FNSB PLANNING COMMISSION
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
August 28, 2018 ACTION MEMO
6:00 pm

Please refer to Planning Commission Rule #25: Any action taken during this meeting is subject to reconsideration during this meeting or at the next. A request for reconsideration at the next meeting must be submitted in writing by a Planning Commissioner (who voted on the prevailing side) by the close of business the day following the meeting.

Roll Call, Opening Statements, Agenda and *Consent Agenda.

Commissioners Present:         Chris Guinn  Mike Stepovich
                               John Perreault  Doug Sims
                               Robert Peterson  Eric Muehling
                               David Brandt  Patricia Thayer

Commissioners Absent & Excused:  Mindy O’Neall  Charles Whitaker
                               Wendy Presler

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

*MINUTES
1. *Minutes from the April 24, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting.

Audio Track 1

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

1. CU2018-004 A request by Sandra Mota on behalf of the Fairbanks North Star Borough for conditional use approval of public utility and service use (municipal snow storage) on a 1.75-acre portion of Tract B, Hamilton Acre Reserve Subdivision in the Outdoor Recreational (OR) zone, expanding the existing City of Fairbanks snow storage located on Tract A, Hamilton Acre Reserve Subdivision onto Tract B (located at 103 Hamilton Avenue, on the east side of Hamilton Avenue, north of Chena River). (Staff Contact: Manish Singh)

Audio: Track 1, 2, 3 & 4

FINDINGS OF FACT IN DENIAL

1. Protecting both private property rights and promote public health, safety and welfare by not clearcutting current forested area for a snow dump.
2. The applicant failed to demonstrate the need to expand the existing site.
3. The site location and proposed expansion adversely impacts surrounding residential areas due to increased noise impacts, should clearcutting of the existing forested area by reducing the noise buffer.
4. Denial of application fits comprehensive plan Goal 4, strategy 10, action B: to develop a pattern of compatible land uses, and to buffer incompatible land uses. As well as goal 3, to have a variety of land uses that fit the diverse needs of the community, strategy 7, provide a variety of residential land use opportunities and maintaining existing residential areas that can accommodate diverse lifestyles.

CU2018-004 DENIED
[SEVEN IN FAVOR/ONE OPPOSED]

LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

1. **HP2019-001 FMATS Sidewalk Improvements**: A request by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for local planning authority approval of the FMATS Sidewalk Upgrade project. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), in cooperation with participating agencies within the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System (FMATS) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), propose to construct, reconstruct, or improve pedestrian facilities in five (5) locations in the Fairbanks North Star Borough under the FMATS Sidewalk Improvement Program FFY2016-2018 (Design). The proposed project locations are as follows:
   A. City of Fairbanks
      1. 5th Avenue (Barnette Street to Cowles Street)
      2. Bjerremark Street (26th Avenue to approximately 100 feet south of 27th Avenue).
      3. Cowles Street (23rd Avenue to 29th Avenue).
   B. City of North Pole
      1. Homestead Drive (Old Richardson Highway to Perimeter Drive)
   C. Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB)
      1. Loftus Road

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The FMATS Sidewalk Improvements project will “ensure that road designs improve safety and minimize adverse impacts”, and “integrate pedestrian-friendly sidewalks as enhancements during road construction and maintenance”. *(Transportation and Infrastructure: Goal 1, Strategy 1, Action C)*
2. The FMATS Sidewalk Improvements project will help to “make the borough more pedestrian friendly”. *(Transportation and Infrastructure Goal 1, Strategy 3)*
3. The FMATS Sidewalk Improvements project will “encourage use of non-motorized transportation systems”. *(Transportation and Infrastructure Goal 1, Strategy 4, Action B)*

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Excuse Future Absences, Commissioner’s Comments and Adjournment.

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Further information may be obtained from *FNSB Department of Community Planning* at 459-1260