

1 **Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**
2 **Denali Borough Planning Commission**
3 **Tri-Valley Community Center**
4 **October 16, 2019**

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6 **PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 PM**

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8 A) Denali Borough Municipal Land Management Plans – Draft

- 9 1. Sections covering Kobe Ag. North 40's, Brown's Court, Windy Hills, Quota Subdivision, Rex
10 Bridge, East and West

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12 B) Denali Borough Code (DBC) Ch. 9.15 – Conditional Land Use

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14 C) Emergency Services Life Flight Airport Research

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16 D) Resolution PC19-02 – draft

- 17 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SITE SELECTION STUDY TO INFORM THE POSSIBLE
18 RELOCATION OF CLEAR AIRPORT

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20 E) Land Use and Airport Planning Guide

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22 Tallon Shreeve from Healy spoke in favor of the research for emergency life flight as well as for
23 Resolution PC 19-02. He would like a regional airport to be added to the research regarding airport
24 relocation.

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26 **REGULAR MEETING**

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28 **CALL TO ORDER**

29 Presiding Officer Kesslyn TENCH called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

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31 **ROLL CALL**

32 Planning commissioners present were: Kesslyn TENCH, Erik HAUGEN, Lee LIGHTFOOT, Steve
33 JONES and Baxter MERCER.

34 Absent: Mark MENKE, Susan BRAUN and James WILLIAMSON.

35 Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

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37 Kesslyn TENCH MOVED to excuse Mark MENKE, Susan BRAUN and James WILLIAMSON.

38 The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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40 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

41 Planning Commissioners read written public comment from Barbara Brease.

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43 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

44 Lee LIGHTFOOT MOVED to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded.

45 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

1 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2 Baxter MERCER MOVED to approve the September 18, 2019 public hearing and regular meeting
3 minutes as presented.

4 The motion was seconded.

5 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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7 **CORRESPONDENCE**

8 There was no correspondence

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10 **PLATS AND CONDITIONAL USES**

11 There were no plats or conditional uses.

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13 **REPORTS**

14 **MAYOR**

15 Mayor Clay Walker reviewed information in the attached written report along with additional
16 comments:

- 17 • Census 2020: Census day is April 21st; there are nine questions, answers can be completed
18 online beginning March 13th, or in person with a census worker who comes to your door. All
19 information is confidential. Municipalities can form a Complete Count Committee to help with
20 outreach on the census and the Mayor asked if a planning commissioner would want to be part
21 of that committee. He would like borough response to the census to have a better participation
22 rate than previously to obtain more accurate information.
- 23 • The Mayor's Annual Report was mailed out to borough residents this week.

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25 **BOROUGH PLANNER**

- 26 • Land Planner Marsha Lambert reported that the Alaska Planning Conference will be February
27 9th-11th, 2020.
- 28 • There is a request for a building setback on a plat and she requested there be a special
29 meeting in December so it can be placed on the agenda.

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31 **PLANNING COMMISSIONER REPORT FROM THE ASSEMBLY MEETING**

32 Erik HAUGEN stated that he reported to the assembly what the planning commission covered in the
33 last meeting.

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35 **COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUEST**

36 Planning Commissioners received a letter added to the packet by Mayor Walker regarding the status
37 of the Healy River Airport written by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

38 Discussion followed regarding the status of Healy River Airport and the Clear Airstrip.

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40 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 41 1. Denali Borough Municipal Land Management Plans – draft
42 Sections covering Kobe Aq. North 40's, Brown's Court, Windy Hills, Quota Subdivision, Rex
43 Bridge, East and West

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45 Lee LIGHTFOOT MOVED to adopt and send the draft Denali Borough Municipal Land
46 Management Plan, sections covering Northern Anderson Road, Clear Airport, Swan Lake,
47 Landfill and Antler Creek to the assembly.

48 The MOTION was seconded.

1 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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3 Planning Commissioners agreed by unanimous consent to postpone the draft Denali Borough
4 Municipal Land Management Plans to the next meeting agenda; sections covering Ferry,
5 Montana Creek, Yanert, Yanert B, Nenana River 1 and Nenana River 2.

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7 2. Denali Borough Code Ch. 9.15 – Conditional Land Use

8 Steve JONES MOVED to postpone until further information can be obtained regarding section
9 9.15.030 Definitions, R. "Commercial earth material extraction" and section 9.15.080
10 Exemptions in this draft of conditional uses.

11 The MOTION was seconded.

12 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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14 3. Emergency Services Life Flight Airport Research

15 a. Letter from Denali National Park re: Denali Park airstrip, INR

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17 Planning commissioners received the response to the inquiry regarding using Denali Park airstrip for
18 air ambulance. There is no plan to expand the park airstrip; air ambulance service does not land at
19 INR.

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21 Presiding Officer Kesslyn TENCH called for a break at 7:18 PM.

22 Presiding Officer Kesslyn TENCH called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

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24 **NEW BUSINESS**

25 1. Resolution PC19-02 – draft

26 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SITE SELECTION STUDY TO INFORM THE POSSIBLE
27 RELOCATION OF CLEAR AIRPORT

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29 Steve JONES MOVED to introduce Resolution PC 19.02 – draft.

30 The MOTION was seconded.

31 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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33 There was discussion regarding the Missile Defense Agency and Department of Defense and
34 adding them to the last paragraph of the resolution.

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36 Eric HAUGEN MOVED to change the wording in the last paragraph to: "Now therefore be it
37 resolved, the Denali Borough Planning Commission supports a site selection study, in partnership
38 with Department of Defense, Missile Defense Agency, Denali Borough and State of Alaska
39 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, for a replacement airport which can meet
40 federal standards.

41 The MOTION was seconded.

42 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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44 Baxter MERCER MOVED to approve, as amended, Resolution PC19.02.

45 The MOTION was seconded

46 The roll call VOTE was unanimous.

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48 2. Land Use and Airport Planning guide

1 Planning Commissioners received this guide for information purposes.

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3 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4 Kathleen Lake from Ferry commented on the conditional use permit regarding mining and the
5 exemption section, opposing additional borough permit approvals for gold mining.

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7 Stephanie Stickle from Healy commented that she lives downwind from the business corridor on the
8 Parks highway and the large amount trash blowing down the highway and the impact to her
9 personally of it accumulating on her property. She would like something put in place for containment
10 of garbage.

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12 **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

13 Commissioners thanked those in attendance for coming along with the following comments:

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- 15 • Baxter MERCER agreed with Kathy Lake that if we are going to exempt one entity, we should
16 make it the same for all.
- 17 • Lee LIGHTFOOT also agreed with Kathy Lake regarding the exemption portion of code
18 discussed tonight.
- 19 • Erik HAUGEN also agreed with Kathy Lake and that there needs to be work on the exemption
20 portion of the conditional uses.
- 21 • Steve JONES mentioned that the permit process being proposed isn't costly and that it would
22 be good to know where a mining or extraction operation is happening. He also wondered if the
23 previously considered zoning of a Nenana River Scenic Corridor should be reconsidered.
- 24 • Kesslyn TENCH commented that our comprehensive plan includes the idea of a regional
25 airport north of Healy and wondered if that needs to be updated to make the statement more
26 flexible.
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29 **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT TO THE ASSEMBLY**

30 Select Commissioner to provide the Planning Commission report to the Assembly on Wednesday,
31 November 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Anderson school.

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33 Baxter MERCER offered to attend the Wednesday, November 13, 2019 Denali Borough Assembly
34 meeting and provide the Planning Commission report.

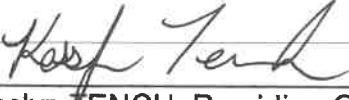
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36 **TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

- 37 1. The November 20th meeting has been cancelled.
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- 39 2. Planning Commissioners cancelled the December 18, 2019 meeting for lack of a quorum.
40 Planning Commissioners scheduled a Special Meeting December 3, 2019 to address a
41 resolution regarding a plat note. Meeting place will be the borough office at 6:00 PM.
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- 43 3. The next regularly scheduled meeting time is Wednesday, January 15, 2019: Public Hearing at
44 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting following the Public Hearing at the Tri-Valley Community Center.
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47 **ADJOURNMENT**

1 Presiding Officer Kesslyn TENCH adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.
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5 APPROVED: _____


6 Kesslyn TENCH, Presiding Officer
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10 ATTEST: _____


11 Connie MacMaster, Deputy Clerk
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14 Date Approved: _____
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