

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Tri-Valley Community Center
August 5, 2009

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order at 6:00PM
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9 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: John Winklmann, Vickie Lausen, Robert Kohlsdorf,
10 Teresa Chepoda Usibelli, Armeda Bulard and Clay Walker. Baxter Mercer, David Miller and Eileen
11 Holmes were absent. Mayor Talerico was not in attendance at this time but arrived later in the
12 regular meeting.
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14 PUBLIC COMMENTS

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17 Chapter 8.15.130 titled Rules for Counting Ballots.
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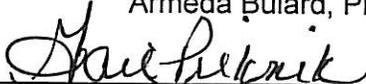
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31 ORDINANCE 09-12, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances,
32 Chapter 5.25 titled Planning Commission.
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34 There were no comments.
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37 ADJOURNMENT The public hearing was adjourned at 6:04 PM.
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40 APPROVED: 
41 Armeda Bulard, Presiding Officer

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43 ATTEST: 
44 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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47 Date Approved: SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
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CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Armeda Bulard called the regular meeting to order at 6:12 PM. The regular meeting was moved from the Anderson School to the Tri-Valley Community Center in Healy because of the forest fires in the North District.

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: John WINKLMANN, Armeda BULARD, Robert KOHLSDORF, Vickie LAUSEN, Teresa Chepoda USIBELLI and Clay WALKER. Eileen HOLMES, David MILLER and Baxter MERCER were absent. Mayor Talerico was not in attendance because he was in the north district dealing with the forest fire. The mayor arrived at 7:00PM.

The clerk explained that MERCER was working the fire and HOLMES wanted to stay near her home in case of evacuation. MILLER also lives in the north area.

WALKER MOVED to excuse HOLMES, MILLER and MERCER. KOHLSDORF seconded. The VOTE was unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Miner, Healy, spoke against the Denali Borough getting involved in the application to the Alaska Railroad for local residents walking trails. He feels that the Borough should not expend money and resources for this project. There will be liability issues and maintenance expected of the Borough.

AGENDA

KOHLSDORF MOVED to approve. WINKLMANN seconded.

WINKLMANN MOVED to add Letter of Resignation from Ruby Rector under Communications and Appearances. WALKER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

The VOTE to approve the agenda as amended was unanimous.

MINUTES: July 8, 2009 Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

LAUSEN MOVED to approve. WINKLMANN seconded. USIBELLI corrected page 1 of 7, line 43, to say that there are "2,000 less passengers every 2 weeks." The VOTE to approve the minutes was unanimous.

REPORTS: June 2009 Financial Report

KOHLSDORF MOVED to receive the financial report. LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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2 MAYOR'S REPORT
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4 The mayor arrived later in the meeting but his comments are reported here. Mayor Talerico gave a
5 brief update on the Rex Creek fire. The Windy Creek subdivision is under voluntary evacuation and
6 there is a plan if there will need to be an evacuation in the area. The fire has been upgraded to a
7 Level 1 status. The Mayor does not expect to have to enact the evacuation plan, but warned that
8 the wind may change. The Railbelt Complex fire is about 541,000 acres, and about six miles from
9 Anderson. A large crew is working on structure protection in the area. There will be a town hall
10 meeting in Anderson tomorrow to update the community.
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12 SCHOOL REPORT
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14 Kim Langton arrived later in the meeting but his comments are reported here.
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16 *School* - Superintendent Kim Langton reported that he has seen the beginnings of the Anderson
17 septic tank project, and thanked Mayor Talerico for keeping this project alive. A business manager
18 has been hired in the Anchorage office of the PEAK correspondence program, and new students are
19 joining the PEAK program. Superintendent Langton reported that the Career Technical Education
20 committee is working to arrange trips to Job Corps, AVTEC, and other post secondary educational
21 options for students. Langton invited the assembly to participate as mentors with community youth.
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23 PLANNING COMMISSION
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25 John Miner responded to comments made at the last Assembly meeting regarding the RFP for a
26 geo-data base, the goal of which is to gather information that would provide an accurate record of
27 land ownership within the Denali Borough. This is a project which was first discussed in 1996, and
28 has just now consolidated into a request for proposal. Miner also addressed failed Ordinance 09-13
29 regarding a Municipal Land Management Fund. Miner expressed the commission's intent to
30 establish a fund that would be used to prepare land for development within the Borough, and
31 willingness to work with the assembly to reword the ordinance.
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33 ASSEMBLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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35 Borough Clerk Gail Pieknik relayed a request from the Assembly Advisory Committee that Neal
36 Laugman be removed from the committee. WALKER MOVED to receive the report from the
37 Assembly Advisory Committee and to take action on the recommendation of the Assembly Advisory
38 Committee." KOHLSDORF seconded. KOHLSDORF MOVED to postpone action. WINKLMANN
39 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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41 CAREER TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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43 Seat Appointment: LAUSEN MOVED to appoint Cyrus Cooper. WINKLMANN seconded. The roll
44 call VOTE was unanimous
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46 Monthly Report: Lausen reported that the committee met and is off to a good start, having defined
47 educational streams and a three phase plan of operation. Members are talking to businesses
48 regarding partnering.
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2 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS
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4 WALKER reported that the pedestrian signs have been installed near McKinley Village on the Parks
5 Highway. There is a new playground structure at the McKinley Community Club.
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7 KOHLSDORF requested that the assembly stay on topic tonight because he is concerned about his
8 house which is located near the fire.
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10 BULARD announced that there are vacancies on all boards, commissions and committees
11 throughout the Borough. Involvement of all community members from Cantwell to Anderson is
12 needed to make our government work.
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14 USIBELLI, LAUSEN, and WINKLMANN had nothing to report this month.
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16 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES:
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18 Phil Brease: Mr. Brease suggested that the Assembly request permission for recreational use of
19 Alaska Railroad properties. This would be by a formal application process to the Alaska Railroad
20 Corporation for access across railroad land near the Garner area for recreational use. The Denali
21 Borough would accept the responsibility related to the trail system and the fees associated with the
22 access. The permit would be for casual non-motorized uses.
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24 USIBELLI MOVED that the Planning Commission explore possible costs and liability issues that
25 would arise from such a request. WINKLMANN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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27 Letter of resignation from Borough Treasurer Ruby Rector: KOHLSDORF MOVED to accept.
28 LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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5 OTHER BUSINESS
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7 Junk Cars: The mayor reported that Usibelli Coal Mine is interested in working with the Denali
8 Borough on this project but is running out of time this summer. They would like to designate a free
9 drop point for junk cars that would be in effect next summer. Next month, there should be a plan to
10 move forward on this.

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12 The mayor is in the process of filling out the permit paperwork with the state of Alaska DNR, so the
13 junk cars could be collected at the Panguingue Creek gravel pit on the Parks Highway. The pit
14 could only accept dry cars. The plan is to have C & R Pipe come in the month of August next year
15 to crush the cars and haul them off. The area would need to be cleaned up after the project is
16 finished.

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18 DNR agency review: DNR agency review on application from Denali Properties for an easement to
19 construct a trail to be located east of Denali National Park and the Parks Highway between Grande
20 Denali Lodge and a lower southwest summit of Sugar Loaf Mountain.

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22 Mayor Talerico informed the assembly that an easement application for a "trail" near the Grande
23 Denali Hotel has been submitted to DNR. Concerns regarding the application include the sixty foot
24 width of the proposed trail and the commercial operations planned. The public comment period for
25 the application will end on August 25.

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27 USIBELLI MOVED to request this item be included on the next Planning Commission meeting
28 agenda and to take public comment on this issue. LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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30 WINKLMANN MOVED to request the mayor address the assembly concerns of public access,
31 commercial activity, and liability in a letter to DNR. LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

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33 Public Comments.
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35 Shirley Hamel, Healy Valley Lions Club, requested the Assembly approve extension on their 2007
36 grant of \$1,119 to finish paying for the dirt work for the Otto Lake project. If approved, this would
37 close out their grant.

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39 USIBELLI MOVED to allow the extension of the grant and that payment of \$1,119 be made from
40 Assembly Contingency Fund. WINKLMANN seconded. The Roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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42 Assembly Comments.
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44 All assembly members spoke in favor of the rain that began falling half way into the meeting.

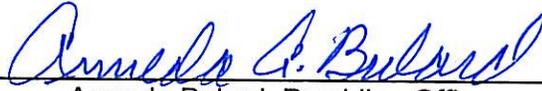
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46 NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held at the Tri-Valley Community Center on
47 September 9, 2009; Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, and regular meeting to follow.
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1 Discussion ensued about where to have the next regular meeting since Anderson was missed
2 this month. Since there are people coming next month to give presentations to the assembly, it
3 was decided to hold the regular meeting in the regular rotation which would be in Healy.
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5 WALKER MOVED that the September meeting be held in Healy, and that the Assembly work
6 towards a work session the week prior in Anderson. LAUSEN seconded. The VOTE was 5 – 1
7 with WINKLMANN opposed.
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9 ADJOURN: The presiding officer declared the regular meeting adjourned at 8:27PM.
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13 APPROVED:


Armeda Bulard, Presiding Officer

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17 ATTEST:


Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

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