

MINUTES
WETLANDS REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2014, 5:15 p.m. City Hall room 224

Meeting Summary

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Hal Geiger, Amy Sumner, Dan Miller, Jerry Medina, Andrew Campbell

Board Members Absent: Nina Horne, Gordon Jackson, Lisa Hoferkamp, Brenda Wright

A quorum was present.

Staff Members Present: Teri Camery, CBJ Senior Planner; Chrissy McNally, CBJ Planner

Public Present: none

Meeting called to order at 5:25 p.m.

II. March 20, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes approved without edits

III. Agenda was approved

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None

V. Board Comments.

None

VI. Agenda Items

1) Juneau Wetlands Management Plan Update: Current status, timelines, and deliverables.

Ms. Camery explained that Bosworth Botanical Consulting (BBC) turned in their first required deliverable for Task Three, the field plan, which is based on their thorough review of the 2013 LiDAR and imagery from the grant. The field plan identifies preliminary wetland assessment areas and provides a general plan for the summer's work, with a focus on Priority 1 and 2 parcels. She noted that the plan includes very little private land because CBJ has not obtained permission from private property owners yet. CBJ Law is currently reviewing the proposed

private property permission letter, and when that is approved, CDD will set up meetings with landowners.

Ms. Camery noted that the priority areas have been slightly modified since they were last presented to the Board. At the Corps of Engineers request, CDD changed the West Douglas road corridor and adjacent lands from Priority Four to Priority One, since this road is in progress and lands will be developed sooner rather than later. She said that the Corps of Engineers strongly supports the WESPAK assessment method and without it, they will “err on the side of caution” with regards to mitigation requirements. To accommodate this additional area, it was necessary to remove properties in other areas. CDD removed the Priority One Goldbelt property along Cascade Point and continuing into Berners Bay, since this land is only private (versus private and public on West Douglas) and because permits have not been obtained for the proposed road. Eaglecrest, formerly a Priority Three area, was also removed since this area is all muskeg and future development is likely to be minimal.

Ms. Camery said that she is pleased with how thorough BBC has been with their work. She said they have asked many questions about unusual situations they are finding in the field (field work began last Wednesday). They have consulted her, developed good decisions through discussion together, and thoroughly documented those decisions so everyone is in agreement on how to handle situations in the future. She said that she and Ms. McNally developed a detailed progress report template, and she is looking forward to BBC’s first progress report next week. Progress reports are due every two weeks.

Ms. Camery explained that the Board will not be reviewing each project deliverable for approval. However there is time built into the project schedule for the Board to provide detailed comments for BBC regarding the preliminary draft and final draft JWMP document. The Scope of Work calls for a meeting with BBC and the Board in August. Mr. Geiger noted that he will not be in town at that time.

VII. Pending Permits and Updates

Stream Mapping

Ms. McNally explained that she is the Project Manager for this part of the Habitat Mapping and Analysis grant. The intent is to adopt new stream maps which show a line down the middle of streams, overlaid on parcel maps and developed using the 2013 LiDAR and imagery. This will allow much greater accuracy and give property owners good advance information on where streams are. CDD will work with ADF&G to document exactly where the anadromous sections of streams begin, because this is where the 50-foot setback is enforced.

Ms. Sumner asked whether the imagery and LiDAR would be included on the SEAKGIS website so it is accessible to the public. Ms. McNally and Ms. Camery explained that the data is required to be in the public domain according to the grant, however there have been some internal challenges in ensuring that it is available to the public. The Board was in unanimous and strong agreement that the data should be provided to the public soon, because the timeliness of sharing the information is important.

VIII. Planning Commission Liaison Update.

Mr. Miller described the Planning Commission review of DOT's Auke Bay project and the traffic calming measures. He noted that the only pedestrian crossing is at the roundabout. He said that the Planning Commission's Title 49 committee is looking at exceptions to allow for public domain acquisition of segments of private property along the road corridor without going through the major subdivision process.

IX. Next meeting: Regular meeting scheduled for Thursday June 19, 2014, 5:15 p.m. in City Hall room 224.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.