Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Planning Commission
Tri-Valley Community Center
January 20, 2015

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

Roll Call: Planning Commissioners present were Patricia GRIGGS, Mark MENKE, Sid MICHAELS, Kesslyn TENCH, Lee LIGHTFOOT and Baxter MERCER. Absent: Steve JONES

1. **Comprehensive Plan Review**

   There were no public comments on this item.

2. **DOT- Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan**
   i. Resolution No. PC 14-12 Supporting Multi-User Paths along the George Parks Highway
   ii. Draft letter – response to DOT's Long Range Transportation Plan

   There were no public comments.

Adjournment: The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

APPROVED: Sidney W. Michaels
Sid MICHAELS, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: Gail Pieknik
Gail PIEKNIK, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Planning Commission
Tri-Valley Community Center
January 20, 2015

Call to Order
The presiding-officer called the regular meeting to order at 7:29 PM

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

Oath of Office
Gail Pieknik, Denali Borough Clerk, administered the oath of office to Patricia Griggs, Lee Lightfoot and Baxter Mercer

Election of Officers
Presiding Officer: Patricia Griggs MOVED to nominate Sid Michaels. The MOTION was seconded by Baxter MERCER. The VOTE by acclamation was unanimous.

Deputy Presiding Officer: Baxter MERCER MOVED to nominate Lee Lightfoot. The MOTION was seconded by Patricia GRIGGS. The VOTE by acclamation was unanimous.

Public Comments
There were no public comments

Approval of Agenda
Baxter MERCER MOVED to approve the agenda. Patricia GRIGGS seconded. Through unanimous consent, the agenda was amended to postpone Lauren Little from the Department of Transportation, to the next meeting. The VOTE to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes
Patricia GRIGGS MOVED to approve the November 11, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Mark MENKE seconded. The VOTE to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Correspondence
Assembly action on Ordinance 14-14 dealing with Height Restrictions and Ordinance 14-07 dealing with Subdivisions.
Mayor Clay Walker explained that the assembly had concerns with the height restriction ordinance and it being borough-wide. The assembly's concern was how would borough staff regulate and enforce the ordinance. The assembly did not see a purpose for the restrictions at this time so the ordinance was not introduced. Mayor Walker continued explaining that Ordinance 14-07 did pass with a few changes.

DNR Mineral Order 1162 – closing 100 feet either side of the ASAP ROW
Discussion ensued on the pipeline right-of way being 200 feet. This closing to mineral entry will be an additional 100 feet. There was no action taken on this subject.

State of Alaska mechanical placer mining permit number POA-2014-55
There was no discussion on this subject.

Cantwell Cell Tower Upgrade
There was brief discussion on this item as the Denali Borough has not received any public comments on this and has no regulations in place on cell towers.

Carlo Creek Hydroelectric Project
There was brief discussion on this item including the fact that comment is being taken on the company that was chosen to do the feasibility study. The planning commission decided that they had no comment on the choice of company.

Plats and Conditional Uses

There were no plats or conditional uses before the commission.

Reports

Mayor

- There was a minute of silence for the loss of a friend and co-worker.
- The Tri-Valley School Contemporary Conflicts class is hosting five community forums in conjunction with meals. The topics include Incorporating Healy, Energy, Common Core Education, World Peace and Undocumented Workers /Illegal Aliens. In lieu of fees for meals they will be asking for a donation. The meals and educational opportunities are put on by the Denali teens that are raising money for a trip to Washington DC.
- The mayor will be at the Alaska Municipal League Legislative Fly-in during the next planning commission meeting.
- The Healy Pedestrian and Safety Ad Hoc Committee met on January 6, 2015 to categorize the safety projects as complex, moderate and least complex. Their next work session is January 26, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

Borough Planner
There was no report from the planner.

Communication and Appearance Requests

Lauren Little, State of Alaska, Department of Transportation Project Manager
This was postponed to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

Gas Pipeline Projects(s) within the Denali Borough
Discussion ensued about revenues from the pipeline. The Municipal Advisory Gas Project (MAG) Review Board is discussing a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payment system versus property tax.

Comprehensive Plan Review
By unanimous consent the planning commission will use the Sid Michaels Draft 1 document.

Patricia GRIGGS MOVED to delete on page 18, Chapter 6, under Summary of Existing Conditions, "Denali Park Village, Lignite, Ferry, Rock Creek and Clear Air Force Station." Kesslyn TENCH seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Under Local Government/Public Nonprofit Corporations, Patricia GRIGGS MOVED to amend by adding McKinley Volunteer Fire Department and under Healy and Cantwell to name the fire departments. Lee LIGHTFOOT seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Lee LIGHTFOOT MOVED to amend on page 9, Goal 9 by deleting Clean Coal and inserting Unit II to read, "Goal 9 – Encourage the opening and operation of the Healy Unit II Power Plant." Baxter MERCER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Sid MICHAELS MOVED to amend Goal number 7 to state, "Support a bridge across the Nenana River at Ferry to provide year round access from the Parks Highway to the Eva Creek Wind Farm and existing mining facilities." Mark MENKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

By unanimous consent, this will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

DOT – Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan (STIP)
Resolution No. PC 14-12 Supporting Multi-User Paths along the George Parks Highway

Baxter MERCER MOVED to amend by substitution version B for version A and to renumber the resolution to PC 15-01. Mark MENKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Kesslyn TENCH MOVED to amend by deleting quality and mostly off highway from the second to last sentence in number 1 to read, "This would provide a path for non-motorized traffic and connect existing trails inside Denali National Park to the various hotels, campgrounds and community." Mark MENKE seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Patricia GRIGGS MOVED to amend number 3 to delete "at least a couple miles" and insert "a multi-use path" in the first sentence and delete "along and" in the second sentence. The section to read, "Cantwell needs a multi-use path along the Parks Highway as it passes through the community and Village of Cantwell. There is a lot of foot traffic on the highway shoulders and students walk to school during poor light conditions during the winter months. The highway ROW could be used for this multi-use path." Kesslyn TENCH seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

Baxter MERCER MOVED to postpone to the next work session, public hearing and regular meeting. Kesslyn TENCH seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.

DNR – Public and Charitable Use (Land) – Broad Pass
It was discussed and decided that the borough does not have a project for the land at this time and to remove this item from the agenda.

Discussion Speer Easement across Borough Land – Slate Creek Area
It was suggested that the mayor invite Ms. Speer to the March, April or May meeting.

Commission Training - DCRA
The training with Ms. Diane Sam of DCRA is scheduled for February 21, 2015 from 9 AM to 4 PM.

New Business

FY 2016 Budget

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

2015 Denali Borough Land Sales

The commission requested some maps be presented at the next meeting.

Location of the Healy Transfer Station

Discussion ensued about the need to have the location on borough owned land near Healy with access to power. The commission requested maps for the next meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Comments

Mark MENKE thanked Linda Paganelli for her years of service to the Denali Borough and for keeping the planning commission in line

Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the commission will be February 17, 2015 at 6:15 PM in the Tri-Valley Community Center.

Adjournment

The presiding officer adjourned the meeting at 9:28 PM.

APPROVED: Sidney W. Michaels
Sid MICHAELS, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: Gail Pieknik
Gail PIEKNIK, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: 02/17/2015