

Minutes
Planning Commission
Committee of the Whole
CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU
Michael LeVine, Chairman
April 13, 2021

I. ROLL CALL

Michael LeVine, Chairman, called the Regular Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) Planning Commission (PC), held in the Assembly Chambers of the Municipal Building, to order at 6:03 p.m.

Commissioners present: All Commissioners present via video conferencing – Michael LeVine, Chairman; Nathaniel Dye, Vice Chairman; Paul Voelckers, Clerk; Travis Arndt, Deputy Clerk; Ken Alper; Dan Hickok; Josh Winchell; Erik Pedersen; Mandy Cole

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Jill Maclean, CDD Director; Alexandra Pierce, Planning Manager; Irene Gallion, Senior Planner

Assembly members: Loren Jones

II. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Rules of Order

Mr. Voelckers gave a brief synopsis of the process of the review and revision of Rules of Order by the governance committee and presented proposed changes. The significant proposed rules changes include:

- Rule 2-A Date and Time of Regular Meetings –
 - Possibly changing the start time of the meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - It was mentioned that if the meetings start an hour earlier, the ending time would also be an hour earlier.
 - Commissioners Alper, Voelckers and Arndt all commented a preference for the 7:00 p.m. start time.
 - It was decided to leave the start time a 7:00 p.m.
- Rule 5 Order of Business
 - Removal of Item XV. *Continuation of Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.*
 - Attorney Layne suggested keeping it in order to give the public a chance to be heard in case they miss the beginning of the meeting.

- It was decided to keep Item XV on the agenda.
- Rule 6-C Standing Committees
 - Eliminated the Subdivision Review Committee
 - Added CIP Committee
- Rule 8-A Speaking on the Question
 - Added the phrase *“The Chair may disallow non-germane questions and comments.”*
- Rule 9-F
 - Added the phrase *“Except in accordance with Rule 17,”* telephonic participation by an applicant or member of the public is not permitted.
 - Ms. Cole expressed concern with this rule considering the Commission has shown it can successfully conduct business via zoom and telephone and also stated there could be equity issues for people with access or mobility issues.
 - Mr. LeVine suggested taking this topic at a later meeting.
 - Mr. LeVine also noted there are technology complications conducting meetings in both in-person and electronic methods simultaneously.
 - Assembly member Jones explained the Assembly is also working toward a solution to this issue.
- Rule 10-A-1 Subject Matter
 - Added the phrase *“Questions posed to Commissioners or staff will not be answered directly during the time allotted for public testimony”*
 - Mr. Voelckers suggested considering changing “answered” to “addressed”
- Mr. LeVine suggested adding to the rules a statement that commissioners are expected to arrive to meetings on time and to include a limit on how late one can be before they should not be able to participate.

B. Presentation by Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition: Stormwater BMP

John Hudson, Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition Restoration Biologist, gave a presentation titled *Stormwater Management in the Lower Jordan Creek Watershed*.

Mr. Hudson explained Jordan Creek is one of five impaired water bodies in Juneau due to sediments and other pollutants and to urban encroachment. The Coalition is working with CBJ and private entities to mitigate or correct the damage where possible. A goal of the Coalition is to continue to work with the CBJ to mitigate and improve impacts to waterways and fish spawning in the area.

III. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

IV. **REPORT OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES** – None

V. **ADJOURNMENT** – 6:57p.m.