

# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Planning Commission

February 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.

Recorder, Betsy Jumper, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call: Rick Robb, Mike Walter, Abe Palacios, Cliff Linderoth; absent: John Guinn and Joy Shantz. Ex -Officio members present were the following: Rachael Pitts, Planning Director and Betsy Jumper, Recorder.

### MOTION TO NOMINATE ABE PALCIOS PRO-TEM CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISISON

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rick Robb	To nominate Abe Palacios as the pro-tem chairman for the Feb. 14, 2013 meeting.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Mike Walter	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor 4 Motion passes; 4 yes and 0 opposed.	

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 14, 2013 MEETING

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rick Robb	To approve the agenda for the February 14, 2013 meeting with noted changes, to move Item "B" under New Business, Kipsusvik building site plans, to the people to be heard portion of the agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Cliff Linderoth	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor 4 Motion passes; 4 yes and 0 opposed.	

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 8, 2012 Meeting

<b>MOVED:</b>	Mike Walter	To approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Rick Robb	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor 4 yes motion passes; 4 yes and 0 opposed.	

**V. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:** Anna Hoffman of the Bethel Native Corporation spoke to the commission about the Kipsusvik building; the group looked over the site plans and some of the materials that will be used for the interior of the theater and store/food court area. A big sign will go up at the building site to let the public know that this will be a BNC project, as there was some confusion as to what was going there. Both groundwork and building site plan permits have been issued for this project.

**VI. PLANNER'S REPORT:** Rachael went over and answered questions on the monthly planners report.

**VII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:** Rick updated the group on an initial meeting on the homeless situation in Bethel (there appears to be 100 or so) and the meeting was with other organizations of Bethel as well as the City. Rick also updated the group on the Polk road issue, there's no resolution in sight at this time. The Governor was here as well and we met with him and Polk Road was one of the topics discussed. The airport road extension around/near the new Veteran's Memorial Park/Gun Club Shooting range is causing a stir-- maybe have this on next month's agenda. Cliff, Bubba, and Mike had no comments.

**VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**A. City Clerk Planning Commission Training:** The City Clerk gave her annual planning commission training.

**B. Election of Planning Commission Chairman**

**C. Election of Planning Commission Vice-Chairman**

**MOTION TO TABLE THE ELECTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Mike Walter	To table the election of the planning commission chairman until the next planning meeting in March.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Cliff Linderoth	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor 1 yes motion fails; 1 yes and 3 opposed.	

A discussion resulted as to why it should be postponed/tabled. After a brief debate:

**MOTION TO TABLE THE ELECTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Cliff Linderoth	To postpone the election of the planning commission chairman until the next planning meeting in March.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Mike Walter	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor 4 yes motion passes; 4 yes and 0 opposed.	

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THE ELECTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Rick Robb	To postpone the election of the vice-chairman until the next planning meeting in March.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Mike Walter	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor 4 yes motion passes; 4 yes and 0 opposed.	

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

- X. NEW BUSINESS: A. 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.** Rachael gave an overview of this rewriting, where the city staff would be responsible for the regulatory processes, rather than the City Council.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS MATTER UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Cliff Linderoth	To postpone the issue of Nuisance Properties and rewriting the Bethel Municipal Code until next Planning Commission meeting in March and make it an action item.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Mike Walter	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor 1 yes motion fails; 1 yes and 3 opposed.	

A discussion ensued regarding the rewriting of this matter.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT, Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Cliff Linderoth	To adjourn the meeting at 8:45.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Mike Walter	
<b>VOTE ON MAIN MOTION</b>	All in favor 4-yes 0 no Motion passes; 4 yes and 0 opposed.	

Next meeting on March 14, 2013.

  
Betsy Jumper, Recorder

  
John Guinn, Chairman