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**Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Planning Commission
Tri-Valley Community Center
June 16, 2015**

Call to Order

The Planning Commission Public Hearing was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Roll Call

Planning Commissioners present were Steve JONES, Baxter MERCER, Sid MICHAELS, Lee LIGHTFOOT, Mark MENKE, Kesslyn TENCH, and Barbara BREASE. Absent: Patricia GRIGGS. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

1. Healy Transfer Station Location

Lignite road resident Angel Hayes read a letter of concern regarding the proposed Lignite site location for the Healy Transfer Station.

2. Comprehensive Plan Review

No comments

Adjournment

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

APPROVED: _____

Sidney W. Michaels

Sid Michaels, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____

Amber Renshaw

Amber Renshaw, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: 7/21/15

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Planning Commission
Tri-Valley Community Center
June 16, 2015**

Call to Order

The presiding officer Sid MICHAELS called the regular meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

Roll Call

Planning commissioners present were: Sid MICHAELS, Lee LIGHTFOOT, Mark MENKE, Kesslyn TENCH, Barbara BREASE, Steve JONES, Baxter MERCER. Absent: Patricia GRIGGS. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

Public Comments

No comments

Approval of Agenda

Kesslyn TENCH MOVED to approve the agendas as presented. Baxter MERCER seconded. The VOTE to approve was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes

Baxter MERCER MOVED to approve the May 19, 2015 public hearing and regular meeting minutes as presented. Mark MENKE seconded. The VOTE to approve was unanimous.

Correspondence

No correspondence

Plats and Conditional Uses

No Plats or Conditional Uses

Reports

Mayor

Mayor Walker reported on the following items:

Healy Transportation and Pedestrian Safety committee reviewed more than 250 survey responses at their recent meeting. Communication between the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and the Denali Borough School District Interim Superintendent are ongoing to develop a safety plan for the Tri-Valley School zone.

The Municipal Advisory Gasline Board will discuss at their next meeting potential municipal impacts of a LNG pipeline. Mayor Walker plans to be in attendance via. teleconference.

1 At the May Borough Assembly meeting the Assembly approved the pursuit of a borough
2 building. The borough is in the infant stages of review and consideration starting with an
3 appraisal and inspection of an existing building.

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5 Mayor Walker is looking at the date of August 30, 2015 to schedule the annual trip to
6 Kantishna. All planning commissioners will be invited.

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8 **Borough Planner**

9 No report

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11 **Communication and Appearance Requests**

12 George and Laren Haskins appeared before the Commission to discuss a potential lease of
13 borough property for a material site.

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15 Mayor Walker explained that the potential lands to be used will first need to be classified as a
16 material site, establish fair market value of the lands, and then a contract or lease agreement
17 for those lands can be established.

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19 There was discussion about the process of classifying lands.

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21 **Unfinished Business**

22 **Comprehensive Plan Review**

23 Baxter MERCER made a motion to send the Comprehensive Plan to the assembly with the
24 recommendation for adoption. Kesslyn TENCH seconded. The roll call VOTE passed
25 unanimously with Mark MENKE, Barbara BREASE, Lee LIGHTFOOT, Baxter MERCER, Steve
26 JONES, Kesslyn TENCH and Sid MICHAELS voting in the affirmative.

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28 **Healy Transfer Station Location**

29 Mark MENKE made a motion to drop the Lignite Road and Dry Creek locations and add the
30 Mile 2.2 Healy Spur Road location. Barbara BREASE seconded. Lee LIGHTFOOT clarified that
31 the new location at Mile 2.2 Healy Spur Road is Alaska Railroad property and will require a
32 lease agreement. The VOTE to approve was unanimous.

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34 The Commission asked Mayor Walker to contact all pertinent State and Federal agencies,
35 along with the Alaska Railroad, to determine that Mile 2.2 Healy Spur Road is a valid option to
36 consider.

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38 The Commission reviewed a draft community survey regarding the Healy Transfer Station
39 locations. The commissioners recommended that the survey reflect the location changes,
40 remove question 11, and remove the brush and compost options.

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42 Mayor Walker shared that the Subaru Company has partnered with the National Park
43 Conservation Association to launch a zero landfill initiative campaign. Two national parks were

1 selected to spotlight in the campaign with Denali National Park being one of the selected
2 parks. A team of about 30 people toured the landfill and the Cantwell Transfer Station for
3 information gathering purposes to be used in the zero landfill campaign effort.
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5 The Healy Transfer Station location discussion was postponed to the next regular meeting by
6 unanimous consent.
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8 **New Business**

9 Planning services provided by Agnew::Beck.
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11 Mayor Walker reported that the Agnew::Beck team will be in the borough to participate in a
12 joint worksession with the Assembly and the Planning Commission on August 5, 2015 at 6 pm.
13 The consultants would also like to meet with individual borough residents that have interest in
14 and knowledge of land issues.
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16 Planning services provided by Agnew::Beck discussion was postponed to the next meeting by
17 unanimous consent.
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19 **Public Comments**

20 Lignite road resident Angel Hayes thanked the commission for removing the Lignite Road
21 and Dry Creek sites from consideration for the Healy Transfer Station location.
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23 **Commissioner Comments**

24 Mark MENKE thanked the public for their attendance.
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26 Kesslyn TENCH commented on a great meeting and an informative tour.
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28 Baxter MERCER thanked all in attendance.
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30 Barbara BREASE commented on a great tour and a great meeting.
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32 Lee LIGHTFOOT thanked the commissioners for their efforts.
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34 Mayor Walker commented on a great tour.
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36 Sid MICHAELS announced that Planning Commissioner Patricia Griggs has recently gotten
37 engaged to be married and he offered his congratulations.
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39 **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

40 The next meeting of the commission will be July 21, 2015 at 6:15 PM at the Tri-Valley
41 Community Center.
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Adjournment

The presiding officer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

APPROVED: *Sidney W. Michaels*
Sid MICHAELS, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: *Amber Renshaw*
Amber Renshaw, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: 7/2/15