
City of Bethel, Alaska

Planning Commission-Minutes

December 10, 2009

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Dec. 10, 2009 at 6: 30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, Bethel, Alaska.

Chair, 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 Mike Walter Joy Shantz Abe Palacios Alan Hippler Sharon Lindley

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Daniel Shea, Planning Director Betsy Jumper, Recorder

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF Dec. 10, 2009

MOVED:	Joy Shantz	To approve the agenda for the Dec.10, 2009 meeting.
SECONDED:	Alan Hippler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Voice Vote – All in Favor 6-0 Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM the Nov. 12, 2009 Meeting

MOVED:	Alan Hippler	To approve the minutes of the Nov. 12, 2009 meeting.
SECONDED:	Mike Walter	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Voice Vote – All in Favor 6-0 Motion passes;6 yes and 0 opposed.	

V. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: **Citizen Joe Klejka** spoke in regards to the Planning Commission writing an ordinance for zoning Bethel an alcohol sales free zone, and leans towards draft ordinance option #2 as presented by the Planning Director. Mr. Klejka also gave some suggestions for the wording of option #2 draft ordinance in relation to what the voters of Bethel want; **Citizen Heather Pike** stated she thought draft ordinance option #2 was a good middle ground for the community.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: None

PLANNER'S REPORT: Dan presented an overview of his written Planner's Report.

VII. COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMENTS: Commissioner Guinn: Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and also celebrates a 45th wedding anniversary;

Commissioner Shantz: Attended the Planner's Commission training in November--it was really informative; good networking with others from around the state. Interesting hearing about regional issues, such as wind energy in Toksook Bay. Another idea that came up was to maybe have "informal" lunch meetings, just to get together, and discuss things, informally, thought it would be nice. Also learned that Nicole Grewe of DCRA would be willing to come here and do Planning Commissioner Training, if needed/wanted. Plan to write up a report to share with everyone next month; **Commissioner Hippler:** Not used to having the comments so early in the meeting; **Commissioner Palacios:** Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; **Commissioner Lindley:** None; **Commissioner Walter:** None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Zoning Overlay (Zoning the City an alcohol sales free zone): A generalized discussion about zoning Bethel an alcohol free zone ensued. Dan presented 3 different draft ordinances and options. Dan went over all three of the ordinances/options in detail. After much discussion, it was decided to recommend option #2 ordinance to the City Council with changes.

IV. TO STRIKE SECTION 2. a AND REPLACE/INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO PROHIBIT ALL ALCOHOL LICENCES/SALES IN THE COMMUNITY OF BETHEL

MOVED:	Alan Hippler	To make an amendment to Option Ordinance #2
SECONDED:	Joy Shantz	
VOTE ON MOTION	Voice Vote – All in Favor 6-0 Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

MOTION TO RECOMMEND/APPROVE TO THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL THE #2 ORDINANCE OPTION IN REGARDS TO A ZONING OVERLAY IN BETHEL

MOVED:	Mike Walter	To recommend to the Bethel City Council Ordinance #2 Option with noted amendment for a zoning overlay in Bethel, in regards to alcohol sales in the city limits.
SECONDED:	Alan Hippler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Voice Vote – All in Favor 6-0 Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ST. SOPHIA'S CHURCH

MOVED:	Joy Shantz	To approve the St. Sophia's Russian Orthodox Church Preliminary & Final Plat.
SECONDED:	Alan Hippler	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Voice Vote – All in Favor 6-0 Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

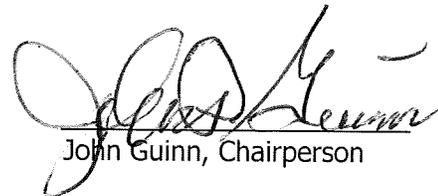
B. VARIANCE OF EASEMENT LOCATED AT 148 H-MARKER LAKE

MOVED:	Alan Hippler	To approve homeowner's request for a vaciance of easement, located at 148 H-Marker Lake.
SECONDED:	Abe Palacios	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Voice Vote – All in Favor 6-0 Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

MOVED:	Mike Walter	To adjourn the Planning Commission meeting of Dec. 10, 2009.
SECONDED:	Abe Palacios	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	Voice Vote – All in Favor 6-0 Motion passes; 6 yes and 0 opposed.	

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.


John Guinn, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Betsy Jumper, Recorder