Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Planning Commission
Tri-Valley Community Center
September 15, 2015

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Public Comments

No comments

Approval of Agenda

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

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

The VOTE to approve the amended agenda was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes

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

Correspondence

None

Plats and Conditional Uses

None

Reports

Mayor

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

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

Borough Planner

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

<u>Communication and Appearance Requests</u>

None

<u>Unfinished Business</u>

Healy Transfer Station Location and Draft Community Survey

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

Planning Services Provided by Agnew::Beck: Borough Land Management

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

New Business

Resource Extraction Permit Application Discussion

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

Public Comments

None

Commissioner Comments

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

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

Sid MICHAELS welcomed Anne Capistrant to the commission.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

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

Other Meetings:
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Adjournment

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

APPROVED: _____

Sid MICHAELS, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____

Amber Renshaw, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved:_____