



Haines Borough
Planning Commission Meeting
March 13, 2014
MINUTES

Approved

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** – Chairman **Goldberg** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Assembly Chambers and led the pledge to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL** – **Present:** Chairman Rob **Goldberg**, Commissioners Don **Turner III**, Lee **Heinmiller**, Danny **Gonce**, Heather **Lende** and Andy **Hedden**, Robert **Venables** (called in).
Staff Present: Stephanie **Scott**/Mayor, Julie **Cozzi**/Interim Borough Manager, Carlos **Jimenez**/Director of Public Facilities, and Tracy **Cui**/Planning & Zoning Technician III.
Also Present: Brad **Ryan**, Roger **Schnabel**.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion: **Turner** moved to “approve the agenda”. **Heinmiller** seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 13, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
Motion: **Gonce** moved to “approve the February 13, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.” **Hedden** seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None
6. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** - None
7. **STAFF REPORTS**
 - A. **Planning & Zoning Report**
Cui reported recent permitting and enforcement activities.
8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - A. **Roger Schnabel – C-208-TL-0400**
Motion: **Venables** moved to “uphold the manager’s decision that a landfill is in operation and in violation of Borough code”. **Heinmiller** seconded it.

More discussion ensued. The Planning Commission decided that storage of used concrete and asphalt is not a landfill.

The motion failed 0-7 with all planning commissioners opposed.

Motion: **Turner** moved to “confirm the manager’s decision that the material brought to the site was a violation of the permit, and that the material must be removed by October 31, 2014”. **Hedden** seconded it.

The motion carried unanimously.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Historic District/Building Review** – None

B. Haines Borough Code Amendments

1. Black Water Disposal within the Haines Borough

The commissioners agreed that the draft ordinance needs to be revised, and the staff needs to work with ADEC to collect more information on this topic.

2. Adding Setback Regulations to the General Use Zone

Mayor **Scott** said the Assembly was concerned the enforcement of a setback regulation in the general use zone may become a problem because the Borough does not have land use permit applications in the general use zone. Chairman **Goldberg** presented two alternative options to address the concern. Mayor **Scott** suggested this topic be scheduled on the joint meeting's agenda.

C. Project Updates – None

D. Other New Business

1. Possible Identifying of a Motorized Park within Townsite Service Area

Motion: **Venables** moved that “Industrial areas in the Townsite Service Area, such as Jones Point and Lutak Inlet, can be considered for a motorized park; if the Assembly wishes to pursue this it should be sent to the Parks and Recreation Committee”. **Turner** seconded it.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Haines Wetland Program Plan

Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition representative **Ryan** conducted a presentation to the Planning Commission about Haines wetland program plans. He said this program is seeking a partnership with the Borough.

The commissioners are in favor of participating in the program. Mayor **Scott** suggested **Ryan** present it again at the joint meeting.

3. Joint Meeting of the Planning Commission and the Assembly

Mayor **Scott** discussed agenda topics with the commissioners. The joint meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 20th, 2014.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS - None

12. COMMUNICATION - None

13. SET MEETING DATES – The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014.

14. ADJOURNMENT– 10:22 p.m.