



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Planning Commission Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, December 12, 2023

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

### 2. Roll Call

#### PRESENT

Commission Chair Chris Fry  
Commissioner Heather O'Neil  
Commission Secretary Sally Dwyer  
Commissioner Jim Floyd  
Commissioner Marietta Davis  
Commissioner Phillip Meeks - late arrival at 12:12pm

#### ABSENT

Commission Vice-Chair John Jensen

### 3. Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Motion made by Commission Secretary Dwyer, Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commissioner O'Neil, Commission Secretary Dwyer,  
Commissioner Floyd, Commissioner Davis

### 4. Approval of Minutes

The November 14, 2023, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Davis, Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commissioner O'Neil, Commission Secretary Dwyer,  
Commissioner Floyd, Commissioner Davis

## 5. Public Comments

None

## 6. Consent Calendar

None

## 7. Public Hearing Items

- A. Recommendation to the Borough Assembly on an application from the Island Refrigeration to purchase borough-owned property located off Dock St. - Port Authority Staging Area. (portion of PID: 01-010-035)

Brock Snider, owner of Island Refrigeration spoke of his interest in moving his business closer to the harbors which is where Island Refrigeration does 95% of their work. Purchasing this property would give this business a permanent place to get established and support the fishing fleet. There would be a larger shop built and have room for work trucks. Being closer to town would be beneficial to this business to support the fleet.

Glorianne Wollen, Harbor Master spoke in support of the project on this piece of land. Glorianne would like to encourage the planning commission in the future, to confer with the harbor department, or at least to run these ideas by the harbor board. There are 25 total leases that the Borough has, the bulk of the leases are waterfront with 18 of the 25 leases being Harbor related. Likely, all these now are going to come before you, I would imagine, for people to buy them.

Motion made by Commissioner Floyd, Seconded by Commission Secretary Dwyer.

Discussion.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commissioner O'Neil, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Floyd, Commissioner Davis

- B. Consideration of an application from Petersburg Indian Association for a Minor Subdivision at N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Tract A, US Survey 1168. (PID: 01-006-060, 01-006-070).

James Kerr, Petersburg Police Department Chief spoke regarding Dolphin Street extension.

Heather Conn, Rae C Steadman Elementary School principal spoke regarding safety concerns around the school and lack of parking. In making Dolphin Street a through street would make less parking and more danger around the school.

Mary Clemens spoke on behalf of herself to reiterate the importance of the nature boardwalk trail. Many people use this trail daily to commute to work, school, bird watching or dog walking. The area is used by school groups and others to study ecosystems. I would like to see a buffer on each side of the trail of 50 to 100 feet wide.

Kathryn Schneider spoke on her own behalf regarding concerns about the nature trail and pointed out how steep the trail gets closer to the ballfield. The trail may not be inclusive to everyone and if rerouted, take that into consideration.

Motion made by Commissioner Floyd, Seconded by Commission Secretary Dwyer. Commissioner Dwyer asked when Dolphin Street extension got into the mix.

Commissioner Floyd said it was during the Borough Assembly meeting.

Cris Morrison, President PIA Tribal Council spoke saying Dolphin Street extension was brought up by assembly member Bob Lynn, who had expressed an idea of extending Dolphin Street to Eighth Street and how that could be beneficial. This was a surprise to PIA as well.

Discussion.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commissioner O'Neil, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Floyd, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Meeks

- C. Recommendation to the Borough Assembly to rezone Lot 4, Skylark II Subdivision from Single-Family Residential to Open Space - Recreation, and Government Lot 13, Section 33, T58S, R79E from Public Use to Open Space - Recreation. (PID: 01-010-243, 01-010-412)

Motion made by Commissioner Floyd, Seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Commissioner O'Neil proposed an amendment to the motion to rezone 01-010-245 and 01-010-247 to open space recreation, Seconded by Commissioner Dwyer.

Discussion.

Commissioner O'Neil withdrew her amendment.

Voting on the original motion.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commissioner O'Neil, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Floyd, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Meeks

## 8. Non-Agenda Items

- A. Commissioner Comments

None

- B. Staff Comments

Community Development Director Liz Cabrera noted that there will be an agenda item for the January meeting.

Commission Chair Fry will be absent the January meeting and will call in for the February meeting.

C. Next Meeting is January 9, 2024, at 12:00 pm.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Floyd, Seconded by Commission Secretary Dwyer.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commissioner O'Neil, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Floyd, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Meeks