

# CHENA RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

## MINUTES

**May 26, 2021 at 12:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Chena Riverfront Commission was held via Zoom from the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly in the Borough Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Buki Wright, Chair.

### A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wade Binkley, Diana Campbell, Annette Freiburger, Bob Henszey, Julie Jones, Lee Wood and Buki Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Barker (excused) and Brenda Naaktgeboren (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrew Ackerman, City of Fairbanks; John Netardus, DOT; David Hayden, Bell Development; Bert Bell, Bell Development; Renee Rember, Chena Veterinary Clinic; Christi Everetts, TVWA; Ashley Carrick, TVWA; Naomi Rambo, TVWA; Tracy Vanairsdale, Bettisworth North; Kellen Spillman, FNSB Community Planning; Nancy Durham, FNSB Floodplain Manager and Laura Melotte, FNSB Recording Clerk.

### B. MESSAGES

#### 1. Chairman's Comments

**Chair Wright** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. Communications to the Chena Riverfront Commission

**Mr. Spillman** addressed the commission and spoke to the fact that currently borough meetings are being held in a "hybrid" format.

**Mr. Spillman** announced that Kristina Heredia, one of the Planners in Community Planning, resigned her position and has moved out of state.

#### 3. Citizen's Comments

None

#### 4. Disclosure and Statement of Conflict

**Commissioner Binkley** commented that he has worked with David Hayden in the past but feels that he does not have a conflict at this time and can be unbiased.

**Chair Wright** stated that he served on another Board in the past with Mr. Hayden and he too feels that he can be unbiased.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Consent Agenda passes all routine items indicated by asterisk (\*) on agenda. Consent Agenda items are not considered separately unless any Historic Commission member or citizen so requests. In the event of such request, the item is returned to the general agenda.

D. \*MINUTES

\*Minutes of March 30, 2021

**MOTION:** Moved by **Commissioner Henszey**, seconded by **Commissioner Freiburger** to re-order the agenda moving item F1 to the top of the agenda.

**VOTE:** All were in favor. There were no objections.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Commissioner Freiburger**, seconded by **Commissioner Binkley** to approve the minutes of March 30, 2021.

**VOTE:** All were in favor. There were no objections.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Current DOT Projects

**John Netardus** addressed the commission and gave them an update on the various DOT projects that are in progress.

2. CRFC Project List

The commission reviewed its project list. There were no significant changes to any of the items on the project list.

**Christy Everett**, TVWA addressed the commission and gave an update as to what TVWA is doing along the river this summer.

**Naomi Rambo**, TVWA, addressed the commission and introduced herself as the new Field Technician with Adopt-A-Stream.

**Christy Everett** introduced Ashley Carrick as the new \_\_\_ at TVWA.

**Ashley Carrick** addressed the commission and updated them on the storm drain painting project that will be held on Lacy Street this year. She invited all to attend.

3. Chena Riverwalk Resolution No. 2021-10 (Kellen Spillman)

**Mr. Spillman** addressed the commission and gave an update with regards to this agenda item. He stated that the Department of Community Planning is still awaiting a response from the railroad.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Conditional Use 2021-013**: A request by David Hayden, on behalf of Bell Development Inc, for conditional use approval to expand the animal clinic on Lot 2, Herman Subdivision in the Multiple-Family Residential/Professional Office (MFO) zoning district, located at 1830 2nd Avenue in Fairbanks. (Nancy Durham)

**Bert Bell**, Bell Development, addressed the commission and gave a thorough explanation for the need for the Conditional Use permit.

**Ms. Durham** presented her staff report for this proposed Conditional Use permit and provided a draft motion for the commission to utilize should it so desire.

**Commissioner Freiburger** commended Mr. Bell and Ms. Rember for their considerations with regards to the Chena Riverfront Plan.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Commissioner Freiburger**, seconded by **Commissioner Jones** to recommend to FNSB Community Planning staff that CU2021-013 is consistent with the Chena Riverfront Plan, including Goal 1 Policy 3, Objective B; Goal 1, Policy 5, Objective B; Goal 4, Policy 3, Objective A; and Goal 4, Policy3, Objective B. .

Discussion ensued with regards to the vegetation along the river for riparian purposes. **Ms. Rember** commented that they have never cleared the vegetation along the riverbank.

**Mr. Hayden** addressed the commission and made himself available for further questions.

**VOTE:** All were in favor. There were no objections.

G. EXCUSED FUTURE ABSENCES

None noted.

H. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS / COMMUNICATIONS

**Commissioner Campbell** thanked all who have been involved in the various projects along the river.

**Commissioner Henszey** echoed Ms. Campbells comments.

**Commissioner Freiburger** also thanked all who have been involved in the various projects along the river.

**Commissioner Binkley** did not have any additional comments to make.

I. AGENDA SETTING

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn by **Mr. Henszey**, seconded by **Ms. Freiburger**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.