



PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Wednesday April 20, 2022, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Commissioner Clark called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission members present and establishing a quorum (a quorum being four):

Kaleb Westfall

Gregg Marxmiller

Susan Isaacs

Elizabeth Clark

Council members absent: Bert Luckhurst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 16, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting

MOTION to Approve minutes made by Gregg Marxmiller, Kaleb Westfall seconded the motion to approve the March 13, 2022, regular Planning Commission minutes.

VOTING

Yea: Commissioner Westfall, Commissioner Marxmiller, Commissioner Isaacs, Commissioner Clark

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Gregg Marxmiller.

VOTING

Yea: Commissioner Westfall, Commissioner Marxmiller, Commissioner Isaacs, Commissioner Clark

COMMUNICATIONS

Planner's report

March 2022, Planner Report was included in packet. Patty verbal report consisted of: Burial Permits, land use permits, harbor lease lots and encouraging others to apply for Land Use Permits.

Patty briefly described the Planning Commissioner Handbook that was put together and distributed to all Commissioners. Patty noted that this should be updated and distributed each January to all Commissioners or when a new Commissioner starts. Encouraged Commissioners to share or forward any materials they would like to include for new Commissioners.

Gregg Marxmiller asked if a workshop could be set in the fall 2022 to review the Handbook, one will be scheduled on next meeting.

Citizen's comments on items not on the agenda

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2202-01, previously passed without any public objection noted via mail or in person in the March 2022 Planning Commission.

Motion made by Gregg, seconded by Sue Isaacs.

Motion made to accept the resolution 2202-02 by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Susan Isaacs.

All voted yes, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Voting for Planning Commission Chair.

Gregg nominated Commissioner Clark as Deputy Chair and Commissioner Isaacs for Deputy Chair.

No second on the motion, motion failed.

Open Discussion:

Kaleb Westfall stated after his recent snow go crash that he was physically and mentally stable to serve as the Chair and is interested in continuing as the Chair.

Susan Isaacs stated that she would be interested in the future, however would not like to serve in any additional capacity at this time and declined further nomination but thanked Gregg for the nomination.

Kaleb nominated himself as the Chair for the Planning Commission, Liz Clark seconded the motion.

All voted yes, motion passed

Kaleb nominated made a motion for Liz Clark as Deputy Chair, Sue Isaacs seconded.

All voted yes, motion passed.

Kaleb called a question on the motion.

All voted yes, motion passed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Sue thanked staff and is happy for the monthly meetings. Sue is looking forward to making positive impact through the Planning Commission duties as a commissioner.

Gregg thanked staff for the Planning Commissioner Handbook. Gregg asked clarification from Kaleb on a previous remark he made about the City Council denying the Planning Commission to meet during the previous months

Kaleb Westfall responded that in his communication with the Manager and Mayor through the previous Planner the responses were all that the Powers that be will not allow them. He could not recall the who stated which but does recall the Manager and Mayor both instructed him that they were denied.

Gregg thanked Kaleb for his response and hoped for additional clarification as that was a concerning to him.

Kaleb thanked staff for the Resource Handbook and expressed excitement for positive movement forward in the Planning Commission and positive planning for Dillingham.

Liz Clark thanked Planning Commission as a whole as she worked through running the meeting in Kaleb's physical absence in tonight's meeting. Liz thanked staff for the Resource Handbook and the monthly meetings. Liz reiterated the importance of helping the community of Dillingham through working on the Compressive Plan and other items that do impact Dillingham.

Gregg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kaleb seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Commissioner Elizabeth Clark

ATTEST:

Patty Buholm, Planning Director

Approval Date: _____