City of Bethel, Alaska
Planning Commission

January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on January 9, 2020 at the Bethel City Hall, Council Chambers in Bethel, Alaska. The Chair of Commission, Kathy Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

II. **ROLL CALL:** The following were present for roll call: Kathy Hanson, Lorin Bradbury, Alex Wasierski, Scott Campbell, and Stanley Hoffman Jr. arrived late at 6:33pm.
Excused Absence: John Guinn, Shadi Rabi, Tracy Beans, and Haley Hanson
Also present was Ted Meyer, City Planner and Charlie Dan, Recorder.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

MOVED:	Lorin Bradbury	Motion to approve the agenda
SECONDED:	Alex Wasierski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Unanimous	

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: tabled until next meeting

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. Election of the chair and co-chair of the planning commission

MOVED:	Lorin Bradbury	Motion to nominate Kathy Hanson to continue as chair of the planning commission.
SECONDED:	Alex Wasierski	
VOTE ON MOTION	Unanimous	

MOVED:	Alex Wasierski	Motion to nominate Lorin Bradbury to continue as the vice chair of the planning commission.
SECONDED:	Scott Campbell	
VOTE ON MOTION	Unanimous	

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Army Corps of Engineers presentation on the wetland general permit program: tabled
B. Public Hearing: Request for Conditional Use Permit: On June 27, 2019 the City of Bethel Planning Department Office received an application for a Conditional Use Permit from Essenkay, LLC- Jared Karr and Naim Shabani doing business as Kusko Kush to open a retail marijuana store. The legal description is: United States Survey 3230 A & B, Lot 4 Block 15. Physical Address is: 780 1 3rd Avenue.

The Planning Commission, acting in a quasi-judicial body held a public hearing.
Chair of the Commission Kathy Hanson opened up the public hearing.

The Chair asked members of the Commission to disclose any conflicts of interest or Ex Parte Communications they may have had on the action before them.

Lorin Bradbury- believes that marijuana should be illegal, safety concerns, and being 500 ft of a church at state regulations.

Testimony by Interested Parties
Blain Elliot via email- opposes Conditional Use Permit.

Deliberation took place amongst commissioners.

MOVED:	Alex Wasierski	Motion to approve Conditional Use Permit (Resolution 2020-01) with the condition that the space between the store and 3rd avenue be blocked off.
SECONDED:	Lorin Bradbury	
VOTE ON MOTION	Unanimous	

Chair Kathy Hanson closed the public hearing.

VI. PLANNER'S REPORT: Ted gave his report.

VII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

K. Hanson- no comment.
L. Bradbury- no comment.
A. Wasierski- no comment.
S. Campbell- no comment.
S. Hoffman- no comment.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED:	Lorin Bradbury	Motion to adjourn the meeting.
SECONDED:	Scott Campbell	
VOTE ON MOTION	Unanimous	

With no further business the meeting adjourned 7:38 pm

APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF Feb., 2020

ATTEST: Charlie Dan, Recorder

Kathy Hanson, Chair