

1 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**
2 **Denali Borough Planning Commission**
3 **Tri-Valley Community Center**
4 **September 15, 2015**

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6 **Call to Order**

7 Presiding officer Sid MICHAELS called the regular meeting to order at 7:26 PM.
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9 **Roll Call**

10 Planning commissioners present were: Sid MICHAELS, Kesslyn TENCH, Barbara BREASE, Baxter
11 MERCER, Anne CAPISTRANT, Lee LIGHTFOOT, and Susan BRAUN. Absent: Steve JONES and Mark
12 MENKE. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.
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14 **Public Comments**

15 No comments
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17 **Approval of Agenda**

18 Kesslyn TENCH MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. Lee LIGHTFOOT seconded. By
19 unanimous consent, the following meetings were added to the agenda under 14. Time and Place
20 of Next Meeting:

21 Agnew::Beck Community Meetings: Monday, October 12, 2015 in Healy at the Tri-Valley
22 Community Center from 6:00-7:30 PM; Tuesday, October 13, 2015 in Anderson at City Hall
23 from 6:00-7:30 PM; Wednesday, October 14, 2015 in McKinley Village at the McKinley
24 Village Community Center from 5:00-6:30 PM.

25 The VOTE to approve the amended agenda was unanimous.
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27 **Approval of Minutes**

28 Baxter MERCER MOVED to approve the August 18, 2015 public hearing and regular meeting
29 minutes as presented. Barbara BREASE seconded. The VOTE to approve the public hearing and
30 regular meeting minutes was unanimous.
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32 **Correspondence**

33 None
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35 **Plats and Conditional Uses**

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38 **Reports**

39 **Mayor**

40 Mayor Walker reported on the following items: Mayor Walker attended the Alaska Municipal
41 League conference in August. He welcomed Anne Capistrant to the planning commission, and
42 reported that the revised Denali Borough Personnel Policy was approved by the assembly and
43 that a copy of the revised policy will be given to all commissioners. Mayor Walker will be

1 attending a Municipal Advisory Gasline Board meeting in Fairbanks on Sept 23. The assembly
2 has asked Mayor Walker to provide comments on proposed Denali National Park entrance
3 area trail improvements. The Comprehensive Plan was approved by the assembly at the
4 September meeting. The Healy Transportation and Pedestrian Safety committee is continuing
5 to work on a safety plan which will come to the planning commission for inclusion in the
6 Comprehensive Plan once completed. Golden Valley Electrical Association is having a
7 dedication ceremony for Unit 2 on September 21. Denali Borough Emergency Planning and
8 Projects Coordinator Chris Noel will be presenting on individual and community firewise
9 planning and preparedness at a meeting for the Panguingue Creek Home Owners Association on
10 September 23. Diane Sam contacted the borough regarding an opportunity to map portions or
11 all of the Denali Borough through a partially state funded program. By unanimous consent
12 the commission added State Mapping Opportunity to the October agenda.

13 14 **Borough Planner**

15 Sid MICHAELS asked for an update on PC Resolution 09-06 providing preliminary approval for
16 a public easement across borough land in the Slate Creek area. Borough Planner Marsha
17 Lambert stated that no new information had been submitted. Baxter MERCER made a motion
18 for a letter to be sent requesting an update on PC Resolution 09-06. Kesslyn TENCH seconded
19 the motion. The VOTE to request an update on PC Resolution 09-06 was unanimous.

20 21 **Communication and Appearance Requests**

22 None

23 24 **Unfinished Business**

25 **Healy Transfer Station Location and Draft Community Survey**

26 Mayor Walker suggested a new location to consider at Milepost 252 along the George Parks
27 Highway. The commission discussed the location and asked that this site be included in the
28 survey. Mayor Walker provided an update on the Alaska Railroad lease process and possible
29 costs for the Milepost 2.2 Healy Spur Road location. The commission discussed which survey
30 questions might be most valuable, recognizing that other factors will also need to be
31 considered before a final location decision is made, such as development and management
32 costs. The commission discussed the possibility of sending out a survey without the location
33 sites since so much information is still unknown for some of the sites. By unanimous consent
34 the commission requested that the Healy Transfer Station Location and Draft Community
35 Survey remain on the agenda for the October meeting and asked that two versions of the
36 survey be available for review: one with the location information included and one with the
37 location information omitted.

38 39 **Planning Services Provided by Agnew::Beck: Borough Land Management**

40 Agnew::Beck has community meetings scheduled in October to publicly review the land
41 management recommendations and draft land classifications for Denali Borough land. By
42 unanimous consent Planning Services Provided by Agnew::Beck: Borough Land Management
43 was postponed to the October agenda.

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2 **New Business**

3 **Resource Extraction Permit Application Discussion**

4 The commission discussed the conflict created by issuing a resource extraction permit or lease
5 on a parcel of land that is also being considered for the Healy Transfer Station location. By
6 unanimous consent the Resource Extraction Permit Application was postponed to the October
7 agenda.

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9 **Public Comments**

10 None

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12 **Commissioner Comments**

13 Kesslyn TENCH asked for clarification on the roles, responsibilities and authority the borough
14 has in managing Denali Borough land. By unanimous consent the roles, responsibilities, and
15 borough authority for land management was added to the October agenda.

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17 Barbara BREASE expressed her concern for Denali Borough land in the Otto Lake area and
18 would like to discuss possible solutions. She thanked Susan Gauvin and Ivana Haverlikova for
19 their comments during the public hearing. Ms. BREASE welcomed Anne Capistrant to the
20 commission.

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22 Sid MICHAELS welcomed Anne Capistrant to the commission.

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24 **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

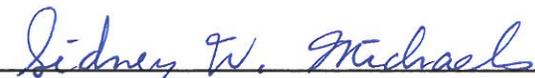
25 The next regular meeting of the commission will be Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at the Tri-Valley
26 Community Center. Work Session at 6:15 PM, Public Hearing at 7:15 PM with the Regular
27 Meeting to follow.

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29 **Other Meetings:**

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33 Community Center from 5:00-6:30 PM.

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35 **Adjournment**

36 Presiding Officer Sid MICHAELS adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

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40 APPROVED: 
41 Sid MICHAELS, Presiding Officer

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ATTEST: 
Amber Renshaw, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: 11/10/2015