

**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
LANDS AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
MINUTES**

August 28, 2017 5:00 PM
City Hall, Assembly Chambers

I. ROLL CALL

Debbie White, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Members Present: Chair Debbie White; Assembly members: Norton Gregory; Jesse Kiehl; Mary Becker

Liaison Present: Paul Voelckers, Planning Commission; Weston Eiler, Docks and Harbors

Liaison Absent: Chris Mertl, Parks & Recreation

Staff Present: Greg Chaney, Lands Manager; Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk; Dave Scanlan, Eaglecrest Manager; Alan Steffert, Engineering/Public Works

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as presented.

A. August 7, 2017 Minutes

MOTION by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 Lands Committee meeting. Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Albert Shaw spoke to the committee regarding his past work with the borough boundaries when they were originally drawn up. He encouraged the Assembly to annex the properties on Admiralty Island to include Cube Cove, then going to the corner of the Sitka Borough, and then up north to the corner of the Haines borough. He stated that the boundary lines need to be clarified such that they follow the ridge lines. His main reasons for the annexation of these lands is that the people using them, come through the City and Borough of Juneau for their services and in addition to the timber resources, there are also mineral resources that he feels should fall within Juneau's jurisdiction.

IV. AGENDA TOPICS

A. West Douglas Pioneer Road Management Proposal

Mr. Chaney gave a broad overview of the project. He stated that Alan Steffert is the project/construction manager and available to answer questions if the committee had any.

Mr. Chaney explained that this pioneer road is currently a one lane gravel road with one bridge and a couple of large culvert crossings. He said it is a pretty ambitious project since it is all brand new and that they had received a grant from the state to build this road. He said that assuming they get the necessary permits from the Corps of Engineers and Department of Fish and Game, they can continue as far as the money takes them and needs to be spent by the end of this fiscal year. With the proposal in the packet, it is likely to run out before the fiscal year.

He also explained that in the long range plan for N. Douglas, there are four areas for development and that any waterfront development to be done will require a

partnership or agreement with Goldbelt. Mr. Chaney said he is hoping the Lands Committee will provide him with direction on how they wish to manage this asset once it is no longer a construction zone. Presently it is not eligible for public road access and is basically just a construction road at this point. He suggested that the best way to manage this would be to secure a gate and allow for non-motorized access along the road. He included a draft administrative policy for interim public use until it is developed for future use as a road.

Committee discussion took place regarding whether or not motorized vehicles such as snowmobiles, ATVs or other motorized apparatus would be permitted. Mr. Chaney said they looked at that as an option but felt that the liability would be pretty high but if there was a good plan in place, they may be able to review the matter on a case by case basis for the types of apparatus. He said it is not currently Parks and Recreation managed lands but rather managed by the Lands Dept. but they realize that it will likely be used in a park type manner.

Mr. Kiehl asked if they had approached or consulted the N. Douglas residents about this road or proposal. Mr. Chaney stated that it was a low key project and they had not made direct contact with the N. Douglas residents regarding the project.

Addition discussion and questions were answered regarding the types of traffic, parking, as well as whether this was classified as a "road" for purposes of the discharging of firearms ordinance. Ms. White expressed a desire for this to go through a Law Department review for some clarification as to the restrictions and uses that may or may not be applied to this "road."

MOTION by Ms. Becker for The Lands Committee to recommend the Assembly adopt the attached CBJ West Douglas Pioneer Road Extension Interim Use Policy as the official policy for managing the West Douglas Pioneer Road until it is upgraded to safely accommodate public transit and asked for unanimous consent. Motion carried without objection.

V. STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Docks and Harbors Board Liaison Weston Eiler reported that there would be a meeting on Tuesday, August 29 at 5pm in the Chambers of the Docks and Harbors Board to discuss the Urban Plan with respect to the area from Marine Park to the Taku Dock.

Planning Commission Liaison Paul Voelckers reported that the Lemon Creek Area Plan is getting close to being submitted to the Planning Commission in the next week or so. He said it is a good document that includes some reasonable vision for Lemon Creek and possible CIP actions for community affairs.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk