

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Dmitri Fonov, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7



Doug Glenn, District 1
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Andrew Shane, District 4
Linn McCabe, District 5
Wilfred Fernandez, District 6
Curt Scoggin, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

JOINT ASSEMBLY/PLANNING COMMISSION

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ASSEMBLY ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

PLANNING COMMISSION ROLL CALL

Present: Planning Commissioner Doug Glenn, Planning Commissioner Richard Allen, Planning Commission Chairperson C.J. Koan, Planning Commissioner Andrew Shane, Planning Commissioner Linn McCabe, and Planning Commissioner Curt Scoggin.

Excused: Planning Commissioner Wilfred Fernandez

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Planning Commission Chairperson C.J. Koan.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, congratulated Assemblymember Sumner on his appointment. Advised that should he ever have any questions, to please reach out.

VI. JOINT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Bogard Road Corridor Access Management Plan Update (Requested by Administration)

Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director; Tom Adams, Public Works Director; and Laurie Cummings, Planner with HDR Alaska, provided an update regarding the Bogard Road Corridor Access Management Plan.

B. Transportation Infrastructure Program Update (Requested by Administration)

Tom Adams, Public Works Director, provided an update regarding the Transportation Infrastructure Program.

C. Safe Streets For All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Update (Requested by Administration)

Joni Wilm, Michael Baker International Project Manager, presented the Safe Streets for all Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, PLANNING COMMISSION, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Planning Commissioner McCabe encouraged the Assembly to look at creating more youth shooting opportunities.

Planning Commissioner Scoggin spoke to the need to increase awareness of the dangers of using cell phones while driving.

Planning Commissioner Allen noted that he enjoyed all the presentations.

Planning Commissioner Shane thanked staff for the presentations.

Planning Commissioner Glenn thanked staff for the presentations. Spoke in support of road safety improvements.

Planning Commission Chairperson Koan thanked staff for the presentations. Spoke to her appreciation of joint meetings.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked staff for the informative presentations.

Mayor DeVries spoke to the open house on November 6, 2024, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Career & Technical School, to share information about the Bogard Road and Seldon Road upgrades.

Assemblymember McKee spoke to the need for more driver education.

Assemblymember Bernier wished Tom Adams happy birthday. Said a prayer.

Assemblymember Sumner thanked everyone for attending. Spoke to a recent vehicle accident and the need for safer roads.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to his experience with bad drivers and the need for safer roads.

Assemblymember Fonov thanked staff for the presentations. Stated that he wished there was more of a question-and-answer period.

Mayor DeVries thanked the body for the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

October 8, 2024, Joint Assembly/Planning Meeting Minutes

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 12/17/24