

Session 18-03, a Regular Meeting of the Homer Advisory Planning Commission was called to order by Acting Chair Tom Bos at 6:30 p.m. on February 7, 2018 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS HIGHLAND, BANKS, BOS, AND VENUTI

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BENTZ, STEAD, BERNARD (EXCUSED)

STAFF: CITY PLANNER ABBOUD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK SMITH
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

Approval of the Agenda

Acting Chair Bos called for a motion to approve the agenda.

HIGHLAND/VENUTI SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Reconsideration

Adoption of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of minutes of January 17, 2018

Acting Chair Bos requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

HIGHLAND/ VENUTI SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Stephanie Schmit of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Soil Survey Data

Stephanie Schmit, Soil Scientist of the USDA NRCS, informed the Commission about soil surveys, which is a resource inventory where field scientists collect, organize, and interpret information about the natural resources in an area. The results of a survey are put into maps that show the location and arrangement of different soil types. Properties that might be useful when determining landslide hazards are solid slippage, infiltration rates, soil texture, liquid limit, depth to restriction, water content, soil structure, and water holding capacity. Ms. Schmit showed different areas of interest in the Kenai Peninsula, specifically the City of Homer, and showed various maps showing erosion, drainage, surface texture, saturated hydraulic conductivity, water content and explained how they all work together to predict soil slippage and soil liquefaction.

REPORTS

A. Staff Report 18-07, City **Planner's report**

City Planner Abboud reviewed the staff report. He reminded the Commission of the upcoming City Council Meetings.

City Council Meetings are as follows:

February 26, 2018	Commissioner Stead
March 12, 2018	Commissioner Bernard
March 27, 2018	Commissioner Venuti

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLAT CONSIDERATION

A. Staff Report 18-09, Crossman Ridge Subdivision Tract 3 2017 Replat Preliminary Plat

City Planner Abboud reviewed the report and explained that this Plat is being brought to the City because it is the Bridge Creek Watershed Protection District.

City Planner Abboud further noted that the Plat meets all requirements and the Fire Department and Public Works have no objections.

There was no applicant present.

Acting Chair Bos opened the floor for public testimony, with no public present he closed the public comment period.

VENUTI/BANKS- MOVED TO ADOPT STAFF REPORT 18-09, CROSSMAN RIDGE SUBDIVISION TRACT 3 2017 REPLAT PRELIMINARY PLAT WITH STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Commissioner Highland explained her concern about them having no restriction coming into the Bridge Creek Watershed Protection District.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion Carried.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. City Manager's Reports for the January 22, 2018 City Council Meeting
- B. Appointment of Carla Stanley to the Cook Inlet Regional Citizen's Advisory Council

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE STAFF

City Planner Abboud added the American Planning Association Article to his staff report just as an informational item.

Deputy City Clerk Smith thanked everyone for taking it easy on her during her first Advisory Planning Commission Meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioners Highland, Venuti, and Banks had no comments.

Acting Chair Bos asked City Planner Abboud if the City Managers Report attachments could be included into their packets in the future, unless it was a lot of additional pages.

City Planner Abboud stated he would look into it.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers. There is a worksession scheduled at 5:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

HAYLEY SMITH, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

Approved: _____