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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

THRU: Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk (JB)

FROM: Michele Turner, Deputy Borough Clerk (MT)

DATE: June 20, 2017

RE: Resolution 2017-043: Supporting an Application to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to Officially Name a Ridge and Three Unnamed Peaks North of Moose Pass and Upper Trail Lake as Locomotive Ridge, The Engine, The Tender and the Caboose (Mayor)

Both, the Moose Pass Advisory Planning Commission and the Planning Commission addressed the referenced resolution at their last meetings. Please amend the last two Whereas clauses to read:

“WHEREAS, on June 7, 2017 the Moose Pass Advisory Planning Commission held a public hearing and voted against the motion to recommend approval of Resolution 2017-043; and”

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2017 the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission conducted public hearing and voted against the motion to recommend approval of Resolution 2017-043;”

Thank you.

Moose Pass Advisory Planning Commission
June 6th, 2017

Minutes: Jeff Hetrick
Agenda Attached

1. Call to order 6:08 Vice Chair- Dave Pearson

2. Roll Call: Dave Pearson, Jeff Hetrick, Jesse Labenski, Bruce Jaffa, Jan Odhner. Excused absence: Ben Ikerd and Mike Cooney

Audience: Brook Estes, Jeff Estes, Clare Shipton, Mike Johnson, Julie Lindquist Carole Jaffa. KPB Staff Planner: Marcus Mueller
D.O.T. Foreman Carl Hyde

3. Oath of office-None

4. Approval of Minutes- Done by email

5. Approval of Agenda; Moved Bruce Jaffa, 2nd Jeff Hetrick

6. Correspondences- Commissioner Jaffa reported on email from Historical Society relative to later discussion

7. Public Comment without Notice- None

8. Report from Borough- Marcus Mueller presented efforts from D.O.T. to acquire 300' Right of way on Borough selected land adjacent to the Seward and Sterling Highway which the KPB supports. The State wants the area to be able to comply with federal highway standards. This is still in the planning phase. No action required by APC.

9. Old Business- None

10. New Business

A. State historic Commission Ridge names- The APC was invited to comment on a request to name ridges above Moose Pass and Carter/Crescent Lakes.
Moved to approve: Jeff Hetrick, 2nd Dave Pearson.

Bruce Jaffa and Marcus Mueller described process for nominating the names. Concern was expressed about the overlay of naming a ridge beyond Moose Peak. Other issues with the naming of the peaks was the fact the mountains are not known locally as the proposed names (the Western most peak is already named on State maps as Moose Mountain), the short time the proposers resided in the

community and were unknown to community members and perhaps more appropriate names may surface in time.

The motion was defeated unanimously.

B. Recommendation to the KPB regarding Transfer Tract A ASLC known as Old Pioneers of Alaska

The KPB would like to exchange the parcel for 40 acres on Millers Road in Nikiski. The State DOT would like to be able to expand their complex at Mile 25 to have space for additional storage of sand, gravel, D-1, culverts and other material. DOT had wanted to acquire this property for some time but waited until the Municipal Land selection process was complete prior to officially requesting the property to be transferred. Most D.O.T. sites have 6-8 acres while the station at Crown Point currently is only 2.5. The property in Nikiski is valuable to the KPB for possible resource extraction (gravel), proximity to the new LNG facility and subdivision.

Attendees asked what was in it for Moose Pass? It was suggested that it will assist with the operations of the D.O.T. site which translates to safety. The history of D.O.T. and their management of the facility with waste disposal and salt storage was discussed. Mr. Hyde insured the Committee that this is a new day and sited several instances of the improved management plan and commitment to being good neighbors. It was acknowledged how well run the Crown Point facility seemed to be operating. Mr. Hyde also described how the present site was acquired after exhaustive search for a location outside of Seward. Mr. Hyde noted that 1/2 of the 4.14 acres was not suitable for use and accepted that conditions of screening from the highway, a buffer from the river and adjacent properties were of significant importance to the attendees and would be applied. Mr. Mueller agreed these issues would be included in a property transfer agreement.

The motion passed 4:1. The dissention expressed concern that the cost outweighs the benefit's being near the Trail River Campground and river and that the land has not yet been classified by the planning process.

C. Discussion of Comprehensive Plan relating to New Moose Pass Library- No action

11. **Announcements**-Vacancies on the MPAPC-None

12. **Next meeting**- To be determined.

13. **Commissioner's Comments**-

- a. Jan Odhner inquired about acquiring old Harry Johnson Cabin for the community. The cabin's ownership is not well understood.
- b. Bruce Jaffa and others expressed frustration to the KPB about short notice on issues and the fact this has been a recurring problem.
- c. Jeff Hetrick requested Marcus Mueller look into what it would take for the KPB to select DNR land known as the "ball diamond" for community use especially for a hockey area.

14. Adjournment 7:30



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MIKE NAVARRE
BOROUGH MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

THRU: Mike Navarre, Borough Mayor *MN*

FROM: Max Best, Planning Director *MB*

DATE: June 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution 2017-⁰⁴³; A resolution supporting an application to the US Board on Geographic Names to officially name a ridge and three unnamed peaks north of Moose Pass as Locomotive Ridge, Engine Peak, Tender Peak and Caboose Peak.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission reviewed the subject Resolution during their regularly scheduled June 12, 2017 meeting.

A motion to recommend naming the ridge and three unnamed peaks north of Moose Pass failed by unanimous consent.

Attached are the unapproved minutes of the subject portion of the meeting.