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**Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Planning Commission
Tri-Valley Community Center
July 21, 2015**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

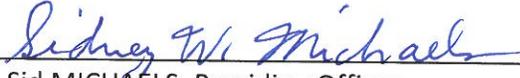
1. Healy Transfer Station Location

Susan Braun, Panguingue district resident, offered her support for the Mile 2.2 Healy Spur Road location.

George Haskins, Anderson resident, shared with the commission his desire to develop a material site at the Mile 253 Parks Highway gravel pit location. He suggested that the site location is large enough to be utilized as a material site and a transfer station.

Adjournment

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

APPROVED: 
Sid MICHAELS, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: 
Amber Renshaw, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: 8/18/2015

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Planning Commission
Tri-Valley Community Center
July 21, 2015**

Call to Order

Presiding officer Sid MICHAELS called the regular meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

Roll Call

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

Public Comments

No comments

Approval of Agenda

Lee LIGHTFOOT MOVED to approve the agenda as presented. Kesslyn TENCH seconded. The VOTE to approve the agenda was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes

Baxter MERCER MOVED to approve the June 16, 2015 public hearing and regular meeting minutes as presented. Lee LIGHTFOOT seconded. The VOTE to approve the minutes was unanimous.

Correspondence

The American Planning Association sent information regarding the 2015 Alaska Planning Conference in November.

Plats and Conditional Uses

None

Reports

Mayor

Mayor Walker reported on the following items:

The annual Denali Borough trip to Kantishna to meet with constituents has been scheduled for August 30, 2015. All commissioners are invited to attend.

Mayor Walker will not be able to attend the August 18, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Walker recently attended an Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline and a Municipal Advisory Gasline Board meeting in Anchorage. The Board is working on the issue of payment in lieu of taxes vs. property tax and discussing other potential gasline related municipality impacts.

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The National Park Service is hosting a Denali National Park Front County value analysis worksession on park entrance area trails and waysides. Mayor Walker plans to attend.

The Denali Borough Comprehensive Plan will be on the August 12, 2015 Denali Borough Assembly meeting agenda.

The 2016-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program is now available for public review and comment. This can be found on the State of Alaska website.

Borough Planner

A plat will be coming before the commission for the August 18, 2015 planning commission meeting.

Borough Planner Marsha Lambert attended two Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas conferences.

Communication and Appearance Requests

None

Unfinished Business

Healy Transfer Station Location

Mayor Walker reported that we are waiting to hear from the Alaska Railroad about lease information and options for the Mile 2.2 Healy Spur Road location. He was able to determine that no Federal Aviation Administration or Department of Environmental Conservation permits will be required for this location to be used as a transfer station site.

Kesslyn TENCH MOVED to hold a public open house regarding the Healy Transfer Station location on September 15, 2015, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM prior to the Planning Commission regular meeting. Baxter MERCER seconded. The VOTE to approve was unanimous.

The Healy Transfer Station location was postponed to the next worksession, public hearing and regular meeting by unanimous consent.

Planning services provided by Agnew::Beck

A joint worksession with Agnew::Beck and the Denali Borough Assembly is scheduled for August 5, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Tri-Valley Community Center.

Kessly TENCH stated she will not be able to attend.

Discussion on planning services provided by Agnew::Beck was postpone to the next worksession, public hearing, and regular meeting by unanimous consent.

New Business

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3 **Public Comments**

4 George Haskins, Anderson resident, suggested having a conceptual design of the future
5 transfer station at the Healy Transfer Station location open house to help the public
6 visualize what is being proposed.

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8 **Commissioner Comments**

9 Kesslyn TENCH reported that she just returned from Switzerland with the girl scouts and they
10 were able to stay in a scout house while in Switzerland. The girl scouts have a desire to build a
11 scout house here in the Denali Borough. Ms. TENCH also reported that the new school
12 Superintendent Dan Polta is looking to start a recycling program in the schools.

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14 Barbara BREASE offered her appreciation for the work done on the Healy Transfer Station
15 locations. She believes this will be a benefit to the community.

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17 Baxter MERCER reported that there is a stack of poles piled near Evans Industries and his
18 curiosity led him to learn that they are for a local business to construct a zip line.

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20 Sid MICHAELS reported that he attended fellow commissioner Patricia GRIGGS wedding.

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22 **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

23 The next meeting of the commission will be a joint work session with the Denali Borough
24 Assembly on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tri-Valley Community Center.

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26 The next regular meeting of the commission will be Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. at
27 the Tri-Valley Community Center.

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29 **Adjournment**

30 The presiding officer adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

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33 APPROVED: 
34 Sid MICHAELS, Presiding Officer

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38 ATTEST: 
39 Amber Renshaw, Deputy Clerk

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41 Date Approved: 8/18/15

