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**Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Assembly  
McKinley Park Community Center  
January 10, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER Presiding Officer Gerald Pollock called the public hearing to order at 6:43PM.

ROLL CALL Assembly members present: Armeda Bulard, Clay Walker, Teresa Hall, Baxter Mercer, Eileen Holmes, David Evans, Gerald Pollock, and Paul Schenk. Absent: Clint Berry. Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.

1.) **ORDINANCE 06-08, VERSION A:** an ordinance amending DB Code allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages on Election Day.

Neal Laugman, Healy resident, spoke in regards to the current law and it being unenforceable by the borough. He stated that if you can not enforce the law it should not be on the books.

2.) **ORDINANCE 06-29, VERSION A:** an ordinance to rescind Chapter 5.20 of the DB Code titled Land Use Planning Committee.

There were no public comments.

3.) **ORDINANCE 06-14, VERSION I:** an ordinance replacing DB Code 3.15 dealing with local zoning options.

Steve Jones, McKinley Village, encouraged the assembly to not make this into the catch all for the zoning problems within the borough.

4.) **RESOLUTION:** a resolution in support of creating a Stampede State Recreation Area.

Julia Potter, Denali Citizens Council, read a letter from the Denali Citizens Council in support of the proposed resolution but cautioned the assembly that the resolution will invite new uses and the borough must be prepared to address the scope of tourism and recreation when planning for a recreation designation.

Neal Laugman, Healy resident, spoke in favor of the borough selecting the lands in the Stampede area for the municipal land entitlements and the area should remain under local control.

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2 Eric Whitebread, from the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB),  
3 Tread Lightly 4x4 Off Road, read a letter in support of off-road  
4 vehicle trails.  
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6 Darick with Tread Lightly spoke in favor of the resolution.  
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8 Andrea Blakesley, Healy resident, thanked the borough staff for the  
9 information that's available on the borough website. She asked that  
10 maps be included on the website for areas of discussion such as the  
11 Stampede Road resolution. She appreciates the statements to keep  
12 the Wolf Township area and Stampede corridor under the state of  
13 Alaska control. There should be a purpose statement stating that  
14 the purpose of the state recreation area is to protect wildlife habitat  
15 and unparalleled road-less recreational opportunities and placing  
16 Stampede road-less state recreation area in the title. She supports  
17 extending the boundaries to the edge of Panguingue Creek  
18 Subdivision.  
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20 Brian Shaw, President of Arctic Off Road, applauds the resolution  
21 and supports the efforts of the assembly to allow for use as it has  
22 been used in the past.  
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24 Nathan Burrows, Arctic Off Road, spoke in favor of the resolution.  
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26 ADJOURNMENT POLLOCK declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:02 PM.  
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30 APPROVED: Gerald J. Pollock  
31 Presiding Officer

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33 ATTEST: Maureen  
34 Borough Clerk  
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37 Date Approved: FERUARY 14, 2007

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Denali Borough Assembly  
McKinley Park Community Center  
January 10, 2007**

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- 6 CALL TO ORDER Presiding Officer Gerald Pollock called the regular meeting to order at
- 7 7:02 PM.
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- 9 ROLL CALL Assembly members present: Armeda Bulard, Teresa Hall, Eileen
- 10 Holmes, Baxter Mercer, Clay Walker, David Evans, Gerald Pollock,
- 11 Paul Schenk and Student Representative: Britney Sweat. Absent: Clint
- 12 Berry. Mayor Talerico was also in attendance.
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- 14 PUBLIC Kris Capps, spoke on behalf of Kids in Motion and the new wellness
- 15 COMMENTS program. She also commented on Snow Dynamics teaching a free
- 16 avalanche training.
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- 18 AGENDA SCHENK MOVED to approve the agenda, HALL seconded.
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- 20 HALL MOVED to amend to add Gary Hutchison as number 1 under
- 21 Communications and Appearances. WALKER MOVED to add Ms.
- 22 White and Ms. Jordan as number 2. The VOTE was unanimous.
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- 24 The VOTE to approve the agenda as amended was unanimous.
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- 26 MINUTES 1.) Assembly Meeting: Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on
- 27 December 13, 2006.
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- 29 HALL MOVED to approve the December 13, 2006 minutes and
- 30 HOLMES seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.
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- 32 FINANCIAL 1.) Financial report for October 2006.
- 33 REPORT
- 34 HALL MOVED to receive the November 2006 financial report, EVANS
- 35 seconded. HALL MOVED to add the Year to Date comparison as a
- 36 regular part of the financial report, BULARD seconded. The VOTE was
- 37 unanimous.
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- 39 The VOTE to receive the financial report was unanimous.
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- 41 MAYOR'S Mayor Talerico gave a report of his activities.
- 42 REPORT
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- 44 SCHOOL The School District Superintendent gave a brief report.
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**PLANNING  
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APPOINTMENTS**

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the mayor's recommendations, HALL so MOVED and BULARD seconded. Discussion followed regarding the change in personnel.

MERCER MOVED to vote on each seat individually, BULARD seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

**SEAT A:** Mayor Talerico recommended Tammany Straughn for Planning Commission Seat A. The VOTE was unanimous.

**SEAT B:** Mayor Talerico recommended Steve Jones for Planning Commission Seat B. The VOTE was 7-1 with MERCER opposed.

**SEAT E:** Mayor Talerico recommended Alan Renshaw for Planning Commission Seat E. The VOTE was 5-3 with MERCER, WALKER, and SCHENK opposed.

**SEAT F:** Mayor Talerico recommended Bill Friesen for Planning Commission Seat F. The VOTE was unanimous.

**SEAT H:** Mayor Talerico recommended Chuck Saylor for Planning Commission Seat H, seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

**ASSEMBLY  
COMMENTS**

Student Representative, Britney Swett, thanked the assembly for the opportunity to be in attendance.

HALL welcomed Britney Swett.

EVANS spoke about the Healy Hockey and welcomed Britney Swett.

MERCER spoke about Golden Valley Electric Association's plans to move the electrical line from the East side of the Nenana Canyon to the West side. The project involves approximately 2 to 3 miles. He also mentioned that financial reports will soon be due for borough revenue sharing.

WALKER wished everyone a Happy New Year.

HOLMES thanked WALKER for the warm community center building and the attendance of the constituents.

SCHENK thanked SWETT for attending and Mrs. Talerico for the food provided.

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2 BULARD thanked everyone for attending and talked about the dog  
3 sled race taking place in Cantwell over the next weekend.  
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5 COMMUNICATION 1.) Mr. Garry Hutchison, CPA, Kohler, Schmitt, and Hutchison, to  
6 AND present fiscal year 2006 annual financial report.  
7 APPEARANCES

8 Gary Hutchison presented the results in the fiscal year 2006  
9 financial audit.

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11 2.) Ms. Patti Jordan, RN and Ms. Kim White, RN to address health  
12 care within the Denali Borough.  
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14 Jordan and White gave a report on the current health care service  
15 and the needs of the communities with the borough residents and  
16 visitors. It was recommended that a committee be formed to assess  
17 the health care needs of borough residents.  
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19 BREAK The Presiding Officer called a meeting break at 8:16 PM.  
20 RECONVENE The Presiding Officer reconvened the meeting at 8:36 PM.  
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22 ORDINANCES 1.) **(NEXT ORDINANCE 07-01):** An ordinance amending the DB  
23 Code chapter 3.25.060 titled Overnight Accommodation Tax.  
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25 MERCER MOVED to introduce, HALL seconded. The roll call  
26 VOTE was unanimous, Student VOTE: yea. This will be ordinance  
27 07-01, version A.  
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29 MERCER MOVED to postpone until the next meeting, EVANS  
30 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. Student VOTE: yea.  
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32 2.) **ORDINANCE 06-28, VERSION A:** An ordinance amending the  
33 DB Code Chapter allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages on  
34 Election Day.  
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36 HALL MOVED to postpone until the next meeting to allow time to  
37 make a proposed amendment for the sale of alcohol in a polling  
38 place, EVANS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. Student  
39 VOTE: yea.  
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41 3.) **ORDINANCE 06-29, VERSION A:** An ordinance to rescind DB  
42 Code 5.20 titled Land Use Planning Committee.  
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44 HALL MOVED to adopt, MERCER seconded. The roll call VOTE  
45 was unanimous. Student VOTE: Yea.

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2 4.) **ORDINANCE 06-14, VERSION I:** an ordinance replacing DB  
3 Code 9.15 dealing with zoning options.  
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5 HALL MOVED to postpone until the next meeting, SCHENK  
6 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. Student VOTE: yea.  
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8 RESOLUTION

9 1.) **(NEXT RESOLUTION 07-01)** A resolution to adopt a Stampede  
10 State Recreation Area.

11 HALL MOVED to amend by substitute the amendment proposed by  
12 Mayor Talerico, EVANS seconded.

13 HALL MOVED to amend to include: WHEREAS, the Stampede  
14 Trail and surrounding area are well known critical habitat for caribou,  
15 moose, and wildlife; SCHENK seconded.  
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17 Discussion followed in regards to the boundaries.  
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19 The VOTE on the amendment was 7-1 with MERCER opposed.  
20 Student VOTE: yea.  
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22 The VOTE on the main motion was unanimous. Student VOTE:  
23 yea.  
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25 SCHENK MOVED to adopt and EVANS seconded. The roll call  
26 VOTE was unanimous. Student VOTE: yeah. This will be  
27 Resolution 07-01.  
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29 The Chair entertained a motion to send the letter drafted by Mayor  
30 Talerico to Chris Milles with DNR. BULARD so MOVED and HALL  
31 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. Student VOTE: yea.  
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33 OTHER  
34 BUSINESS

35 1.) An update on the Braun lawsuits.

36 Mayor Talerico gave a brief update.  
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38 2.) Liquor license: Renewal; Type: Beverage Dispensary; License:  
39 Longhorn Bar - #671; Location: Cantwell; Owner: Longhorn Inc.;  
40 Agent: Armeda A. Bulard.  
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42 HALL MOVED to approve, MERCER seconded. BULARD declared  
43 a conflict of interest for license 671 and 194. HALL MOVED to have  
44 BULARD vote, HOLMES seconded. The VOTE was 7-1 with  
45 MERCER opposed. Student VOTE: yea.

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2 The VOTE to approve the license was unanimous. Student VOTE:  
3 yea.  
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5 Liquor license: Renewal; Type: Package Store; License: Longhorn  
6 Bar - #194; Location: Cantwell; Owner: Longhorn Inc.; Agent:  
7 Armeda A. Bulard.  
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9 HALL MOVED to approve, MERCER seconded. The VOTE was  
10 unanimous. Student VOTE: yea.  
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12 Liquor license: Renewal; Type: Beverage Dispensary; License:  
13 Dew Drop Inn - #308; Location: Anderson; Owner: Neil F. &  
14 Jeannette Witte; Agent: Neil F. Witte.  
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16 HALL MOVED to approve, HOLMES seconded. The VOTE was  
17 unanimous. Student VOTE: yea.  
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19 Liquor license: Renewal; Type: Package Store; License: Dew Drop  
20 Inn; Location - #309: Anderson; Owner: Neil F. & Jeannette Witte;  
21 Agent: Neil F. Witte.  
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23 HALL MOVED to approve, BULARD seconded. The VOTE was  
24 unanimous. Student VOTE: yea.  
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26 3.) Legislative priority list.  
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28 There was discussion on the list. The assembly agreed to the  
29 following:  
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31 1. 3000 gallon Tanker Truck to replace a 39 year old  
32 converted fuel truck for the Cantwell VFD. The proposal  
33 includes a Freightliner M2-112 Series Heavy Duty Cab and  
34 Chassis and a custom built H&W Tsunami Water Tender and  
35 Equipment. Price \$295,189, delivered to Anchorage.  
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37 2. Landfill Compactor- used Caterpillar 826H. Price  
38 \$500,000.  
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40 3. Funding for a municipal building for the Denali Borough  
41 and School district offices. The price will depend on the  
42 square footage requested by the school district.  
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44 4. City of Anderson access.  
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1 5. Borough-wide bike paths. Request that any new road  
2 construction in the borough include constructing bike paths.

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4 6. Ferry access

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6 4.) Public Comments.

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8 Brian Shaw, Arctic Off Road, mentioned that to follow the language  
9 the DNR uses the resolution that was passed should state  
10 motorized vehicle instead of ATV and off-road.

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12 HALL MOVED to amend something previously adopted. Resolution  
13 07-01 to delete ATV and off-road vehicle and add motorized vehicle,  
14 MERCER seconded. The VOTE was 6-2 with SCHENK and  
15 WALKER opposed. Student VOTE: yea.

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17 Andrea Blakesley proposed the addition of road-less to the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
18 WHEREAS. Discussion followed.

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20 Steve Jones, Denali, complimented the assembly for their prompt  
21 adoption of this resolution.

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23 Elwood Lynn, Healy resident, expressed concern about the school  
24 attendance and funding.

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26 Tammany Straughn, Cantwell resident, introduced herself and  
27 thanked the assembly for the appointment to the Planning  
28 Commission.

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30 ASSEMBLY  
31 COMMENTS

BULARD thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

32 HOLMES and SCHENK reiterated BULARD's comments.

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34 MERCER MOVED to request that the letter to the Alaska Railroad  
35 about the riprap include a request to clean up the old railroad cars  
36 along the river. EVANS seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
37 Student VOTE: yea.

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39 EVANS stated that Army Corp of Engineers will be in Healy to talk  
40 about Stampede Road on January 24, 2007. He also reiterated  
41 Elwood Lynn's comments.

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43 HALL stated that the school board came up with the date of  
44 February 8, 2007 for a joint work session with the school board.  
45 HALL also thanked Tammany Straughn for volunteering.

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School Representative SWETT thanked the assembly for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING** 1.) Set time and date for a work session with the Mat-Su Assembly to be held on February 1, 2007 at the Cantwell School, Cantwell Alaska at 7:00pm.  
2.) The next regular meeting will be held in Cantwell on February 14, 2007. Assembly work session 6:00PM, public hearing 6:45PM, and regular meeting to follow.

**ADJOURN.** Presiding Officer Pollock declared the regular meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

**APPROVED:** *Donald J. Pollock*  
Presiding Officer

**ATTEST:** *Christine*  
Borough Clerk

Date Approved: FEBRUARY 14, 2007