



Municipality of Anchorage

Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

A G E N D A

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

VIRTUAL ONLY

Via Microsoft Teams

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I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Establishment of Quorum

B. Disclosures

II. MINUTES

A. July 24, 2024, Regular Meeting

B. September 26, 2024, Special Meeting

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (3-minute limit)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT

A. Future Issues

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 22, 2025



Municipality of Anchorage
Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission

ACTION SUMMARY

Hybrid: Microsoft Teams
and
Planning Conference Room 170
4700 Elmore Road

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Commissioners	Planning Department Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Creely, Chair • Lee Cruise* • Tamás Deák, Vice Chair • Maddie Halloran (<i>excused</i>) • Holly Kent • Nic Kinsman • Matt Nemeth (<i>excused</i>) • Samantha Simpson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karlie Lamothe, Long-Range Planning • Ryan Yelle, Long-Range Planning Manager • Emma Giboney,* Heritage Land Bank

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Creely called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

A. Establishment of Quorum

B. Disclosures (*none*)

Chair Creely entertained a motion to approve the agenda. **Commissioner Kent** moved; **Commissioner Cruise** seconded. Passed unanimously.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (*none*)

III. MINUTES

A. April 24, 2024 Action Summary

Commissioner Kinsman moved to approve the April 24, 2024 minutes as written. **Chair Creely** seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MOA Wetland Permitting Program

Chair Creely started discussion of local wetland permitting. Background was provided regarding the need for a new permitting process.

Staff revised the application to more clearly state that projects with site disturbance area of less than one acre are considered administratively; disturbance area of one acre or more are considered by the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission (WNRC). Staff requests approval of the wetland permit application and expansion of findings in the resolution.

Commissioner Deák questioned the one-acre threshold. Staff clarified that this was disturbance area rather than lot area and is a common size threshold for similar planning entitlements.

Chair Creely confirmed that revisions may need to be made to the Wetland Permit Application if issues arise once this permit is being used.

Staff provided information that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers delineation will still be required, which will then trigger permitting through the Corps or this wetland permit.

Chair Creely clarified if the WNRC decides upon a wetland permit that comes to the commission. **Staff** confirmed that the commission provides a recommendation rather than being the deciding body. **Staff** relies heavily on the recommendations from boards and commissions.

Chair Creely and Commissioner Deák discussed if permit application and resolution will or will not require a compensatory mitigation effort for all applications. A mitigation bank is only required if called for in the *Anchorage Wetlands Management Plan*.

Commissioners requested that staff work on expanding resolution findings to be discussed at an additional special meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (3-minute limit) (*none*)

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kent moved to adjourn. **Commissioner Kinsman** seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.



Municipality of Anchorage
Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission
Special Meeting Summary
Thursday, September 26, 2024
12:00 Noon
Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Commissioners	Planning Department Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Creely, Chair • Lee Cruise (<i>absent</i>) • Tamás Deák, Vice Chair • Maddie Halloran • Holly Kent (<i>absent</i>) • Nic Kinsman • Matt Nemeth • Samantha Simpson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karlie Lamothe, Long-Range Planning • Ryan Yelle, Long-Range Planning Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Creely called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

A. Establishment of Quorum

B. Disclosures (*none*)

II. RESOLUTION APPROVAL

A. Resolution No. 2024-01, Municipal Wetland Permit Policy

Commissioner Deák moved to approve the resolution. Discussion followed. **Commissioner Kinsman** seconded. Passed unanimously.

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (*none*)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Creely moved to adjourn; **Commissioner Nemeth** seconded. Unanimous approval to adjourn at 12:13 p.m.