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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly

Land Committee Meeting Minutes

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

October 28, 2013 – 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Land Chair Frank Greene called the meeting to order at 9:14 A.M. on October 28, 2013, at the Assembly Chambers in Kotzebue, AK.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Miles Cleveland gave invocation.

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Miles Cleveland Sr.

Nathan Hadley Jr.

Frank P. Greene

Hendy Ballot Sr.

Larry Westlake Sr.

Patrick Savok (*late*)

Carl Weisner (*late*)

Clyde Ramoth (*late*)

Walter Sampson

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Introduction of staff and guests:

Michael Tickett

Reggie Joule

Noah Naylor

Charlie Gregg

Kenny Gallahorn

Brandye Dela Cruz

Martha Henry

Nina Lie

Stella Atoruk

Matt Mead

Brad Reich via telecom

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Frank Greene would like to add last meeting minutes that were not listed, include onto letter E. Looking at the last meeting would have been July 23, 2012, although they were not

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONTINUED

presented. Commissioners chose to have them presented at next meeting; they are an important part of the Borough, need to have them on record.

Member Nathan Hadley motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Miles Cleveland. A roll call was conducted, motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution PC-13-01 *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Planning Commission recommending a designation of a section of Borough-owned land in Kiana for a Housing Development.*

City of Kiana had contacted Borough regarding shortage of housing about possibly of a land swap; they had an area in mind although the cost of water and sewer to that area would be extensive because there are no roads. Per code the land can either be in kind, cash or trade which is up to the Assembly. The proposed project would like to start soon if approved, mid to late May of 2014 and have a completion date of February 2015.

Brad Reich, Mayor of City of Kiana called regarding any questions that the Assembly had. Currently there are forty-two applications for housing and Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority is willing to build five houses. Under code section 2.48.040 also allows Borough to convey real property to a public entity, which is City of Kiana and based on the process it has gone through the allowance has already occurred.

Mayor Joule asked Mayor Reich about any future housing needs, is more land going to be available. Are we going to hear from City of Kiana again? Currently City of Kiana is looking forward to a runway project that will give us access to a gravel site. Once that runway gets finished we will be able to start building value and homes on a different section.

Member Miles Cleveland motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Nathan Hadley. A roll call was conducted, motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

No committee business presented.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Member Nathan Hadley mentioned that he missed the meeting where this resolution was presented due to flight schedule.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mayor Joule let the committee know that is underlies under the Borough, need for more housing. In this case it is a property that the Borough owns, given the federal, state

Mayor Joule: funds that this is a good working relationship with the Housing Authority. This creates other issues and by making housing available we are addressing some of those issues in the process.

Hendy Ballot mentioned that in order to keep things running; we need to do for our people. Hendy recommends that the Land Committee work with the Housing Authority so that everyone can be a step ahead.

Walter mentioned that this is a good discussion, in light of what have been said to this point. What we ought to do then, in the event that the property is needed, if Housing Authority has additional dollars to build in Kiana. On the description we have; just transfer whole option one, rather than just five lots; your very question to Brad, rather than just doing parcel. So they will have the title to set land.

Member Frank Greene mentioned that is a good idea.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Frank Greene moved to adjourn at 10:10 A.M.