

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

January 9, 2019

**A. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karl Monetti John Davies  
Wyatt Hurlbut Jimmy Fox  
Brett Parks

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ariane Glover Morgan Hough

OTHERS PRESENT: Brittany Smart , Special Assistant to the Mayor  
Sean Huntington, Recycling Manager  
Michelle Gutierrez, Admin  
Sharon Wittenkeller, Admin

**B. MESSAGES**

1. Citizen's Comments – limited to three (3) minutes

**Ms. Brenda Sandler** encouraged the commission support efforts to bring recycling opportunities to North Pole. She offered to help coordinate volunteers and suggested a Saturday schedule of 8am to 2pm. **Ms. Sadler** offered April 27 as a possible introduction of a recycling program as a belated Earth Day celebration.

**Commissioner Davies** thanked Ms. Sandler for her continued interest and enthusiasm for recycling. He explained that a long range goal was to have recycling at the transfer stations.

**Ms. Smart** informed Ms. Sandler that she will be commenting on something along the lines of her testimony during her staff report.

**Commissioner Fox** echoed Mr. Davies comments of appreciation and noted that the MatSu Borough has an active recycling program with a large number of volunteers. He further stated that commissioners have volunteered in the past at different earth day events in the community.

**Commissioner Monetti** stated his intention to bring the topic of recycling in North Pole as a future agenda item after the Sustainability Plan was completed.

**Liaison Tait Chandler** stated Green Star would be interested in helping Ms. Sandler on those efforts.

2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

None

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of consent agenda passes all routine items indicated by asterisk (\*) on agenda. Consent agenda items are not considered separately unless any Commission member or citizen so requests. In the event of such request, the item is returned to the general agenda.

**D. \*MINUTES**

None

**E. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. \*Approval of Liaisons
  - a. \*Tait Chandler – Green Star of Interior Alaska, with David Weissman as alternate

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda and consent agenda made by **Commissioner Fox** and seconded by **Commissioner Monetti**. Carried without objection or roll call vote.

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Draft Sustainability Plan – Postponed from December 12, 2018 meeting

**Ms. Smart** presented the draft Sustainability Plan.

Discussion ensued between the commission and the liaisons in regards to potential edits.

*[Commissioner Glover joined telephonically]*

**MOTION:** To vote on the postponed motion by **Commissioner Davies** and seconded by **Commissioner Fox**.

**MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

**POSTPONED MOTION:** To approve the draft sustainability plan as amended by **Commissioner Hough** and seconded by **Commissioner Hurlbut**

**ROLL CALL**

Five (5) in Favor: Monetti, Davies, Hurlbut, Fox and Parks

Zero (0) Opposed:

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** To allow Staff to make small changes to the Draft Sustainability Plan by **Commissioner Fox** and seconded by **Commissioner Davies**.

**MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. FNSB Energy Handbook

**Commissioner Monetti** briefly explained that the brochure initially came from Homer and brought to Fairbanks by Mr. Musick. After 10 years, it needs to be updated.

**Commissioner Fox** questioned the extent of employee involvement with the revisions.

**Ms. Smart** stated the direction from the previous administration was to authorize Mr. Loeffler, the FNSB Energy Manager, and Commissioner Monetti to review and update the handbook, then have the commission review the updated draft for input.

**Commissioner Monetti** stated that the effort may result in two handbooks: one version for FNSB employees and another for the public.

**Commissioner Fox** suggested that for the handbook to be embraced by staff, the staff should be given a chance to take ownership of it and to allow any FNSB employee to have input.

**MOTION:** To postpone FNSB Energy Handbook to February 13, 2019 by **Commissioner Davies** and seconded by **Commissioner Monetti**.

## **MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

### **H. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES**

The absence of **Commissioner Fox** and **Brittany Smart** was excused for February 13, 2019.

**Ms. Smart** stated she will participate telephonically and will have Jim Williams present in her place.

**Commissioner Fox** stated he would like to participate via phone.

### **I. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **1. Chairperson's Comments**

**Chair Brett** gave thanks to everyone and all of their hard work.

#### **2. Commissioner's Comments**

**Commissioner Davies** mentioned the discussion on food security that will occur on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Raven Landing from 11:30 to 1, given by Randy Mitchell, general manager at Fred Meyer's West.

**Commissioner Fox** thanked all of the partners, staff, liaisons and the public for all of their hard work.

**Commissioner Glover** stated she appreciated the audio recording from the previous meeting that she missed and mentioned a documentary called "Just Eat It" that covered food waste.

#### **3. Liaison Comments**

Mr. David Weissman, Interior Alaska Green Star, mentioned the EPR conference call that is partially sponsored by the EPA but they are continuing to work towards getting some legislation to help fund producer responsibility.

Ms. Brittany Balthaser, nutrition educator with cooperative extension but representing IAFN as committee chair, invited participation at the next IAFN meeting on 1/10/19 at 1pm located at the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. She also mentioned Alaska Seeds for Change, a program that helps homeless youths with jobs and shows them how to grow food, and the interest in developing a similar program in Fairbanks.

Mr. Mike Musick, Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, discussed written comments submitted to the commission on the Sustainability Plan.

Mr. Neill McKay, faith liaison, distributed a book titled *50 Ways to Help Save the Earth: How You and Your Church Can Make a Difference* to commissioners.

#### 4. Staff Comments

**Ms. Smart** thanked the commission for their patience with the change in location and thanked the clerk for help. She stated a presentation to the Assembly for an update has been scheduled for February 21, 2019, suggested what the update would be on, and requested the Assembly presentation be a discussion agenda item for the next meeting. Ms. Smart explained the Mayor requests the commission to focus on solid waste and recycling in general after the Sustainability Plan is adopted. Staff has been directed to coordinate meetings regarding solid waste and recycling.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.