

Additional Materials

Regular Planning Commission Meeting

Assembly Chambers

6:00pm

Meeting Date: April 22, 2025

1. PC_Comments:

- a. Public Comment: Douglas Mertz, received 4/10/25
- b. Public Comment: Mya Baird, received 4/10/25

From: [DOUGLAS MERTZ](#)
To: [PC Comments](#)
Subject: Objection to hearing after inadequate notice
Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025 3:01:22 PM

EXTERNAL E-MAIL: BE CAUTIOUS WHEN OPENING FILES OR FOLLOWING LINKS

Yesterday's Empire contained a public notice from Community Development regarding a hearing on an upcoming permit application, No. SMP2024 0001. The location was given as "North Douglas Highway" but nothing more. The North Douglas Highway is about 14 miles long with many different areas with different characteristics. Designating the entire highway as the location would be like designating a proposed action as "in Downtown Juneau" or "in the Mendenhall Valley." A member of the public should not have to go to the detailed project information to look up whether it is a matter of concern. One wonders if someone got the cute idea that by making the location impossible to determine from the notice, staff is trying to discourage actual public responses. This is not acceptable.

This isn't the first time this has happened. Several years ago staff did the same thing and was forced to renotice with more detailed information. There is no reason the notice could not say "Mile XX, North Douglas Highway". If genuine public notice is the goal, the notice must be republished with more detailed information.

We demand that the matter be removed from the calendar until proper notice has been given.

From: [Baird, Mya](#)
To: [PC Comments](#)
Subject: Historical Wall on West 7th Street
Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025 3:01:45 PM

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Hello,

I am writing with the polite request to restore a historical wall within downtown Juneau. It is at the end of West 7th Street (at the top of Main Street), and not only does it affect my home, but also those surrounding it. This street is at the heart of the historical homes and monuments. I am a long time Juneau Community member and would like to preserve the historic heart of Juneau. The rebuild/restoration of this wall should remain historic, and thus be restored using the original material, rock. This would be greatly appreciated, not only in preserving history but also increasing the safety of this neighborhood.

Thank you,
Mya Baird
Juneau resident