



Planning Commission Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Thursday, February 14, 2013 – 6:30PM
City Hall Council Chambers 300 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway

MEMBERS

John Guinn
Chair
Term Expires
12/2013

Joy Shantz
Vice-Chair
Term Expires
12/2013

Rick Robb
Council Rep.
Term Expires
10/2013

Mike Walter
Committee Member
Term Expires
12/2013

Abe Palacios
Committee Member
Term Expires
12/2015

Cliff Linderth
Committee Member
Term Expires
12/2014

VACANT
Committee Member
Term Expires

Rachael Pitts
Ex-Officio Member

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – (15 Minute Limit)
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2012 MEETING
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- VII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS
- VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
 - A. City Clerk Planning Commission Training
 - B. Election of Planning Commission Chairman
 - C. Election of Planning Commission Vice-Chairman
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- X. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Kipusvik (New Swanson's Store/Theater) Building Site Plans
 - B. Rewriting the Bethel Municipal Code on Nuisance Properties (to focus on abandoned homes and focusing responsibility for regulatory process to city staff) Sec. 15.03-abandoned homes, to rescind Sec. 15.04.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

Planning Department Report

From: Rachael Pitts, Planning Director

Date: February 1, 2013

The Planning Director has been working with Taunnie Boothby to prepare for a Floodplain Management and Mitigation Program compliance review for Bethel. This is a process that began with a visit from Taunnie in January. She is a Planner III with the State of Alaska. We are revising our paperwork to work with and inform all property owners who want to do development in the floodplain.

Dowl HKM held a public meeting on January 30th in Bethel to discuss the Bethel Airport Master Plan that is in progress. A lot of information was provided about airport needs and projects over the next 20 years. The plan will include expanding runways, increasing hangar space, and organizing the airport to better serve passengers. Runway expansion plans include an expansion of the crosswind runway, going west. Drawings are available at the Planning Department.

The planner attended a meeting at AVCP concerning the survey they planned to take about the homeless population in Bethel. They hope to identify numbers and other information to further discuss the need for some type of services, with focus on the dangers of sleeping in unheated structures.

Site Plan Permit Applications and Code Enforcement: We have issued two Site Permits to date.

We are planning a demolition of a shack identified by the Police Department as a public nuisance. This particular lot has junk cars and trash as well. This is where we had a death earlier in January. Property owners are being notified.

The Bethel Port:

Staff attended the Donlin Mine EIS Scoping. Many topics were covered and the meeting was well represented by native community members. Donlin plans to build a dock for ocean barge shipments that will be transported by river barge to the mine. The EIS process will take two years.

The planner is working with the Harbormaster concerning the Jung and Active parcels. The city would like to acquire easements along the river, and in the right-of-way. There is an ongoing discussion with BIA and property owners about the details.

Construction Projects:

Swimming Pool: Site development has begun and city staff members are providing information and feedback on access and other design elements. The first pilings will be put in this winter.

BNC Commercial Project (Kipusvik): Pilings are going in and construction will begin this winter. BNC has provided site plans and elevations that are available for view at the Planning Department.

Prematernal Home and Long Term Care Facility: A lot of progress has been made on the Pre-Maternal facility. The walls are up and the roof is being completed.

Street Improvements in Bethel: Attached to this report is information from DOT about planned street improvements in Bethel (DOT projects).

Opportunities: There may be a grant available to move a family in a flood prone home to a new home. If anyone can identify an appropriate property, possibly by the Slough, let the planner know.

11/2/2013

BETTER DOT PROJECTS

Need ID: 2231 Name: Tundra Ridge Road

Program	Region	2012 Election District	Place Name	Highway	Primary Work	Bridge #s
CTP	C	37	Bethel		System Preservation	

Description: Resurface Tundra Ridge Road, a distance of about 1.04 mi., with asphalt. Project does not include separated pathways or illumination.

Ph	Fund	FFY13	FFY14	FFY15	After 2015
4	EMFX	0	3,512,352	0	0
4	SM	0	348,648	0	0
7	EMFX	0	10,916	0	0
7	SM	0	1,084	0	0
Totals:		0	3,873,000	0	0

Need ID: 2335 Name: Ridgecrest Drive Rehabilitation

Program	Region	2012 Election District	Place Name	Highway	Primary Work	Bridge #s
CTP	C	37	Bethel		Reconstruction	

Description: Rehabilitate Ridgecrest Drive between Akakeek and Ptarmagin Streets. Raise and widen the road, improve drainage and provide middle lane turnouts to reduce congestion and provide marked and lighted pedestrian crossings at the school intersections.

Ph	Fund	FFY13	FFY14	FFY15	After 2015
2	SM	21,762	0	0	0
2	STP	219,238	0	0	0
3	3PF	0	49,800	0	0
3	HPRM	0	519,545	0	0
3	SM	0	49,800	0	0
3	STP	0	483,855	0	0
Totals:		241,000	1,103,000	0	4,800,000

Need ID: 2251 Name: Winter Trail Marking

Program	Region	2012 Election District	Place Name	Highway	Primary Work	Bridge #s
TRAAK	C	92	Central Region		Other	

Description: Mark overland winter trails in the western area of Central Region with permanent trail markers. Trail markers will ensure winter travelers can safely journey between communities in the area.

Ph	Fund	FFY13	FFY14	FFY15	After 2015
4	SM	0	27,090	0	0
4	STP	0	272,910	0	0
Totals:		0	300,000	0	0

Need ID: 2320 Name: MP 53-56 Reconstruction - Moose Creek Canyon

Program	Region	2012 Election District	Place Name	Highway	Primary Work	Bridge #s
NHS	C	6	Central Region	Glenn Highway	Reconstruction	0541

Description: Reconstruct from MP 53 to MP 56, including replacement of the Moose Creek

Ph	Fund	FFY13	FFY14	FFY15	After 2015
3	NHPP	0	3,409,100	0	0
3	SM	0	240,900	0	0
Totals:		0	3,650,000	0	37,400,000