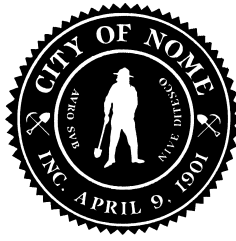


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**NOME PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Carol Piscoya; Colleen Deighton; Gregory Smith; John Odden

Members Absent: Mathew Michels; Kenneth Hughes III; Sara Lizak

Also Present: Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Eileen Bechtol, City Planner; Jeremy Jacobson, Acting Deputy City Clerk

In the audience: Julia Lerner, Nome Nugget; Austin Ahmasuk; Scott Henderson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Piscoya to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Odden; Smith; Deighton

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 3, 2021 Nome Planning Commission Minutes.

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A. Tuesday, August 03, 2021 Nome Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Piscoya to approve the August 03, 2021 minutes.

Discussion:

- C. Piscoya inquired into Permit Summaries.
- Deputy Clerk Jacobson stated permit summaries weren't ready at last meeting.
- City Clerk Hammond noted the Clerk's office was behind with permit summaries, available next meeting in October.

At the roll call:

Aye: Odden; Smith; Deighton; Piscoya

Nay:

Abstain:

The Motion **CARRIED**.

#### Historic Preservation Commission Activities

##### A. Phase 2 of Historic Preservation Plan.

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- Planner Bechtol introduced Nome resident Austin Ahmasuk for comments on phase two of the Historic Preservation Plan, at the City Council's request.
- Mr. Ahmasuk began his discourse by outlining his unofficial report on the 2nd Phase of the Nome Historic Preservation Plan. Noting insufficient content relating to Alaska Native history, and the need for revision.
- Mr. Ahmasuk opined a plan in motion is not automatically the correct plan, particularly a historic plan that does not include adequate historical context of its indigenous people. He suggested the conformation of SHPO and the National Historic Preservation Act does not need to limit the Nome Historic Preservation Plan to just structures. Proposing a plan tailored more in consideration to Alaska Native history and the residents of Nome, noting various critiques of Phase 2 of the Historic Preservation Plan.
- Chairman Hughes apologized for his recent late arrival in the meeting. He agreed with comments made by Mr. Ahmasuk, thanking him and inviting him to continue his participation in the process, noting much work to be done.
- Commissioner Odden called attention to previous discussion of parameters of Phase 2 relating to preservation of structures.
- Planner Bechtol suggested a motion after discussion and to move forward in closing out the grant.

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Odden for a memo to be generated by Planner Bechtol and Chairman Hughes to give to City Council.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Odden; Smith; Deighton; Hughes

Nay:

Abstain:

The Motion **CARRIED**.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### A. Steadman St. Repave

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- Ivet Hall, P.E. - Engineering Manager w/ DOT & PF (Northern Region) seeking design plan approval for the sidewalk reconstruction of Steadman Street, noting the preferred design as alternative B.

A motion was made C. Odden and seconded by C. Piscoya to approve design Alternative Plan B.

Discussion:

- C. Smith noted the scope of the project, reconstruction, not an expansion.

- C. Deighton inquired whether 28 ft roadway width enough to simultaneously maintain traffic and snowplow operations. Chairman Hughes identified a note on proposed plan stating minimum width provided for Maintenance & Operations to maintain roadway under design alternative B.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Odden; Smith; Deighton; Hughes

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

#### CITIZENS' COMMENTS

#### NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed project: Alberta Schenck and the Dream Theatre Incident 1944-1945.

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A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Deighton to approve the proposed Alberta Schenck and the Dream Theater project.

Discussion:

- Planner Bechtol described her vision for a story board similar to signage you would find at state parks. Made available in a high foot-traffic area.

- Chairman Hughes suggested signage located at the original Dream Theater site.

- Commissioner Odden noted similar projects in other municipalities.

At the roll call:

Aye: Odden; Smith; Deighton; Hughes; Piscoya

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Zoning Map Amendments for the Comprehensive Plan

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- Planner Bechtol noted a change in General Use Boundary at Planning Commission's last regular meeting

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A. City Planner's Report

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COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT