

Planning Commissioners
Vacant, Seat A, Deputy Chair
Paul Liedberg, Seat B
Bill Rodawalt, Seat C, Chair



Rachel Muir, Seat D
Andy Anderson, Seat E
Julie Baltar, Seat F
Vacant, Seat G

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Rodawalt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. in the Dillingham City Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL (quorum is 4)

Members present:

Paul Liedberg, Seat B
Bill Rodawalt, Seat C
Rachel Muir, Seat D.
Andy Anderson, Seat E
Julie Baltar, Seat F via teleconference

Members Absent

Staff in Attendance:

Jody Seitz, City Planner, Recorder
Rose Loera, City Manager
Francisco Gonzalez, Public Works
Norman Heyano, Fire Chief

Guests: Cindy Fyfe, Will Chaney, Brad Doggett (DOWL HKM), Matt Hansen (ADOT),

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Paul Liedberg moved to approve the agenda and Andy Anderson seconded the motion.

ACTION: Unanimous approval.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comment

Discussion that the Walking Plan is requested by ADOT and needs Council approval by July 1.

B. Guests DOWL HKM engineers Brad Doggett and ADOT Matt Hansen

Doggett and Hansen mentioned they were there to provide assistance and answer questions, not to make a presentation.

Planning Commission went through the plans with them and the public, reviewing the Walking Plan.

- Mentioned that 8 feet is desirable for a multi-use sidewalk.
- ADOT advised that the Planning Commission request what it wants and ADOT will investigate the options, including both a 5 foot sidewalk on the North side and an 8 foot one on the south side of Main street.
- Nushagak Cooperatives needs to know about the potential changes to the utility poles in the project area.
- Paul Liedberg concern over ways to minimize conflicts with pedestrians and driveways on the North side of Main street – that with all the driveways, the ADOT should try to minimize conflicts by using both vertical curb cuts and vertical rolled curbs.
- ADOT advised that D Street will narrow down to 12 feet. There will be no room for on-street parking.
- Rachel Muir asked about diagonal parking on Second Avenue West.
- Discussed that access for vehicles on Second Ave would be steep, but there's nothing stopping the City from developing its own parking rules once the project is over.
- R. Muir concerned about breaking up sidewalks and losing pedestrian safety.
- Parking should be on site, off the street. Need to clearly identify where the cuts occur. Asked to provide curb cuts with ramps.
- Bill Rodawalt asked about a meridian on Kakanak where it intersects with Main street.
- Discussed that the purpose would be to provide pedestrians with a safe crossing in the middle of the street, and to slow down traffic.
- Fire Chief and Public Works did not like meridians. Requested no islands in the middle of the road.
- Discussion concluded that backing onto the street isn't something that can be dealt with. Too many places have parking that is already like that.
- Fire Chief concern over eliminating parking on D street and narrowing the street to 12 foot lanes. Says there's not enough parking now.
- Andy Anderson commented that between City property and working with Peter Pan it should be possible to identify more off street parking.
- Cindy Fyfe commented that it is really scary walking across Kakanak now to D or to Kenny wren Road.
- Commissioner commented that biking and walking along D street is very important to get to the Bingo Hall and that there is a need to accommodate pedestrians on D street.
- Nushagak Lineman mentioned a Nushagak fuel line on the north side of D street.
- Felt that the City would be able to develop more off street parking on D street.
- C. Fyfe again requested there be a pedestrian crossing between the boat yard and D Street.

- ADOT is reconfiguring the intersection at D and Kanakanak to a T intersection with a crosswalk.
- Wanted to see crosswalks at second Avenue and Main Street
- Prefers a 10 ft sidewalk on one side of Main street than 2 five foot sidewalks
- R. Muir commented on Roger's Park neighborhood in Anchorage. Likes the way the intersection entering neighborhood is designed.
- Commented that it would be difficult to maintain.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. City of Dillingham Walking Plan.

Rachel Muir moved to open the public hearing on the City of Dillingham Walking Plan. Paul Liedberg seconded the motion.

Paul Liedberg requested that there be no bulb out at City Hall intersection.

Commissioner recommended Kanakanak Road and D Street Intersection– turn into a T intersection

Rachel Muir moved and Paul Liedberg seconded motion to put one 8 foot path on the south side of Main Street and one five foot path on the north side of Main Street.

Paul Liedberg moved and Rachel Muir seconded having one 8 foot sidewalk on the west side of second Avenue

Bill Rodawalt commented that he felt the meridian posed a potential safety hazard.

Paul Liedberg moved and Andy Anderson second motion to strike meridians from the Walking Plan

Discussion about traffic calming devices.

Unanimous consent to strike meridians from the plan.

Utilities – Will Chaney of Nushagak Cooperatives felt Nushagak Cooperatives hasn't heard about this Walking Plan. There is a fuel line on the north side of D Street. Utility lines on the north side of the Dillingham Kanakanak Road feed the business district. They have plans to change the configuration of poles at the Port Access intersection which they have discussed with past Port Directors which they would like to see happen.

Chaney requests to be “on the front end” of changed proposed for Second Avenue West.

Rachel Muir asked if it was possible to have utilities buried underground. Chaney replied that it was possible as long as they can access it.

Norman Heyano thanked the commission for removing meridians from the plan. He also requested no stop sign at the corner of Main and Second Avenue West, by City Hall.

Commissioner (?) replied "so moved."

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2013-14 Recommending Community Walking Plan to Dillingham City Council for Approval.

MOTION: Paul Liedberg moved to approve Resolution 2013-14 and Rachel Muir seconded the motion.

Discussion: The motion would be to approve the Walking Plan as amended earlier.

MOTION: Paul Liedberg moved and Rachel Muir seconded the motion to approve the amendments to the Walking Plan

ACTION: Unanimous consent.

MOTION: Paul Liedberg moved and Rachel Muir seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2013-14 as amended.

ACTION: Unanimous consent.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – None recorded.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Rachel Muir Moved and Andy Anderson second motion to adjourn at approximately 3 ? p.m.



Bill Rodawalt, Chair

ATTEST:



Jody Seitz, Recorder