



Haines Borough
Planning Commission Meeting
May 8, 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 Lee **Heinmiller**, Heather **Lende** (came in at 7:45 p.m.), Andy **Hedden**, and Robert **Venables**; **Absent:** Danny **Gonce**, and Don **Turner III**.

Staff Present: Stephanie **Scott**/Mayor, David **Sosa**/Borough Manager, and Tracy **Cui**/Planning & Zoning Technician III.

Also Present: Sean **Gaffney**, Bart **Henderson**, Margaret **Friedenauer** (KHNS), Debra **Schnabel** (liaison)

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: **Heinmiller** moved to “approve the agenda”. **Venables** seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – March 13, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: **Venables** moved to “approve the March 13, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes.” **Hedden** seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

6. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Goldberg stated the Borough received a rezoning petition from the land owners along Chilkat Lake Road. The code requires the Planning Commission shall have 60 days from the date of the proposal to make its full report to the Assembly. During this time, the Planning Commission shall provide public notice and hold one public hearing on the proposed zoning change and declare its findings by a formal motion.

Motion: **Venables** moved to accept the Sundberg rezoning petition for land along Chilkat Lake Road and schedule it for a public hearing in June. **Hedden** seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

- A. **Planning & Zoning Report**

Cui reported recent permitting and enforcement activities.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **Possible Rezoning of Sawmill Road Area**

Goldberg stated the Borough-owned ball field may be rezoned from heavy industrial to recreational. Also, there are two properties that have zoning lines in the middle of them. One is owned by Bart **Henderson**; and the other is owned by Sean **Gaffney**.

Goldberg suggested **Henderson's** property be rezoned to light industrial commercial, and **Gaffney's** property be rezoned to rural mixed use.

Henderson said the heavy industrial zone is not compatible with Sawmill Creek.

Schnabel said having properties zoned heavy industrial next to the cemetery needs to be considered due to a matter of sensibility.

No motion was made. The commissioners agreed to put this item on the next meeting's agenda.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Historic District/Building Review – None

B. Haines Borough Code Amendments

1. Dry Cabins

No motion was made. The commissioners agreed to table the proposal.

C. Project Updates – None

D. Other New Business

1. Parking Plan for Port Chilkoot

Schnabel said the businesses in the Port Chilkoot area are growing, and they are in high demand for parking spaces. She is seeking solutions from the commission to address this issue.

Goldberg said the commission recommended the Assembly amend the code by allowing on-street parking to count toward the parking requirement. However, the proposed ordinance was not adopted.

No motion was made. The commissioners suggested that placement of parking signage around the parade grounds may help remedy the problem.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS

The 3rd Avenue reconstruction project was discussed.

Motion: Venables moved to request for the Borough Manager to investigate the possibility of adding sidewalks from the library to the corner of 3rd Avenue and the Haines Highway as part of the 3rd Avenue reconstruction project. **Lende** seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

12. COMMUNICATION - None

13. SET MEETING DATES – The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

14. ADJOURNMENT– 8:55 p.m.