

Meeting Summary

July 21, 2011 Haines Comprehensive Plan Work Session

The Haines Planning Commissioner met for a Comprehensive Planning work session on July 21, 2011, from 6:00-8:30 pm. Topics discussed were population projections; a draft of the water, sewer and power sections of the Utility Chapter; and a draft of the Haines Borough Government chapter. Next meetings will be:

Wednesday, August 24, 6:00-8:30 pm, to discuss the draft:

- Solid waste & communications sections of Utilities
- Public Services chapter
- Public Safety chapter
- Region & Borough chapter

Thursday, September 22, 6:00-8:30 pm, to discuss the draft:

- Transportation chapter
- Economic Development chapter

Project mapping consultant will be in Haines week of August 22.

Commission requests that in the future the packet be distributed at least the weekend before the meeting.

Eventually all objectives and actions should be sorted by whether it is short, medium and long term objective/action.

Highlights of meeting conversations are summarized now.

Population Projections

Agree that State projections projecting anywhere from -0.99% to -2.59% annual growth rates do not come close to recent population data for Haines Borough and do not make sense.

Noted that for infrastructure investment don't want to undersize system so estimate high/large, as funding opportunities come rarely and do not want to under size.

Agree to use following projections:

Scenario	Assumed average annual rate of growth	2030 population	2030 total dwelling units needed @ 2.2 pp/du
LOW	0%	2,508	1,140
MED	0.47%	2,756	1,253
HIGH	0.85%	2,971	1,350

Water/Sewer/Power

Need to add information about Covenant Life community utilities; management of Lutak hydro and power facility that feeds state AMHS building and Lutak dock; and clearly ID winter and summer electrical demand (ave and peak) for Haines. Discussed that generally the expansion of the water system is a higher priority from a public health perspective; that with continual maintenance the current wastewater and water treatment plants have the capacity to serve another 200 dwelling units if the current system is extended into Small Tracts/FAA road area, Burke Riley property, or the Cathedral View area (will double check with Carson Dorn); is there a role for Borough in extending water system- perhaps doing engineering to ID accurate LID costs?

Correct the number of residential users of water and demand per day. Double check largest electrical users in Haines-shouldn't Borough be one of them? Update information known about Schube Lake. Add more information if available about Walker Lake potential hydro facility. Scott Bradford notes that cost of electricity is 2nd highest cost for water/sewer system. The Comp Plan will ID possible future power sources, not pick one. Add more about wind and other adjunct power sources.

Haines Borough

Steve Ritzinger provides updates that current borough acreage is 2,063 acres and Borough has just selected an additional 3,167 acres.

Sheinberg is working with Jila Stuart and will add the following to this chapter:

1. Sales tax revenue 10 year trends and current
2. Property tax revenue- 10 year trends and current
3. Haines Borough operating budget (revenues and expenses)- 10 year trends and current
4. Haines Borough operating budget – sources over time /10 year trends and current, concerns
5. Haines Borough capital budget- ten year trends and current
6. Fund balances, 10 year trends and current