

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH/CITY OF FAIRBANKS
CHENA RIVERFRONT COMMISSION MEETING
VIA ZOOM FROM THE JUANITA HELMS ADMINISTRATION CENTER
907 TERMINAL STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

ACTION MEMORANDUM

March 30, 2021

12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Wade Binkley, Diana Campbell, Annette Freiburger, Bob Henszey, Julie Jones, Brenda Naaktgeboren and Buki Wright

Commissioners Absent & Excused: Greg Barker and Lee Wood

OTHERS PRESENT: Russell Johnson, ADOT, John Netardus, DOT; Jill Baxter-McIntosh, DOT; Jacob Helton, DOT; Lauren Little, DOT; Thor Bergstrom, DOT; John Szymik, Hamilton Construction; Chris Duty; Hamilton Construction; Mitch Osborne, Fish and Wildlife Service; Jackson Fox, FAST Planning; Laura Minski, FNSB Parks & Rec; Kellen Spillman, FNSB Community Planning and Laura Melotte, FNSB Recording Clerk

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the February 24, 2021 meeting.

PASSED ON CONSENT

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 2021-10:** A resolution encouraging continued work on the Chena Riverwalk Phase III Project and consideration from the Alaska Railroad Corporation to grant a long-term land interest for the project. (Kellen Spillman)

MOTION: A motion by **Commissioner Campbell**, seconded by **Commissioner Henszey**, that the Chena Riverfront Commission recommends that the FNSB Assembly approve Resolution 2021-10.

ROLL CALL: Seven (7) in Favor
(Campbell, Jones, Henszey, Naaktgeboren, Freiburger, Wright and Binkley)

Zero (0) Opposed

2. **HP2021-006 Growden Area Accessibility Improvements:** A request by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AK DOT&PF) for local planning authority approval of the Growden Area Accessibility Improvements Project. The FNSB in partnership with AK DOT&PF Northern Region is proposing a project to construct a new asphalt pathway through Growden Park from Stewart Street to Wilbur Street to Second Avenue including roadside hardware, ADA compliant curb ramps, and crosswalks. (Kellen Spillman)

MOTION: A motion by **Commissioner Henszey**, seconded by **Commissioner Freiburger**, that the Chena Riverfront Commission recommend approval to the Planning Commission of HP2021-006—Growden Park Accessibility Improvements as the project is consistent with the Chena Riverfront Plan.

ROLL CALL: Seven (7) in Favor
(Campbell, Jones, Henszey, Naaktgeboren, Freiburger, Wright and Binkley)

Zero (0) Opposed

3. **HP2021-007 Steese Expressway Chena River Bridge Redeck Project Update:** A request by the state of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AK DOT&PF) for local planning authority approval of the Steese Expressway Chena River Bridge Redeck Project. This project is proposing to resurface the Steese Expressway Chena River Bridge to extend the service life of the bridge and improve safety. (Kellen Spillman)

MOTION: A motion by **Commissioner Jones**, seconded by **Commissioner Binkley**, that the Chena Riverfront Commission recommend approval to the Planning Commission of HP2021-007—Steese Expressway Chena River Bridge redeck project as the project is consistent with the Chena Riverfront Plan.

ROLL CALL: Seven (7) in Favor
(Campbell, Jones, Henszey, Naaktgeboren, Freiburger, Wright and Binkley)

Zero (0) Opposed

4. **University Avenue Project Update** (Lauren Little, Jacob Helton & J. Szymik)

NO ACTION

Unfinished Business, Excuse Future Absences, Commissioners Comments/Communications and Adjournment.