

PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of March 11, 2008, was called to order by Tom Ferrazzi at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Assembly Chambers of the Borough Building in Naknek, Alaska.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Harold Allen, Jay King, Steve Jones, Tom Ferrazzi, Matt Niedermeyer and Elizabeth Eckert.

Also Present: Yvonne Kopy; Planning Specialist and Tami Johnson; clerk.

Excused Absence: Steve (Slim) Morstad

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tom Ferrazzi noted that there were a couple of additions to the Agenda. One under Persons to be Heard, Isabel Babiak and one site development permit application under Communications A. 1. b. also under Communications 4. N.E.A. BY GENERAL CONSENSUS THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA.

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

MATT NIEDERMEYER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRIOR MINUTES AND JAY KING SECONDED THE MOTION. Discussion followed with Matt Niedermeyer stating that under Commissioners Comments should read as follows: "Am I correct in the assumption that the only things that the Bristol Bay Borough is required to do, is have taxation, education and planning & zoning, is that correct?" The Planning & Zoning Specialist responded "I don't know." Matt inquired as to whether they had hired a fourth policeman? He was told yes. MATT NIEDERMEYER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT PRIOR MINUTES AS AMENDED. ELIZABETH ECKERT SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Isabel Babiak approached the Commission and read the following: I am in 3rd grade here at the Bristol Bay School. I came here to ask the commission to consider an idea I had for our community. I would like a fitness and bike trail to

be built here in the Borough. I think it should start behind the Head Start playground, loop around the big field behind the school go up the hill to the Elders home, come down past the pool, NEA, and the post office, and turn right onto the highway until it gets to Monsen St. across from Naknek Trading. It would be about two miles all together. The fitness trail portion would be the part of the trail that loops through the school field. This could be used by the school kids for PE as well as by community members before and after school.

These are the reasons I think we should have this trail:

- 1) We are told we have a childhood obesity epidemic by many of the experts and this would be a great way to give the kids in this community another opportunity to exercise and fight that.
- 2) With the trail going by the Elders home they will have a safe and level place to walk. Exercise decreases the risk of hear disease, diabetes, and cancer, and also improves lung function, keeps bones strong and makes people happier.
- 3) There are many people who walk on the side of the road from school sport teams to cannery workers in the summer time. The section of path that would go through the center of town would help increase pedestrian and traffic safety.
- 4) The trail can be used for jogging, walking, biking, skating and skateboarding. It will meet the needs of lots of different people.
- 5) It would make Bristol Bay Borough a healthier and more fun place to live!

My Dad says there are drainage issues, buried utilities, and rights of way that will have to be figured out. I know there is a lot of planning to do, but I am willing to help figure this out. I know there is work being done this year that is bringing into town paving equipment. We should put it to good use while it is here this summer. My Mom said that there may be about \$50,000 that the Naknek Native Village Council has available, and could possibly be used for this project. The Diabetes Prevention program at BBAHC may have grant money to assist in this project too. The actual fitness equipment pieces are between \$400 and \$1200 each depending on the item. The website we looked at said a selection of 6 to 10 pieces would provide a complete workout. To get about 10 for a nice fitness trail will probably cost about \$10,000 plus shipping. My Dad said that Wards Cove would probably be willing to give the right of way on its property across the street from the store. We would have to get some others to agree as well, but a lot of

the land is already Borough Property. I know you will have the support of the community and I thank you all for listening to my idea.

Lisa Babiak wanted the commission to know that Isabel had spent time getting support from the community with 92 signatures on her petition.

Sheila Everhardt stated that Isabel is a fine young lady and was very impressed that our 3rd grade was learning about government and community. How one persons voice can implement wonderful ideas and projects in our community. We are very proud of her. The other thing she wanted to mention was Jack Walsh the school Superintendent had mentioned grading the fields to make outdoor soccer facilities for our youth because a soccer program was started indoors earlier this fall. The bike/fitness trail would be a nice combination with the outdoor soccer fields. I am here to take Isabel to the School Board meeting and let them know that she had attended the Planning & Zoning meeting.

Riley Lyon – I think that if we did this project it would maybe be potentially used for a future cross country team, and maybe any other teams for other sports. There is not enough stuff for kids to do around here and I think this would be a good thing for lots of kids to do. It might make a whole lot of elders and people that are oversized maybe realize how they should be more careful about their health care. Today at school when Isabel was talking to a lot of the students many of them were very very excited and I'm sure that the people who haven't heard yet will be excited. We might be able to ask some kids at school to volunteer to help, if this happens, to build it and I will be willing to help put a work crew together.

Yvonne Kopy did take pizza to the third grade class as instructed and Isabel had come up with this on her own. This is a project that the community would support. Tom Ferrazzi stated we will put this under New Business for our next meeting.

Eddie Clark stated that someone should write a letter to the Naknek Native Village Council, he knows they have roads and trails monies. This is really a good idea. What I'm looking for is, you guys are pushing trails and bike paths and for four years I've tried to get the Borough Managers to get our dogs under control in our community and I think I need a little support from the community or maybe from Planning & Zoning. When I mention dog control to our Borough Manager he snickers, I think he thinks it's funny. The older I get to keep my pilot license, I need to walk and exercise and there are a lot of people that do. We have a dog problem and they refuse to address it and it's getting worse. It's fine and

dandy to do bike paths and walking paths but if you don't get the dogs under control, if you ever walked with dogs or walked, you get attacked by all the dogs in town. We need to get the dogs under control. I would like a letter of support from you people on the dog situation in our town. I think we have a dog problem.

Shelby Boothe- The Borough has been involved with a bike path for several years now. At one time the State had appropriated \$600,000.00 for a bike path. The Borough was required to do about 80-20 match. There was a lot of engineering done for the bike path. It was going to start here at Fisherman's and go to Donna G on this end of town, pick up at Flat Nose Henry in King Salmon and go down to the boat ramp in King Salmon. That was a grandiose plan and the cost went up into the millions. I think everyone wants a bike path. I've been to Dillingham, and you'd be surprised to see how many people use that. One of the reasons a lot of us don't exercise is because we don't have a safe place to do it. I used to ride my bike on the highway and man you get terrorized, particularly in the summertime, with all the transient traffic, and it's not safe. Maybe it's time to scale it back to something that's doable that will provide the school area and the elders. There is a ton of traffic from the school to Naknek Trading. I support it and I think the Borough would support it and there is federal money for trails. My question is, would it be motorized, would four wheelers be allowed on it? I would think not, since it would not be compatible with ground traffic. Second of all is it gonna be paved? That will drive the construction way up there. I think the Borough would support it and I think we could go after some state and federal money to do it and do it right. The idea of a bike path has been around for a long time, the Borough just could never afford it. A scaled back version might just be doable. If we pooled all our resources we might just pull it off.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Reports of Planning Specialist

1. Site Development Permit Applications

a. King Salmon Sportsman Lodge: Yvonne Kopy pointed out that this is located behind Antler's Inn, next to John Prestage's place. They want to put up a simple pole barn. They are going to remove all the trailer's that are down there and put this pole barn up for storage. A short discussion followed. Yvonne Kopy stated she had talked with Kevin who had signed off on it and later he came in and has written a letter to J.C., saying the sewer line is there and any damage done, they (King Salmon Sportsman Lodge) would be responsible. They are not, allegedly going to dig down. One thing that came out of the conversation, and Kevin & I

discussed, is maybe adding a line on our site development permit that says, "Even though we have signed off, doesn't mean that your not liable, should you do damage."

b. Rob Babiak – Shelby Boothe stated that HAAS is designing a septic system. No utilities are out there. A short discussion followed. Yvonne Kopy stated that there is the debate on signatures and she needs Planning & Zoning to give her direction: "Do we need signatures whether there are any utilities or not?" Steve Jones stated "yes, on any permit, to be consistent."

2. Mapping Update

Yvonne Kopy informed the Commission that South Naknek is complete and done, here hanging in the Assembly room. Naknek and King Salmon should be done by the end of March. Phase I will be done.

3. Dock Expansion Update

Yvonne Kopy stated the application is in as you can see by her report. \$1.7 million out to EDA. \$5.6 million dollars in total grants for the project and the RFP will be out probably by the end of April and construction starting this Fall.

4. NEA Letter

Yvonne Kopy stated she had handed out a letter from N.E.A. Todd Hoppe was going to be here from the phone company, but is not. Matt had requested that the utility companies be here regarding the wider road easements. Donna Vukich could not be here, so wrote a short letter, she is totally in support of this. A short discussion followed. The Borough Manager had given Yvonne another 30 pages or so about the 60' easements. It is a very popular thing, most communities are doing it.

VII. PLATTING BOARD

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Subdivision Regulations – revision/update

There was a short discussion. Tom Ferrazzi mentioned that a workshop format would be better. The decision to have a workshop on April 15, 2008, was agreed upon.

B. Capital Improvements 5 Year Plan

Yvonne Kopy stated she had given them all the information she had on this. She had put a letter out to all the Department Heads asking for their input and requests. A lengthy discussion followed with the decision to have Yvonne Kopy consolidate all the lists into one, and come back to next months meeting with it. Yvonne Kopy stated five years is a long time and Dave Soulak the Borough Manager would like us to move forward on this.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Cuckoo Harry – Pinochle John Road Development BIA + Naknek Village Council

Yvonne Kopy said she had attended a meeting on this and suggested they come in to discuss this. Shelby Boothe approached the Commission to discuss the road. He pointed out the location of the road. The road prism is going to be 24' at the top, 2 to 1 slopes at the side and 3-5' of fill. Looking at quite a road. Preliminary designs are done. A short discussion followed. Shelby Boothe stated that if the Corp. allows, fill will be added. Yvonne Kopy stated this has been platted in 1983-1986.

B. Resolution to Support King Salmon Gym

Yvonne Kopy stated that at the last meeting there was a potential of the gym moving. In order to go forward and look at some possibilities for funding they wanted to get a Resolution in support of growth. They are open 24 hours a day and have a key code for members. They have formed a cooperative and are non profit and are trying to get some funding for a new facility. STEVE JONES MADE A MOTION TO MAKE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GROWTH FOR THE KING SALMON GYM. HAROLD ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Eddie Clark stated he has been involved with BIA and the Naknek Native Village Council on the road in King Salmon and I am amazed of the study that is being performed. It is way above and beyond anything I have ever seen. PDC goes in there and performs soil samples. It's an unbelievable study being done, even before dropping a load of gravel.

Shelby Boothe mentioned Rapids Camp and the Borough owns a strip out there and a picnic area might be a nice addition. Paug Vik gave 2 acres for a Spirit Camp and a boat launch and recreation area would be nice.

XI. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Harold Allen thanked everyone for coming tonight. It was quite enlightening listening to Eddie Clark concerning the road construction.

Jay King stated it was a good meeting with great ideas.

Steve Jones thanked the public and the young people for attending.

Elizabeth Eckert stated she was impressed to see the communications between the public and the Planning & Zoning Commission. There is some good teamwork here.

Yvonne Kopy welcomed Elizabeth Eckert to the Commission. She also wanted to publicly commend Lisa Townsend for inspiring our youth to be involved and teaching them that they have a voice in our community.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

April 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MATT NIEDERMEYER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:20 P.M. SECONDED BY JAY KING AND MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tom Ferrazzi, Chairman

Tami M. Johnson, Clerk