Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
McKinley Community Club
February 10, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by presiding officer Clay Walker at 6:03 PM

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Armeda BULARD, Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER, John WINKLMANN, Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI, Vickie LAUSEN, Bob MUELLER and Absent: Eileen HOLMES and Cyrus COOPER.

ORDINANCE 10-02: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.10.090, titled Excess Liability - Lapse of Appropriations.

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT The public hearing was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

APPROVED: _____
Clay Walker, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: MARCH 10, 2010

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CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Clay WALKER called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Mayor David Talerico led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Robert KOHLSDORF, Clay WALKER, Armeda BULARD, John WINKLMANN, Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI, Bob MUELLER and Vickie LAUSEN. Absent: Eileen HOLMES and Cyrus COOPER.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to excuse Mr. COOPER. Teresa USIBELLI second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to excuse Ms. HOLMES. Teresa USIBELLI second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julia Potter, Denali Citizens Council, read a letter from Steward Cubley, a landowner in the western Wolf Townships. Mr. Cubley expressed his support of Resolution 10-04.

Jared Zimmerman spoke in support of Resolution 10-04.

Hannah Ragland spoke in support of Resolution 10-04.

Steve Jones spoke in support of Resolution 10-04, but cautioned against expansion if it would impede progress toward legislative approval of establishing the Stampede Recreation Area.

Mary Pearson, Denali Borough School District School Board Chair, thanked the Assembly for attending the recent joint work session and expressed the School Board's desire to pursue fly-in dates for going to Juneau.

Mary Pearson, private citizen, spoke in support of Resolution 10-04.

Nan Eagleson spoke in support of Resolution 10-04.

Cass Ray spoke in support of Resolution 10-04.

Hannah Ragland spoke in support of Resolution 10-04.

Jerrie Roberts spoke in support of Resolution 10-04.

AGENDA
Teresa USIBELLI MOVED to approve the agenda, Robert KOHLSDORF second. The VOTE to approve the agenda by show of hands was unanimous.

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Armeda BULARD MOVED to approve the minutes as submitted. Teresa USIBELLI second. John WINKLMANN noted that on Page 1, line 40, wording should be changed from "ordinance" to "resolution;" on Page 2, line 27, wording change from "accept" to "receive;" on Page 7, line 8 add wording "if an assembly member travels to Juneau using assembly funds, it should be approved by the assembly;" Page 7, line 10, change wording from "introduces" to "adopts." Borough Clerk Gail Pieknik noted on Page 6, line 39, wording after "Eight Mile Lake area" should be deleted. Teresa USIBELLI pointed out on Page 5, line 31, wording should reflect that the motion to postpone was made to allow time to notify property owners. Julia Potter asked if Page 5, line 30 should read "SB 104." The VOTE to approve the minutes with said changes by show of hands was unanimous.

REPORTS: December 2009 Financial Report

John WINKLMANN MOVED to receive the financial report. Robert KOHLSDORF second. The VOTE to receive the financial report by show of hands was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor David Talerico reported he and Assembly member Armeda Bulard travelled to Juneau for the AML Winter Legislative Meeting February 2-4, and that all funding requests were submitted to the Finance Committee. The Stampede Recreation Area bill has passed the State Resource Committee with no recommendation, and is now in the Finance Committee. The Denali Borough is guaranteed to receive the same volume of revenue sharing as last year. Mayor Talerico will provide Assembly members a Legislative Information Packet containing every 800 number, room assignment, committee and subcommittee assignment, as well as the name of every representative and senator for each recognized community within the state of Alaska.

There will be a Denali Borough School District School Board budget work session on February 22 at the Tri-Valley School. Mayor Talerico and Robert Kohlsdorf will testify at the February 26 State Board of Game meeting regarding the moose hunting season. The Alaska Department of Transportation expects the cost estimate for a pedestrian bridge near McKinley Village to be approximately $5 million, of which $1.5 is estimated for the design phase. The Borough legal counsel suggested possible practical courses of action regarding the Department of Natural Resources appeal; writing to the DNR Commissioner to check on status and contacting the state ombudsman's office to request a neutral inquiry into the appeal.

John WINKLMANN made a MOTION to reaffirm the Denali Borough's opposition to a 1000 foot right of way through the proposed Stampede Recreation Area. Bob MUELLER second. The VOTE by show of hands was six in favor, with USIBELLI opposed. The motion passed.

Teresa USIBELLI made a MOTION to direct the Mayor to pursue avenues suggested by legal counsel regarding appeals filed on behalf of citizens of the Borough and pending before the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources. John WINKLMANN second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

SCHOOL REPORT

Denali Borough School District Superintendent Kim Langton reported on DBSD events including basketball tournaments at the Anderson and Tri-Valley Schools, and the Tri-Valley High School Hockey team's upcoming trip to the State Hockey Tournament. Mr. Langton recognized Tri-Valley student Elyse Lynn, a recent recipient of a Spirit of Youth Award. The School District is exploring options for college credit for high school classes through Prince William Sound College. Mr.

Langton expressed his appreciation for the recent successful joint Assembly/School Board meeting, thanked Mayor Talerico for his assistance bringing capital projects needs to legislators, and stressed that lobbying is crucial to success. He encouraged those throughout the Borough to contact legislators, get legislative contact information out to others, and to discuss issues. The School Board is working on the FY 2011 budget.

ASSEMBLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Seat Appointment: Julia Potter

Mayor David Talerico nominated Julia Potter to the Assembly Advisory Committee. John WINKLMANN MOVED to confirm the nomination made by Mayor Talerico. Robert KOHLSDORF second. Vickie LAUSEN verified that the Advisory Committee also acts as the Ethics Committee. The VOTE to confirm the appointment by show of hands was unanimous.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Vickie LAUSEN encouraged the Assembly to help area businesses.

Teresa USIBELLI had no comments.

Robert KOHLSDORF relayed that he attended a local meeting of the Denali Emergency Rescue Team (DERT) and was impressed with the enthusiastic group.

Robert MUELLER had no comments.

Clay WALKER thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, wished all present a great Winterfest, and thanked those who help to make the event possible.

John WINKLMANN noted that the Tri-Valley High School Hockey team will be vying for the State title the coming weekend, and Squirt and PeeWee teams from the Healy community will be playing in the President's Day Tournament.

Armeda BULARD reported on her recent trip to Juneau, where she had the opportunity to visit with twenty legislators who serve on Finance and Education Committees. The legislators were presented with a PowerPoint presentation created by Cantwell students, as well as a petition from the Cantwell Rural Community School Committee (RCSC) to upgrade mechanical systems in the Cantwell School. A paragraph was added to request that the current funding formula be increased to a minimum of $200 per student. Ms. Bulard informed those present that there is an initiative to be included on the August primary election ballot called the Alaska Anticorruption Act. The Alaska Municipal League is working on a resolution in opposition to this act, which would prevent any corporation or individual who receives $500 or more of government money from lobbying in Juneau. The Cantwell RCSC would like to be able to meet with Community School Committees from other Denali Borough schools. The Alaska Municipal League Board will put forth some aid to assist municipal clerks in receiving training.

Vickie LAUSEN reported that she would prepare a resolution to honor Elyse Lynn's achievements.

Teresa USIBELLI noted that the McKinley Village area holds Saturday markets during the summer months.

Presiding Officer Clay WALKER called a meeting recess at 7:39 pm.
The meeting reconvened at 7:58 pm.

Communication and Appearance Request:
There were no communications or appearance requests.

DRAFT ORDINANCES:
ORDINANCE 10-03: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.20.070 titled Capital Improvement Fund by clarifying subsections B and D.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to introduce Ordinance 10-03. Robert KOHLSDORF second. The VOTE by roll call was unanimous.

ORDINANCE 10-04: An ordinance appropriating $50,000 to the Denali Chamber of Commerce for promoting tourism within the Denali Borough.

Teresa USIBELLI MOVED to introduce Ordinance 10-04. Armeda BULARD second. John WINKLMANN disclosed he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a local business owner. Teresa USIBELLI disclosed she is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a local business owner. Vickie LAUSEN recused herself from the discussion, as she is President of the Chamber of Commerce. Armeda BULARD disclosed that she is a local business owner, and not a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Points of discussion included the desire to generate revenues within the Denali Borough by advertising area tourism opportunities, the benefit increased revenues would have for the Borough, the opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce to apply for Borough grants, the status of current infrastructure to support advertising efforts, procedures nonprofits follow to request funding, the potential impact of a southern entrance to Denali National Park, the need to specify the use of funds, results of the Denali Borough Attitudinal Survey, and the percentage of Borough revenue from overnight accommodations tax (roughly 75%).

The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 10-04 was three ayes, three nays as follows: Ayes – John WINKLMANN, Clay WALKER, Teresa USIBELLI. Nays – Armeda BULARD, Robert KOHLSDORF, Bob MUELLER. Motion failed.

ORDINANCE 10-05: An ordinance appropriating $25,000 as initial seed money for the Denali Borough Trail-ways Committee.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to introduce Ordinance 10-05. Bob MUELLER second. Points of discussion included the intent and purpose of the appropriation, the timing of an ordinance to fund a committee which has not yet been created, the importance of committing Borough funds to a project that would be largely funded by a State appropriation, and the status of Resolution 09-23.

The roll call VOTE to introduce Ordinance 10-05 was three ayes, four nays as follows: Ayes – Teresa USIBELLI, John WINKLMANN, Vickie LAUSEN. Nays – Armeda BULARD, Robert KOHLSDORF, Bob MUELLER, Clay WALKER. Motion failed.

PENDING ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 10-02: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.10.090, titled Excess Liability - Lapse of Appropriations.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to postpone Ordinance 10-02 to the next meeting. Robert KOHLSDORF second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 10-04: A resolution to include Eight Mile Lake within the boundaries of the Stampede State Recreation Area.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to adopt Resolution 10-04. Robert KOHLSDORF second. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 10-05: A resolution authorizing the participation of Borough employees in the State of Alaska Supplemental Benefits System (SBS).

Robert KOHLSDORF MOVED to adopt Resolution 10-05. Armeda BULARD second. The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 10-06: A resolution instituting a committee for the purposes of researching, scoping, planning and steering regarding a Borough wide system of multi-use trails and pathways.

John Winklmann MOVED to adopt. Bob MUELLER second. Points of discussion included the status of Resolution 09-23, and how Resolution 10-06 differs from Resolution 09-23.

John WINKLMANN MOVED to amend Resolution 10-06 by deleting the wording in parenthesis under Item 1. Vickie LAUSEN second. The VOTE by show of hands on the amendment was unanimous. Points of discussion that followed included the definition of trails, and the procedural implications of acting upon a resolution that has been passed to a commission.

The roll call VOTE to adopt was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

1.) Liquor Licenses:

1969	Kantishna Roadhouse	Beverage Disp/Seas	Kantishna Townsite	Kantishna Roadhouse, Inc
3660	King Salmon Restaurant	Beverage Disp/Seas	Mile 238.5 Parks Hwy	Alaska Hotel Properties
2663	Lynx Creek Pizza	Beverage Disp/Seas	Mile 238.5 Parks Hwy	Alaska Hotel Properties
4592	Princess Lodge Rapids	Beverage Disp/Seas	Mile 238.5 Parks Hwy	Alaska Hotel Properties
4006	McKinley Creekside	R/Eating Place/Seas	Mile 238.5 Parks Hwy	Slinkard/Smith Co, LLC
170	Mountain View Liquor	Package Store	Healy Spur Rd	Frank H Trudeau
242	Clear Sky Lodge	Beverage Disp	Mile 280 Parks Hwy	Rabideau's Clear Sky Lodge
2390	Denali Crow's Nest	Beverage Disp/Seas	Mile 238.5 Parks Hwy	Big Eight Energy Inc
4938	Prospectors Pizza/Ale House	Rest/Eating/Seas	Mile 238.5 Parks Hwy	White Bear Corp.
3036	Kantishna Roadhouse	Package Store Seas	Kantishna Townsite	Kantishna Roadhouse, Inc
4028	Black Diamond Golf	Golf Course	Otto Lake	Black Diamond Resort Co

Robert KOHLSDORF MOVED to approve Liquor Licenses as submitted. Armeda BULARD second. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

Department of Transportation (DOT) Safe Routes to Schools Program.

Mayor Talerico reported that there is no longer a Spring submission for Safe Routes to Schools grants, and the next date will possibly be September 2010. Mayor Talerico suggested this may be something the Trails committee could pursue.

Denali Borough and Revenue Support of the Chamber of Commerce in supporting tourism.

Assembly Chair Clay WALKER noted this item was covered earlier in the meeting.

Public comments.

Nan Eagleson thanked the Assembly for their time and public commitment.

Assembly Comments

Armeda BULARD thanked those in attendance who stayed for the entire meeting.

John WINKLMANN thanked all in attendance for coming.

Clay WALKER thanked all in attendance for coming.

Bob MUELLER thanked all for an enjoyable meeting.

Robert KOHLSDORF encouraged the Chamber of Commerce to apply for Denali Borough grants.

Teresa USIBELLI had no comment.

Vickie LAUSEN commented on Winterfest activities to take place February 27 and 28.

Mayor TALERICO commented that Tri-Valley High School Hockey team had a good chance of winning the state hockey tournament. The Tri-Valley Warrior Boys basketball team won the Nenana Invitational Tournament. Congratulations to both teams, as well as the Cantwell Wrestling team. Mayor Talerico noted that the Assembly provides funding that helps support extra-curricular activities.

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held at the Cantwell School on March 10, 2010; Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.

ADJOURN: The presiding officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.

APPROVED: _____
Clay Walker, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: MARCH 10, 2010