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**Minutes of the Public Hearing  
Denali Borough Planning Commission  
Tri-Valley Community Center  
July 17, 2012**

**Call to Order:** Presiding Officer, Sid Michaels, called the Planning Commission Public Hearing to order at 7:16 PM.

**Commissioners:** Planning Commission members present were Patricia GRIGGS, Steve JONES, Molly MCKINLEY, Sid MICHAELS, and Rick WEIBEL. Anne CAPISTRANT, Mark MENKE, and Bill MITCHELL were absent.

1. **Draft 4 Chapter 4.10 Management of Borough Real Property**  
There were no public comments on this item.
2. **Draft 4 Chapter 4.15 Disposal of Borough Real Property**  
There were no public comments on this item.
3. **Draft 11 Chapter 4.25 Classification of Borough-owned Land**

**John Miner of Healy, AK**

Mr. Miner noted that the Planning Commission has been working on Chapter 4.25 for two years. He stated he would refrain from commenting on the substance of the proposed amendments to Chapter 4.25, but would address the length of time the commission is taking to accomplish the task. He professed that the process of transferring property into private ownership is hampered because the classification ordinance is not complete. Mr. Miner stated that the whole original purpose of the municipal entitlement act and municipal entitlement lands was to have the state transfer land to the borough, which would then transfer that land into the hands of the public to encourage development. In most boroughs that would mean expanding the tax base, this is not necessarily the case in the Denali Borough. Putting these lands into the hands of private citizens and allowing them to utilize the land to make real their dreams is an important goal. Mr. Miner stated that the commission should expedite the process, of completing the classification ordinance. He reiterated that the ultimate goal was to get this land into the hands of private citizens. He opined that all members of the planning commission, both past and present, have expressed the desire to transfer these lands into private ownership in such a way as to retain the values that form the basis of the lifestyle in the Denali Borough and ensure they are not impacted in a negative way. Mr. Miner stated that in his opinion the commission is trying to do too much with the classification ordinance; he furthered that the ordinance was intended to allow the borough to take action on a piece of property. The planning process should demonstrate how these properties will be transferred. He stated that neither the commission nor the assembly is bound by the classification. The planning commission may change a classification. He said the land should be classified quickly and efficiently so the planning process can get under way. Mr. Miner stated that by taking two years to deliberate the classification scheme means a couple of years wasted that could have been invested in the planning process. He stated that he has been involved in these issues and knows that they can be discussed for two to three years. He believes that the borough has patent to or management authority over sufficient lands that are valuable and could be disposed of to the benefit of the borough and its citizens, if only the commission could get over the procedural roadblocks.

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**Adjournment:** The Presiding Officer closed the Planning Commission Public Hearing @ 7:23 PM.

APPROVED: Sidney W. Michael  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST: Janice L. Cameron  
Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: September 18, 2012