



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

Gateway to Western Prince William Sound

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Tuesday July 12, 2011

Homeowner's Lounge, BTI

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Charlene Arneson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Charlene Arneson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

Jerry Vandergriff	Seat A	
Rob Cone-Clark	Seat B	arrived at 6:07 pm
Ed Hedges	Seat C	
Walter Finke	Seat D	
Charlene Arneson	Seat E	

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Robert Prunella, City Manager
Teresa Wilson, Commission Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

Monty Irvin
Dan Blair

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made the motion to approve the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Agenda of Tuesday July 12, 2011 as written.

SECOND: Walter Finke seconded the motion

VOTE: Unanimous decision

DISCUSSION: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday June 14, 2011 Regular Planning & Zoning Meeting

SECOND. Walter Finke seconded the motion

VOTE: Unanimous decision

DISCUSSION: Jerry Vandergriff asked that page 5 paragraph 6, delete the word Levy. Correct all spellings of the word Levy to reflect Levee.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. **Robert Prunella, City Manager**

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the start of phase II of Shot Gun Cove Road on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 4:00 at Salmon Run I. Congressman Don Young will be attending a ribbon cutting ceremony. WH Pacific created a 4' x 8' banner that will be hung at the gate.

The Mayor will be surprising Congressman Young with a street/park renaming Salmon Run I to Lu Young Park. Pruhs, WH Pacific, and possibly other state dignitaries will attend.

Bob spoke with the Department of Defense. With their assistance, Bob will get the ball rolling to get the land that the old tank farm sits on at the head of the bay transferred back into City ownership.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Update of the Comprehensive Plan**

The Commission worked page by pages from 1 – 63 of the Comprehensive Plan to amend and update the data. Terri will enter the changes on a soft version of the plan and e-mail it back to Suzanne Taylor. All edits will be recorded.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **Locate the Official City Charter**

Jerry went to Fairbanks over the holiday and attempted to access the UAF Library. They were closed.

b. **Review of Comprehensive Plan**

See above

c. **Coastal Zone Management Program – Seward Tidelands Park:** Tabled

d. **Zoning – Head of Passage Canal:** Tabled

e. **Zoning – Cliffside Marina:** Tabled

f. **Review of Tideland Zoning:** Tabled

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Citizen Monty Irvin asked if there was an existing plat or as built of the local area showing ownership, zoning and open land. Charlene suggested that Mr. Erwin review the existing Comprehensive Plan maps, the City Municipal Codes 15, 16 and 17, (all of which are available online), or stop in the city offices and review the plats that are on the wall as well as the ones in the map drawers. She also stated that the City Clerk should have a copy of the official zoning of the city.

10. **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Rob Cone-Clark stated that he saw in either Business Monthly or the Anchorage Daily News, a public notice that the Port of Anchorage (Municipality of Anchorage) is paying fair market value price for the land at the head of the bay in Whittier to the Department of Defense. Bob Prunella and Jerry Vandergriff corrected the mis-information and stated that it referred to a tank farm in the Municipality of Anchorage.

Bob spoke with the Department of Defense and started the ball rolling to acquire the land that the old tank farm sits on. It will occupy several years to accomplish.

Rob Cone-Clark suggested that plenty of copies of the Comprehensive Plan be ready and available for citizens who are interested in participating in the update process.

11. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

12. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS:**

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 @ 7:00 pm, Home Owners Lounge, BTI.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Rob-Cone Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Jerry Vandergriff seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Attest:

Teresa Wilson

Teresa Wilson,
Commission Clerk

Charlene A. Arneson

Charlene Arneson,
Commission Vice Chairperson