we need these site plans filled out with how much in-fill will be done. The Corp of Engineers needs this information as well for our general permit." Item E: City Ownership of Right-of-Way (records): Dan stated the City of Bethel needs to prove ownership of right-of-ways in order to receive federal monies from the government. " We have no records of these in our office and will have to do a lot of research to find these right-of-ways." Item F: Zoning Overlay (Alcoholic Beverages No Sales): Dan stated his opinion, "after doing some review, that the City could do a zoning regulation or overlay, or ordinance, that would prohibit alcoholic beverages sales, and that there is nothing in the ABC or State Statutes that state what the limits are." A general discussion ensued amongst the Planning Commission members and it was decided to hold off until hearing from the City of Bethel's attorney.

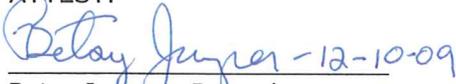
**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE NOV., 12, 2009 Meeting**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Joy Shantz	To adjourn the meeting of Nov. 12, 2009.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Abe Palacios	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	Voice Vote – All in Favor 5-0 Motion passes; 5 yes and 0 opposed.	

  
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 John Guinn, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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 Betsy Jumper, Recorder