

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA

Denali Borough Management of Borough Real Property

Annual Work Plan 2015

The annual work plan shall be prepared by the administrator and submitted for assembly approval as per Denali Borough Code, Title 4, Chapter 4.10.30. The annual work plan shall include proposed acquisitions of real property, inventory, management and disposal activities for the coming year, which will include but not be limited to:

1. A summary of the previous year's transactions, expenditures, and investments;
2. Proposed actions concerning real property;
3. A proposed operating budget for land management activities.

Summary of FY 14 Land Enterprise activities (as of 6/30/14)

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| Income: Land sales: | \$20,000 |
| Land leases: | \$22,515 |

Land Enterprise Fund: \$293,899

The Land Enterprise Fund is not an operating fund, but a repository for funds derived from land sales and leases. The assembly may appropriate monies from this fund for land management activities, such as surveying.

Land sales receivable: \$147,398.52

Summary of FY14 Land Management Activities

Total operating expenditures for land management activities: \$181,589

Proposed FY15 Operating Budget for Land Management Activities

Planned Land Management expenses are included in the FY15 and FY16 Denali Borough Budgets under Enterprise Funds.

Denali Borough Land Inventory

The State of Alaska has certified that the Denali Borough is to receive 49,789 acres from the State of Alaska of vacant, un-appropriated and unreserved state lands for its Municipal Land Entitlement (MLE). As of this date, the Denali Borough MLE selection status is as follows:

Patented: 4,769 acres

The borough planner has compiled in a single binder all patents to borough land.

Management Authority: 44,489 acres

Boundary surveys are required prior to the borough receiving patent.

The borough planner is updating the descriptions of management authority lands in order to better inventory these lands.

On June 5, 2014 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issued their Final Finding and Decision approving for conveyance 6,812 acres to the Denali Borough. The borough should receive patents for 407 acres of the 6,812 acres since these lands are part of platted subdivisions. The rest of the 6,405 acres will be under management authority of the borough until boundary surveys are completed.

DNR has conditionally approved 1,920 acres in the Boulder Creek area to fulfill any remaining municipal land entitlements. These lands are still under state management and will be conveyed to the borough at a later date if and when it is determined that the acreage conveyed to the borough does not satisfy the borough's 49,789 acres of municipal land entitlements.

Management Activities

Survey Work – The borough is still awaiting final approval from the DNR on the final plat for the boundary survey of Swan Lake (ASLS 2011-14). The final plat had to be resigned by all parties because the original was damaged. Interior Surveying and Mapping is still working on completing the Panguingue B (ASLS 2009-47) boundary survey and is expecting to have it completed by spring to submit for DNR review. The borough had to request an extension to the two year deadline because the surveyor had complications completing the survey within two years.

Mapping – The Denali Borough Planner is currently updating the maps illustrating both patented and management authority borough land with the newly conveyed lands.

The Denali Borough Planner is currently working on creating land ownership maps illustrating both patented and management authority borough land with the newly conveyed lands. These maps will also identify neighboring land ownership status. These maps will help identify, illustrate and understand borough lands and will prove useful in future planning efforts. These maps will also be uploaded to the website for public information.

Next survey area(s) -- There are currently no requests for survey instructions of borough land before the Department of Natural Resources. Depending upon acreage and survey expense, the borough should consider making multiple requests in 2015.

Training- Diane Sam from DCRA came to Healy to do training with the Planning Commission on February 20, 2015. The Commission learned about the need for plan development, code revisions, and the necessity of public outreach in order to forward the planning process. The borough planner and a few Planning Commission members will be attending the Alaska Planning Association's November conference in Anchorage.

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission worked on completing a rewrite of Denali Borough Code Title 4: "Real Property Acquisition, Management, and Disposal" but at their October 2014 meeting they decided to remove it from their agenda until after the training with Diane Sam in February 2015. The Planning Commission feels they need more training after Diane Sam's visit. The commission has also been working on revision 3 of the Comprehensive Plan since June 2014.

Classification of borough lands and the creation of management plans for these lands is not being actively pursued. As Ms. Sam described our current process as “unworkable”, these actions are on hold until the borough receives more input from planning professionals. The borough is soliciting interest from planning consultants who would assist with crafting a code revision, developing a borough land use plan, and updating the current comprehensive plan.

Another planning effort undertaken by the Planning Commission in 2015 is the siting of future borough infrastructure. Specifically, the Denali Borough Assembly resolved in 2004 that the borough pursue locating a potential transfer station in Healy. The public outreach and process for siting such a public facility is to take place in 2015.

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