



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: 4 - Dave Kensinger, Chris Fry, Sally Dwyer and Tor Benson

Excused: 3 - Otis Marsh, Yancey Nilsen and Richard Burke

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

Director Cabrera requested adding to the May 8, 2018 meeting the public hearing of a special use permit by Dave and Stephanie Owens to the Consent Calendar.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dave Kensinger, seconded by Commissioner Sally Dwyer, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dave Kensinger, seconded by Commissioner Sally Dwyer, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting minutes from March 6, 2018

Attachments: [Meeting minutes 03.06.2018](#)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Scheduling of the public hearing for a Special Use Permit for Dave and Stephanie Owens for the May 8, 2018 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dave Kensinger, seconded by Commissioner Tor Benson, to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. An application from Chase & Captare Swafford for a minor subdivision of the Philbin/Isom Subdivision (PID#: 01-003-231, 01-003-232, 01-003-233, 01-003-234, 01-003-236, 01-003-238, 01-003-240, 01-003-241) located along Isom Lane (undeveloped lots located approximately at 516 Sandy Beach Rd).

Commissioner Dwyer remarked that basically they are taking 8 lots down to 2 with a common road down the middle. Director Cabrera stated that there is no need for a road. Discussion

A motion was made by Commissioner Dave Kensinger, seconded by Commissioner Tor Benson, to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

Swafford Variance

Attachments: [Swafford_ALL](#)

- B. An application from Alec Schramek & Kaitlin DuRoss for a variance from the front yard setback requirements at 759 Mitkof Highway (PID#: 01-175-250). The variance will allow for placement of a 640 sf high-tunnel greenhouse from 3.5' to 7' from the front property line.

Alec Schramek spoke on his own behalf. Commissioner Dwyer asked if the structure is already there, whereby Mr. Schramek answered in the affirmative. Dwyer stated that this application is basically asking for forgiveness rather than permission. Discussion.

Commissioner Kensinger asked if the State of Alaska had submitted any comments and Director Cabrera stated that the State doesn't get a letter in these cases. Discussion. Kensinger asked if this greenhouse was for personal or commercial use and Mr. Schramek stated that it would be primarily for personal. Inspector Bertagnoli stated that the use must be limited to personal at this time, explaining that if it were to be anything commercial, the process would need to go another step further. Discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dave Kensinger, seconded by Commissioner Sally Dwyer, to approve as amended to include the Findings of Fact as submitted by Staff. Motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Tor Benson, seconded by Commissioner Dave Kensinger, to amend the original motion to include the Findings of Fact as submitted by Staff. Motion passed unanimously.

Schramek/DuRoss Variance

Attachments: [Schramek_ALL](#)

- C. An application from the USFS Petersburg Ranger District for a conditional use permit to allow for a residential use in an industrial district at 115 Dock Street (PID#: 01-008-260).

Linda Slaughter spoke on behalf of the Forest Service explaining the location and use of this barge. Commissioner Dwyer asked if this was next to the Coast Guard boat. Slaughter answered in the affirmative. Discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dave Kensinger, seconded by Commissioner Sally Dwyer, to approve the Conditional Use Permit annually from May 1st to October 31st, including the Findings of Fact as submitted by Staff. Motion passed unanimously.

USFS Conditional Use Permit

Attachments: [USFS ALL](#)

- D. An application from the Petersburg Indian Association for a variance from outdoor sign regulations at 15 N 12th Street (PID#: 01-006-312). The variance would allow for installation of a flashing/animated sign.

Jaclyn Lyons spoke on behalf of the Petersburg Indian Association explaining the use and description of the sign they are requesting. Commissioner Kensinger asked why the sign has to be animated. Ms. Lyons described that that's the sign they've already purchased using the Tobacco quit grant so that message needs to be continuously run and this sign would allow them to run more than one message at a time, similar to the High School's sign. Discussion. Christina Morrison, board member of Petersburg Indian Association, spoke on behalf their board to explain what the sign is and what the definition of "animated" is in this case. Discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sally Dwyer, seconded by Commissioner Dave Kensinger, to approve postponing the decision until the May 8, 2018 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

PIA Variance

Attachments: [PIA ALL](#)

8. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Commissioner Comments

None

- B. Staff Comments

9. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Tor Benson, seconded by Commissioner Dave Kensinger, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 8th at 12:00pm

Commission Chair Chris Fry

Date