



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00PM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT

Commission Chair Chris Fry
Commission Vice-Chair Heather O'Neil
Commissioner Jim Floyd
Commissioner John Jensen
Commissioner Marietta Davis
Commissioner Phillip Meeks

3. Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Jensen, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil, Commissioner Floyd,
Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Meeks

4. Approval of Minutes

A. December 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

The December 10, 2024, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Davis, Seconded by Commissioner Jensen.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil, Commissioner
Floyd, Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Meeks

5. Public Comments

None

6. Consent Calendar

- A. Acceptance and scheduling of an application from Carolyn Crain for a conditional use permit for a home occupation at 204 Sandy Beach Rd (PID: 01-003-507).

Accepted as public hearing item for the February 11, 2025, meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Jensen, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil.
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil, Commissioner Floyd, Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Meeks

7. Public Hearing Items

- A. [Continued from previous meeting] Recommendation to the Borough Assembly to establish a Marine Industrial Overlay District at the Port Dock area and Scow Bay Turnaround area.

Glorianne Wollen, Harbormaster, spoke in support of the overlay to protect certain marine waterfront lands for the purpose of a maritime economy.

Commissioner Jensen asked Harbormaster Wollen why the Planning Commission wasn't invited to the meeting regarding the planning of the overlay district.

Harbormaster Wollen responded that this process has been long and ongoing. The Assembly asked for harbor board advice.

Director Cabrera later mentioned she would try to make sure the Planning Commission is invited to meetings in the future.

Discussion between Harbormaster Wollen, Commissioners, and Director Cabrera.

Brock Snider, owner of Island Refrigeration, spoke in support of the overlay.

Motion made by Commissioner Jensen, Seconded by Commissioner Floyd.

Discussion

Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil made an amendment to the motion to vote on the Scow Bay portion separately.

The motion received no second.

Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil made an amendment to the motion to exclude the Wikan property from this proposal.

The motion received no second.

Voting on the original motion.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commissioner Floyd, Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Meeks

Voting Nay: Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil

8. Non-Agenda Items

A. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Jensen spoke to say he believes the commission did the right thing with the last motion. He was reluctant at the start but knowing this is a public process it can be changed just as easily.

Commissioner Floyd spoke to say it's okay to not all agree, we are here to represent the community and Heather did just that.

B. Staff Comments

Director Cabrera said we have agenda items for the February meeting. Planning Commission will be invited to future meetings regarding the overlay.

C. Next Meeting is February 11, 2025, at 12:00pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:58PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Jensen, Seconded by Commissioner Floyd.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil, Commissioner Floyd, Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Meeks