

**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
LANDS AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

May 5 2014, 5:00 PM.

Assembly Chambers

I. ROLL CALL

Carlton Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Members Present: Mary Becker; Jesse Kiehl; Carlton Smith; Loren Jones

Liaisons Present: Karen Lawfer, Planning Commission; Jeff Wilson, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee; Mike Peterson, Docks & Harbors Board

Staff Present: Greg Chaney, Lands Manager; Jessica Beck, Lands & Resources Specialist

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Chaney said the City Attorney was not clear on the pathway for the Assembly to waive the fees for an easement and removed the Request to Waive Building and Grading Permit Fees for the Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church Remodel from the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 14, 2014

The minutes of the April 14, 2014 Lands Committee were approved with minor changes.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Request to Waive Building and Grading Permit Fees for Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church Remodel

This item was tabled until farther clarification from the Law Department.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. 2A Subdivision - Verbal Update

Mr. Chaney said the US Army Corps of Engineers is still reviewing the wetland fill application. He had a meeting with them last week. They said they will be sending it out for public comments soon. We will let you know when that happens.

B. Pederson Hill - Verbal Update

Mr. Chaney said the Law Department is drafting an ordinance for Assembly consideration of the rezone of Pederson Hill from D1(T)D5 to a combination of D10 and D10SF.

C. Spring Lena Land Sale - Verbal Update

Mr. Chaney said bids are due Friday, May 9th for the Lena Land Sale. We have two lots for sale. We have had some interest but it's impossible to tell how many people are actually going to submit bids. We will let you know the status at our next meeting.

D. North Franklin Lot - Verbal Update

Mr. Kiehl stated he had a conflict and stepped down for this discussion item.

Mr. Chaney said proposals for the North Franklin Parking Lot are due May 8th. We have had some interest. We will have the status of this at our next meeting.

E. Reality TV Production Coming to Juneau - Verbal Report

Mr. Chaney said the Brew Dogs will be here in May to film various things dealing with drinking and brewing beer.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Wilson: In order of magnitude, what would you estimate the fees would be for the grading and building permits for the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church?

Mr. Chaney: I think they will be a few hundred dollars. The other issue we're having is dealing with the fees for the easement. The City Attorney wasn't sure if the Assembly had the power to waive them, so we'll be discussing that. The easement fees are based on an appraisal.

Ms. Lawfer: Are they also looking at waiving fees for other non-profit and religious organizations, or is this dealing with just St. Nicholas?

Mr. Chaney: We are talking just about this application, but my feeling is that we would need some kind of policy for waiving building and permit fees. That is a broad range of fees. As far as the easement fees, this project will have benefits for the City because they will be collecting water for their drainage project and it will go underneath the sidewalk via underground drainage. Right now it's flowing over the sidewalk, which creates a sheet of ice in the winter. The drainage improvements will be a public benefit which is why I don't think we should charge for the easement.

Liaison Reports:

Mr. Peterson: No report from Docks & Harbors.

Mr. Wilson: No reports from Parks & Recreation.

Ms. Lawfer: The ordinance for the wireless communications facility is very different than anything you've seen if you looked at it a month ago. The Planning Commission is having a special Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00pm on Thursday to work on this plan to the Assembly.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.