

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES
February 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Planning Commission was held via Zoom from the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers, Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by John Perreault, Chair, following the work session.

A. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chris Guinn Savannah Fletcher
John Perreault Mike Kenna
Eric Muehling Shane Koester
Doug Sims Sandra Mota
Kerynn Fisher

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (A) & EXCUSED (E): Jason McComas-Roe (E)

OTHERS PRESENT: Christine Nelson, Director of Community Planning
Annmarie Billingsley, Asst. Borough Attorney
Nancy Durham, Flood Plain Administrator
Baird Stiefel, Manager of Emergency Operations
Sharon Wittenkeller, Recording Clerk

B. MESSAGES

1. Communications to the Planning Commission

Ms. Nelson gave an update on the APA conference and noted the Clerk would be emailing the Commission the Assembly's Virtual Meeting Protocol memo.

2. Citizen's Comments – limited to three (3) minutes – None.

3. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest – None.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda and consent agenda made by **Commissioner Fisher** and seconded by **Commissioner Koester**. Carried without objection or roll call vote.

D. MINUTES

Minutes from the December 8, 2020 regular meeting were approved.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan** – Recommendation by the Planning Commission regarding the draft update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to be adopted as the updated official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough.

Nancy Durham presented the staff report. Based on the staff analysis, the Department of Community Planning recommended approval to the FNSB Assembly.

The Commission questioned and discussed the following with staff:

- Pre and post disaster mitigation funding accessibility
- National Earthquake Technical Assistance Program Training, located in Table 11-5: 2014 Mitigation Action Plan Objectives Status: Objective E-4 on page 11-27 of the HMP
- The Land Suitability Analysis project update; and changes to Title 17 and Title 18 criteria
- Impacts to private land and population points
- List of hazards origin that are within the Hazard Mitigation Plan; natural hazards only
- Eligibility funding for hazards not included or removed from the Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Cycle of Hazard Mitigation Plan and FEMA approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Floodplain overlay informing the Hazard Mitigation Plan; further updates of floodways
- Community outreach in regard to hazards and wildland issues
- Note to include a reference point for regional seismicity figure 6.1

Public Hearing Opened

No citizens provided comment.

Public Testimony Closed

MOTION: To recommend approval of the draft Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly made by **Commissioner Muehling** and seconded by **Commissioner Sims**.

Commissioner Muehling spoke in favor of the Hazard Mitigation Plan noting that it is a thorough, comprehensive, and necessary plan.

Commissioner Sims noted his support of this essential plan for future community growth and development.

Commissioner Koester echoed the sentiments of the Commissioner Muehling and Sims and stated his support of the importance of pre and post mitigation funding.

Commissioner Fisher stated her support of the critical document for planning purposes and to be able to access funds for hazard mitigation.

ROLL CALL

Nine (9) in Favor: Fletcher, Guinn, Kenna, Koester, Mota, Muehling, Sims, Fisher, Perreault.

Zero (0) Opposed:

MOTION CARRIED – RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

F. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

The absence of Commissioner Sims on March 9 and 23, 2021 are excused.

G. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Koester inquired about iPad email updates and was referred to the Clerk for assistance.

Commissioner Fletcher, Commissioner Muehling, and Chair Perreault welcomed Commissioner Mota to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Guinn inquired about the courses for the APA Convention.

Chair Perreault gave an update of FAST Planning; the non-motorized plan update will be released for public comment soon, the FAST technical committee passed a resolution in support of Alaska administrative code revisions, including suggesting a 3-foot passing rule for cars passing bicycles and updates to right-of-way rules, highway crossings for pedestrians and other off highway transportation modes. Chair Perrault noted that he has served on the FAST-Technical Committee for several years and asked if any other member wished to be the Planning Commission representative.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.