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Assemblyman Carpenter:

The Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission unanimously supports the passage of Ordinance 2020-25 establishing the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission for the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Establishing this commission will aid the Kenai Peninsula at large, and Cooper Landing specifically, by helping advance towards established KPB Comprehensive Plan goals. Those concerns of high importance to Cooper Landing that may be advanced by the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission include:

- hazard mitigation and planning
- protection of anadromous habitat
- self-sustainability and food security
- diversion of materials from landfills
- sustainable, alternative energy sources and efficiencies.

We must adapt to the change that is coming. Forethought and action are needed to prepare our communities. This advisory commission could be vital to making sure necessary steps are taken. Please see the attached minutes of our meeting for details.

Respectfully,

Janette Cadieux
CLAPC Chair

**COOPER LANDING ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION: ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020
6:00 PM
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:00pm.
2. ROLL CALL - C. Degernes, J. Cadieux, K. Recken, H. Harrison, D. Story, present. Sean Holland, Jonathan Tymick, Lori Landstrom and Marcus Mueller, Kaitlin Vadla attending. Laura Johnson and Alex Kime attending but delayed arrival.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – D. Story moves to approve. C. Degernes seconds. All approve.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for May 06, 2020 – K. Recken moves to approve. H. Harrison seconds. All approve.
5. CORRESPONDENCE – none.
6. PUBLIC COMMENT/PRESENTATION WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE – none.
7. REPORT FROM BOROUGH
 - a. DOT&PF Sterling Hwy MP 45-60 Project report and questions/answers. Sean Holland, PE, Project Manager, AKDOTP&F.
 - i. Newsletter coming out this week.
 - ii. Phase 1A is the western end and the 90% design is due on Friday. No major changes. Lowered grade and added vertical components like retaining walls to address impact to areas.
 - iii. Phase 1B initial design shows a lot of ground/gravel material generated. Slowing that down to see how best that material can be used. Anticipate that Phase starting later in 2021 at earliest.
 - iv. MP 47 pinch point for the separated bike/ped. pathway endpoint will be investigated more closely.
 - v. Established a project office across from the Kingfisher.
 - vi. Minor clearing is underway to provide access for drills to determine geological conditions on new alignment.
 - vii. In migratory bird window right now. Three biologists are working about three days ahead of the work crew to mitigate impacts.
 - viii. The land swap with Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated (CIRI) and Department of Interior, (DOI) is moving along through appraisal process.

- ix. Firewood will be available later after the clearing has been done. The wood will be brought out from inside the project limits for community use. That may be next summer, 2021.
- x. Drills are supposed to arrive this Monday and they will head directly to the bridge area where drilling will be going on for 4-6 weeks 24 hours/day.
- xi. J. Cadieux asked about where the materials generated may end up and if the KPB plans to place any of it at the Snug Harbor or Dave's Creek gravel pits to store for later use by the community. The community would like to remain in consideration for having materials available at a future date even if there are no "shovel ready" projects immediately.
 - 1. M. Mueller said the DOT will need to identify the material types for determining the best placement of it. Some will likely be best used on project.
 - 2. J. Cadieux stated that the Cooper Landing Gun Club will require material for its next phase but that they would likely require a higher grade than just fill.
 - 3. J. Cadieux stated that some materials will be needed to improve the parking area at the Slaughter Gulch trailhead as discussed with KPB and DOT at the last meeting.
 - 4. S. Holland mentioned that there will be processing equipment on site and that much of the material will be available for multiple uses and may be more affordable for community use than the common market price due in large part to the proximity to the community.
- xii. J. Tymick mentioned that the next open house has not yet been scheduled because of COVID-19 but they are aiming to determine the date and method they aim to host.

8. OLD BUSINESS – none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 2020-25 establishing the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission for the Kenai Peninsula Borough
 - i. Lori Landstrom –with Sustainable Seward and Kaitlyn Vadla with Cook Inlet Keeper Central Peninsula Regional Director presenting to support the ordinance.
 - ii. The ordinance has a hearing with the KPB Assembly on June 16th and will present to the KPB Planning Commission next week.
 - iii. Many groups working to get this ordinance passed.
 - iv. Hopeful that the CLAPC will give support to this ordinance.
 - v. K. Vadla said that the goal is an advisory commission that finds sustainability solutions that may be on the books already but haven't been acted on yet.

1. E.g. pursuing grants that can help the KPB or communities within the borough that exist for already identified goals.
- vi. J. Cadieux wanted to know how community organizations might interface with this new commission. She noted that timeline of communication is always critical.
- vii. L. Landstrom noted some of the other communities that have supported the resolution and some of the key items within the KPB Comprehensive Plan that align with the establishment of this commission.
- viii. The commission goals include saving money for the borough and its residents, making strides towards the goals of the KPB Comprehensive Plan such as improved agriculture and mariculture opportunities, renewable energy jobs, and food production within the KPB. There are nine key components to the commission's work.
- ix. K. Vadla said similar commissions exist in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Whitehorse and other areas in the lower 48 and asked rhetorically why is it needed?
 1. Planning for things like Seldovia running out of water or Cooper Landing being impacted by wildfire. Helping communities within our borough to become more resilient in the face of changing circumstances.
- x. C. Degernes said that the earlier proposal was for a more established commission with compensation and that that had met resistance. She asked if the new proposal would be voluntary.
 1. K. Vadla said that it is drafted now for the commission to be comprised of volunteers similar to the APCs at first with the hope to demonstrate its value enough to justify more support in the future.
- xi. C. Degernes asked what the best way to support the goals of this group.
 1. K. Vadla said that the best methods to demonstrate support are to:
 - a. Reach out to Ken Carpenter directly to support the ordinance and ask that he support it with a yes vote on its establishment.
 - b. Having the CLAPC recommend supporting the ordinance to the KPB Planning Commission.
 - c. Public comment at the night of the ordinance's public hearing by the KPB Assembly on June 16th.
- xii. C. Degernes moves to have the CLAPC support the passage of the ordinance and to communicate our support to Representative Carpenter and other assembly members and the Assembly Clerk highlighting the benefits of such a commission to the KPB and also to Cooper Landing specifically. H. Harrison seconds. All approve.

1. Specific benefits to the Cooper Landing area identified by commission members include hazard mitigation and planning, protection of anadromous habitat, self-sustainability and food security, diversion of materials from landfills, sustainable alternative energy sources and efficiencies.

10. PLAT REVIEW - none

11. INFORMATION and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. J. Cadieux asked whether in regard to the Slaughter Gulch trail identification by AllTrails.com if we should draft a letter to explain concerns about the trail in order to help mitigate the impacts experienced.
 - i. Others said there is no harm in trying.
- b. M. Mueller said that he and Jesse Labenski of the USFS spoke last week about what the uses, conflicts, strategies, and resources surrounding the use of the trail are.
 - i. He said that the USFS is not in a position to put resources towards the trail anytime fast and while the KPB has some opportunities to help with resources it does not have management authority for the trail or trailhead.
 - ii. He described one mechanism for resolving this as a community trail management mechanism like that which Tsalteshi Trails in Soldotna is managed under. A community trail agreement may be a good opportunity if a volunteer group can be established to assist.

12. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS – none.

13. ADJOURNMENT – C. Degernes moves to adjourn. L. Johnson seconds. All approve.

For more information or to submit comments please contact:

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