
City of Bethel, Alaska

Planning Commission

March 14, 2013

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on at 6: 30 pm in the City Hall conference room in Bethel, Alaska.

Chairman, John Guinn, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call: John Guinn, Joy Shantz, Rick Robb, Mike Walter, Abe Palacios, and Cliff Linderoth.

Ex -Officio members present were the following: Rachael Pitts, Planning Director and Betsy Jumper, Recorder

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

- None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 14, 2013 MEETING

MOVED:	Joy Shantz	To approve the agenda for the March 14, 2013 meeting.
SECONDED:	Abe Palacios	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 14, 2013 MEETING

MOVED:	Mike Walter	To approve the minutes of the Feb. 14, 2013 meeting.
SECONDED:	Rick Robb	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

VI. PLANNER'S REPORT: Rachael went over the monthly planner's report.

VII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Joy inquired about the "APOC" statements, what the status is, etc. and Rick informed her that the City Clerk and Council are formulating a new financial disclosure statement that should hopefully be done soon. Rick also shared with the group the status of the Airport Master Plan.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: A. Election of Planning Commission Chairman; B. Election of Planning Commission Vice-chairman.

MOTION TO ELECT JOHN GUINN AS CHAIRMAN

MOVED:	Joy Shantz	To elect John Guinn as Chairman of the Planning Commission.
SECONDED:	Abe Palacios	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

MOTION TO ELECT JOY SHANTZ AS VICE-CHAIRMAN

MOVED:	Abe Palacios	To elect Joy Shantz as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission.
SECONDED:	Cliff Linderoth	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A. Rewriting the Bethel Municipal Code (BMC) on Nuisance Properties (to focus on abandoned homes and focusing responsibility for regulatory process to city staff) Sec. 15.03-abandoned homes, to rescind 15.04.

The Planning Commission went over the proposed revision to the BMC in depth and came up with some changes.

MOTION TO CHANGE/AMEND THE DEFINITION OF ITEM "E" (section 15.03.010)

MOVED:	Rick Robb	To change the language of "E" fire hazard language—to delete part of the definition in the paragraph and to insert "any combustible or explosive material stored in a negligent and unsafe manner".
SECONDED:	Cliff Linderoth	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

MOTION TO STRIKE THE WORD "MORALS" THROUGHOUT SECTION 15.03

MOVED:	Joy Shantz	To get rid of the words "morals", throughout Section 15.03 of the BMC.
SECONDED:	Mike Walter	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

MOTION TO STRIKE THE WORD "IMMORAL" IN ALL INSTANCES FROM SEC. 15.03

MOVED:	Mike Walter	To remove the word "immoral" throughout Section 15.03 of the BMC.
SECONDED:	Joy Shantz	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

MOTION MADE IN ALL INSTANCES WHERE IT SAYS "CITY PLANNER, OR THEIR DESIGNEE" TO CHANGE IT TO "CITY PLANNER, OR ACTING CITY PLANNER" UNDER SEC. 15.03.050 NOTICE AND ABATEMENT

MOVED:	Mike Walter	To remove "City Planner or their designee" to "City Planner and Acting City Planner" under Section 15.03.050 of the BMC.
SECONDED:	Cliff Linderoth	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 5 yes and 1 opposed.	

MOTION TO AMEND IN ALL INSTANCES, " FIRE CHIEF AND ACTING FIRE CHIEF, THE POLICE CHIEF AND ACTING POLICE CHIEF" AND DELETE "DESIGNEE" UNDER SECTION 15.03.040, NUMBER 5.

MOVED:	Mike Walter	To amend in all instances "fire chief and acting fire chief, the police chief and acting police chief" and delete "designee".
SECONDED:	Joy Shantz	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion fails; 0 yes and 6 opposed.	

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL, THE REWRITE OF SECTION 15.03 WITH NOTED CHANGES

MOVED:	Joy Shantz	To accept the rewrite of Abandoned Homes, Section 15.03 (to rescind Sec. 15.04).
SECONDED:	Mike Walter	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

- X. **NEW BUSINESS:** Zoning change for a new proposed residential subdivision ("Snowridge") Subdivision, located East and West of Tundra Ridge Road, and South of Tundra Ridge Subdivision.

XI. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ZONING CHANGE.

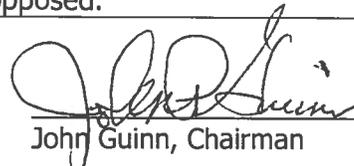
MOVED:	Mike Williams	To accept/approve the zoning change, from General Use, Preservation, and no designated zoning district, to Residential Zoning for the Snowridge Subdivision.
SECONDED:	Joy Shantz	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

XII. ADJOURNMENT, Motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED:	Joy Shantz	To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.
SECONDED:	Abe Palacios	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	All in favor Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

Next meeting will be on April 11, 2013.

 -5-9-13
Betsy Jumper, Recorder


John Guinn, Chairman