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Brandon Wall, Seat C
Jessie Laub-Elkins, Seat D
Stan Tucker, Chairman, Seat E
Clark Buswell, Seat F
Robert Webb, Seat G

**CITY OF WASILLA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Wasilla City Hall, 290 E. Herring Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 / 907-373-9020 phone

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

AUGUST 11, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. REPORTS

- A. City Attorney
- B. City Council
- C. City Planner
- D. City Public Works Director

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION *(five minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing)*

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of June 23, 2009 meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS *(five minutes per person)*

- A. Committee of the Whole
 - 1. Receive public input and discuss validity of land use designations in Comprehensive Plan and the zones which implement them.

2. Amend definition of interested person in regard to appeals to a hearing officer.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Calendar Review September/October 2009
- B. Permit Information
- C. Enforcement Log

XI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XII. STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

XIV. ADJOURN

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, in Council Chambers of City Hall, Wasilla, Alaska by Stan Tucker, Chairman.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Gary Hall, Seat A
- Mr. Daniel Kelly, Jr., Seat B
- Mr. Brandon Wall, Seat C
- Ms. Jessie Laub-Elkins, Seat D
- Mr. Stan Tucker, Seat E
- Mr. Clark Buswell, Seat F
- Mr. Robert Webb, Seat G

Staff in attendance were:

- Mr. Jim Holycross, City Planner
- Ms. Sandra Connolly, Public Works Clerk
- Mr. Marvin Yoder, Deputy Administrator
- Guest, Dara Glass, USKH Planner

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Mr. Kelly led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented.

V. REPORTS

- A. City Attorney
 - None
- B. City Council

Mr. Yoder, Deputy Administrator:

- Provided a brief overview of the City Council meeting of August 10, 2009.

Mr. Kelly stated he invited people to the meeting for the discussion of the comprehensive plan.

C. City Planner

Mr. Holycross, City Planner:

- Stated there will be a guest consultant, Robert Gibbs, providing a workshop the week of September 21st through the 25th on downtown development and he will also be talking at the Chamber and with the Mayor.

Dara Glass, USKH:

- Provided more information on what USKH intends to do during the workshops and discussed Mr. Gibbs background.

Mr. Holycross, City Planner:

- Discussed items on the Planner's report that was handed out.

Mr. Tucker inquired about the reason for the appeal and if the Planning Commission erred in some way.

Mr. Holycross answered the question and the process that was followed by the Planning Department and Planning Commission.

Mr. Yoder stated the main concern was about the noise getting outside the area of the rifle range. If appeal is upheld, city has option to go to court.

Mr. Kelly asked if the direction of the firing range changed to eliminate the noise.

Mr. Yoder answered Mr. Kelly and stated that information was provided to the hearing officer.

Mr. Buswell stated that it was all options on the noise level.

Mr. Holycross stated an acoustic engineer was not necessary. A Matanuska-Susitna Borough draft ordinance, regarding earth extraction, was handed out for the Planning Commission to review and discussed.

D. City Public Works Director

- None.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of June 23, 2009 meeting

GENERAL CONSENT: Minutes were approved as presented.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Committee of the Whole

MOTION: Commissioner Kelly moved to enter into a Committee of the Whole to allow for free discussion on the items before them.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted and the Planning Commission entered into Committee of the Whole at 7:12 p.m.

1. Receive public input and discuss validity of land use designations in Comprehensive Plan and the zones which implement them.

MOTION: Commissioner Buswell moved to exit Committee of the Whole.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted and the Planning Commission exited Committee of the Whole at 9:01 p.m.

2. Amend definition of interested person in regard to appeals to a hearing officer.

MOTION: Commissioner Wall moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 09-15.

MOTION: Commissioner Kelly moved to amend WMC 16.34.005, Definition, to read as follows:
"Interested person," in this section, means the applicant, an Wasilla resident and or any government agency adversely affected by the decision.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

Motion dies for a lack of a second.

MOTION: Commissioner Hall moved to postpone adopting Resolution Serial No. 09-15 until the next meeting.

VOTE: Voting on the postponement, it passed unanimously.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Calendar Review September/October 2009

September - Gary Hall Both Meetings

October - Commissioner Kelly

November - Commissioner Wall

December - Chairman Tucker

No comments were made regarding the following items.

- B. Permit Information
- C. Enforcement Log

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- None

XIII. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Staff Comments

Mr. Yoder:

- Good discussions tonight; and
- Stated for the Comprehensive Plan update there are two items to think about. One is ideas and thoughts that need to be brought forward and the public's input.

Mr. Holycross:

- Thank Dara for attending and the information she provided.
- USKH has created a web site with updated information on the Comprehensive Plan.
- Stated he will bring the things you requested, two maps and a definition for adversely affected.
- Stated the next topic for discussion will be regarding transportation.

XIV. COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Laub-Elkins:

- None

Commissioner Webb:

- Stated is good that Marvin brought the R and R to our attention and get it all cleaned up.

Commissioner Hall:

- Stated he agrees it would be good to get the loose ends that the Planning Commission has encountered over the last three years; and
- Stated there has been a shift from a community that had the attitude of "leave me alone, I want to do it myself" to "I'd like to have better community" and he believes most people believe zoning is the way to get this accomplished.

Commissioner Wall:

- None

Commissioner Buswell:

- None

Commissioner Kelly:

- Remember we have to put the rules we dismiss some where.
- Asked Mr. Holycross to have the minutes reviewed and to have his comments entered into the record.
- Handed out and then read into the record a letter regarding transportation.

Commissioner Tucker:

- Thanked everyone for being here and comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan.
- Thanked Dara Glass for being here.


XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

ATTEST:



TAHIRIH KLEIN, Planning Clerk



STAN TUCKER, Chairman

Adopted by the Wasilla Planning Commission August 25, 2009.