

## Meeting Summary, May 26, 2011

### Planning Commission Work Session on Haines Comprehensive Plan

#### Project Schedule

<p><u>June 3 (5 -7pm) Town Meeting &amp; Pizza Party</u>          NOTE: Commissioner, Assembly, staff: please bring salad/side dish to share. Commissioners: please come at 4:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community and Youth Opinion Survey Results</li> <li>• Community Ideas on Goals (all topics), Parks and Recreation Maps/Opportunities, Economic Development natural and strategic assets/competitive advantages</li> </ul>	<p><u>November/December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Commission Review draft</li> <li>• Issue Public Review Draft document</li> <li>• Town Meeting?</li> </ul>
<p><u>July 21, 2011 (6-8:30 pm)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Region &amp; Borough</li> <li>• Haines Borough Government</li> <li>• Utilities and Services</li> <li>• Public Safety</li> </ul>	<p><u>January 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Commission holds Public Hearing/Seeks Comment</li> </ul>
<p><u>August/September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Economic Development</li> <li>• Land Use (begin)</li> </ul>	<p><u>February</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make revisions</li> <li>• Planning Commission Public Hearing to Recommend to Assembly</li> </ul>
<p><u>October/November</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Use</li> </ul>	<p><u>March</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly Hearing and Adoption</li> </ul>

#### Quality of Life chapter

- How wonderful to see the very high quality of life in Haines ratings by both adults and youth.
- Ninety-five percent rate Haines as a very good or good place to raise a family!
- Want to see detail on survey responses for most important issue facing Haines in next 5 years.
- When combine “economy” and “lack of jobs” responses we see that almost half (48%) of ‘top issue’ for next 5 years is about need to strengthen economy, pursue economic opportunity.

#### Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space chapter

- There was support for developing the ‘matrix’ system proposed as a way to help evaluate various park, recreation, trail and open space opportunities. Ideas for factors to use in evaluating were suggested (capital cost and maintenance cost (high-medium-low), fills a ‘gap’, been in an adopted plan for a long time, addresses recreation most used by community, volunteers involved, could be economic driver/opportunity, funding sources available).
- Note that this is setting up a system for evaluation. As new ideas come up over time can add to matrix and use same system to evaluate.

- Need to also consider future desires somehow; can't just think about current use.
- Need to include maintenance on current facilities and trails as well building new.
- There is interest in ultimately using the matrix to identify short-medium-long term priorities.
- Better for list/narrative in this chapter to be as complete as possible because inclusion in Comp Plan and narrative can be used as support for future funding.
- Several missing recreation facilities from current inventory and possible new were identified.
- Want to see "other" responses to survey recreation question.
- Support for idea of pre-identifying and designating as open space an area for mitigation of future wetlands impacts to facilitate future development permitting.

### **Revisions Made at Meeting to 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Goal Statements**

**Goals** are concise, general statements of the desired future the Haines Borough and its citizens. Some are affirmations of current conditions; others will inspire direction to achieve over time.

#### **Quality of Life**

Celebrate Haines's excellent quality of life, which is based in large part on:

- The outdoors and natural beauty
- Our small town atmosphere and community
- The presence of family and friends
- Safety and low crime
- Ease of transportation with road, marine and air access
- Abundant hunting and fishing opportunities

Recognize that quality of life is part of what keeps residents living here and draws potential businesses and residents to the area.

#### **Haines Borough Government**

Continue to a) Maintain a balanced municipal budget; b) Conduct government policy and budget processes in an open manner that welcomes public participation; and c) Set up systems to evaluate competing funding demands, set community top priorities, and implement.

#### **Economic Development**

Support, strengthen and diversify infrastructure, opportunities and services for existing businesses.

Build the Haines' economy by providing infrastructure, opportunities and services that will help provide new jobs and revenue, build on local assets, and provide needed goods and services while maintaining public health, safety and welfare.

Maintain a local business-friendly regulatory environment.

Note: Will add a 4<sup>th</sup> goal statement after there is a complete listing of Haines’s natural assets and competitive advantages. The goal will affirm the desire to support economic development that builds on these local strengths.

### **Land Use**

Guide development in Haines Borough to ensure an adequate supply of appropriately zoned land is available to meet the full array of community needs, including but not limited to, viable commercial and industrial development, varied residential living and neighborhoods, and diverse recreational opportunities.

Continue thoughtful and balanced Haines Borough land acquisition and disposal.

### **Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space**

Provide a diversity of parks, recreation facilities, trails and open spaces to meet the needs of Haines residents and visitors now and in the future.

Capitalize on the community’s unique setting and natural beauty to develop recreation opportunities for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

Capitalize on the community’s unique setting and natural beauty to promote economic opportunity.

### **Transportation**

Provide a safe, convenient, reliable and integrated transportation network to move goods and people to, from and within Haines Borough.

Ensure access to work, school, services, facilities, and for hunting, fishing, subsistence and recreation.

### **Utilities and Services**

Continue to provide or support adequate and cost effective infrastructure and services to enable residential living, economic opportunity and add to the quality of life.

### **Public Safety**

Continue to a) Provide effective public safety services to residents and visitors; and b) Place a high value on the safe low-crime environment that exists for adults, children and seniors.

**Excursion Inlet** NOTE: These goals will be finalized after outreach to Excursion Inlet businesses and property owners.

Continue to recognize the economic contribution to Haines Borough that the seafood processing facility in Excursion Inlet makes and support infrastructure.

Support the recreational cabin use and lifestyle of the Haines Borough’s remote property owners.