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Planning Commission Workshop

Regular Scheduled Meeting March 12, 1998

LOG CABIN AT PINKY'S PARK

7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chairman John Guinn

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Guinn, Hamilton, Warner

Absent: Andrew, Herron, Notti, Hickson

Others Present: Julie Weibusch, Martha Scott, Glenn Tarr, Elizabeth Benson and Duane Hippe of HDR Alaska, Maj. Ken Snyder, Capt. Oscar Evon and Lt. Col. Dennis Kline (by phone from Anchorage) of the Alaska National Guard, Mark Mayo of ADOT, Wayne Smith and John Malone from staff

Chairman Guinn, ruling there was no quorum, declared the meeting a workshop.

III. WORKSHOP ITEM ONE

UPDATE ON THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Duane Hippe of HDR Alaska reported on the Bethel Airport Master Plan. Issues covered were traffic, parking, taxiway expansion, runway expansion and apron expansion.

IV. WORKSHOP ITEM TWO

PROPOSED NEW ARMORY SITE FOR ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD

Lt. Col. Dennis Kline, speaking by phone from Anchorage, discussed the proposed, site for a new Army National Guard Armory. According to Col. Kline, the need for a new armory is evident. Site requirements include a minimum of ten acres in a compatible neighborhood offering access to an arterial roadway. The primary site identified by the unit at this time is Eco-Park, located across the State Highway from QFC-2 and the Trailer Court. A secondary site is located on land directly north of BRHS and ME School. Col. Kline was asked what would be the disposition of the current armory facility once the proposed construction was complete. According to Col. Kline, the State and City have control of the property's use, but he suggested LKSD could definitely benefit from its use. He added the National Guard would released its lease permitting other uses.

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

The Echo-Park site is in restricted deed status as a recreational/park site. It was conveyed to the City under this condition. Col. Kline suggested that the National Guard would negotiate with the BLM as to the sites additional use (armory) and would develop, as part of the sites development by the Guard, a National Guard memorial park in conjunction with the city.

V. WORKSHOP ITEM THREE

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Elizabeth Benson reported on the draft surface transportation plan portion of the Comprehensive Plan presently under contract to HDR Alaska. She detailed the plan's structure with regard to the identification road arterials, collectors and local streets. New map exhibits depicting the community snow machine trail system were also discussed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.