

MINUTES  
WETLANDS REVIEW BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2014, 5:15 p.m. Marine View 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room

**Meeting Summary**

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Amy Sumner, Andrew Campbell, Lisa Hoferkamp, Dan Miller, Nina Horne; Gordon Jackson, Jerry Medina

Board Members Absent: Brenda Wright, Hal Geiger

A quorum was present.

Staff Members Present: Teri Camery, CBJ Senior Planner;

Public Present: Koren Bosworth, Bosworth Botanical Consulting; Dr. Paul Adamus; Francis Naglich, Rachel Allison, Ecological Land Services Inc.

Meeting called to order at 5:20 p.m.

**II.** July 17, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes approved

**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 Field Season Discussion with Bosworth Botanical Consulting**

**Staff Presentation**

Ms. Camery explained that the Field Season Discussion is required under the grant, and this is the Board's opportunity to hear the details of this summer's field work and ask Bosworth Botanical Consulting questions.

In an extended Powerpoint presentation (materials attached), Ms. Bosworth provided an overview of the priority areas and the plan coverage. She described current progress on the wetland surveys, what has been completed and what remains. She explained how the LiDAR and imagery was used to predict wetland locations. She described specific protocols that were developed over the summer to deal with unusual situations in the field.

She provided a Progress Report example to the Board, noting that Progress Reports are due to CDD every two weeks. She presented a summary of the wetland types mapped. The field crew expects to complete 300 wetland assessments by the end of the 2014 season, with approximately 60 remaining for the 2015 field season.

Ms. Camery explained that CDD obtained private property authorization to do wetland assessments on University of Alaska parcels and one smaller parcel, but could not obtain permission from Goldbelt Inc., which is unfortunate because Goldbelt owns a lot of property in the Priority One West Douglas Road corridor. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Medina asked why permission was denied. Ms. Camery said that she did not know the specific reason and could only speculate. She said that CDD provided extensive information on the project to Goldbelt and emphasized how the assessments provided good information for land use planning. CDD Planning Manager Travis Goddard has handled these discussions with large landowners, and she thought he had made a compelling argument. She said that the decision was made by the full Goldbelt Board, and might be worth re-visiting in the fall or winter if the make-up of the Board changed.

## **VII. Pending Permits and Updates**

Ms. Camery provided Ms. Bronstein's report to the Planning Commission, which addressed the Board's recommendations regarding the Auke Lake Multi-Use path that the Board reviewed at the previous meeting. She encouraged Board members to read this report carefully on a rainy day. She emphasized that the Board recommendations were extremely useful because they resulted in much better information on the project. If the Board had had this information at the time of the meeting, the recommendation would have likely been different.

## **VIII. Planning Commission Liaison Update.**

Mr. Miller agreed with Ms. Camery that the Board's Auke Lake recommendation was helpful to the Planning Commission because it led to better research and information on the project.

**IX. Next meeting:** Thursday September 18, 5:15 p.m., City Hall room 224

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENT: Bosworth Botanical Consulting Powerpoint Presentation