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**NOME PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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# Bechtol Planning & Development

## Memorandum

To: Nome Planning Commission (NPC)  
Glenn Steckman, City Manager

From: Eileen R. Bechtol, City Planner, AICP

Date: November 10, 2020 NPC Worksession

Subject: Comprehensive Plan Survey

The following comprehensive plan survey has been revised from input at October 10, 2020 NPC worksession and has been inputted into Survey Monkey for submittal to the NPC at a worksession on 11/10/20.

Please review the survey for review on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.



## Nome Fall 2020 Comprehensive Plan Survey

### Introduction

**Please help us plan for the future you want to see in Nome. This survey will take approximately 30 minutes.**

**The Nome 2030 Comprehensive Plan will guide physical and economic development in the City for the next ten years. The State of Alaska requires that this Plan address land use, physical conditions, the environment, open space, natural resources, community services and facilities, transportation, and economic development. We are also asking for your input on subsistence, social services, and recreation. Our goal is to create a Plan for development priorities that reflects our shared community values, builds on our strengths, identifies our challenges, and seeks creative and collaborative solutions.**

**In addition to this survey there will also be other opportunities to provide input at public meetings that follow federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines later this year and early 2021. If you would like to be more involved in developing the Plan, there is a place at the end of the survey to provide your contact information or you can let the City Clerk know of your interest. Thank you! Quyanna!**



## Nome Fall 2020 Comprehensive Plan Survey

### Land Use and Housing

1. Front Street has long been Nome's "Main Street". It is located in a flood zone and requires special building codes to protect people and buildings. These requirements can add additional expenses for property owners. Should Front Street continue to be a focus of commercial development?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

Other Suggestion

2. What area(s) should be the focus of commercial development, such as offices, stores for grocery, shopping and services, restaurants, bars and entertainment? Please select your top three priorities.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Street                           | <input type="checkbox"/> East End area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bering Street                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Harbor area      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Building/Recreation Center area | <input type="checkbox"/> Airport area     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Commercial area                 | <input type="checkbox"/> High School area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Norton Sound Regional Hospital area    | <input type="checkbox"/> Icy View area    |

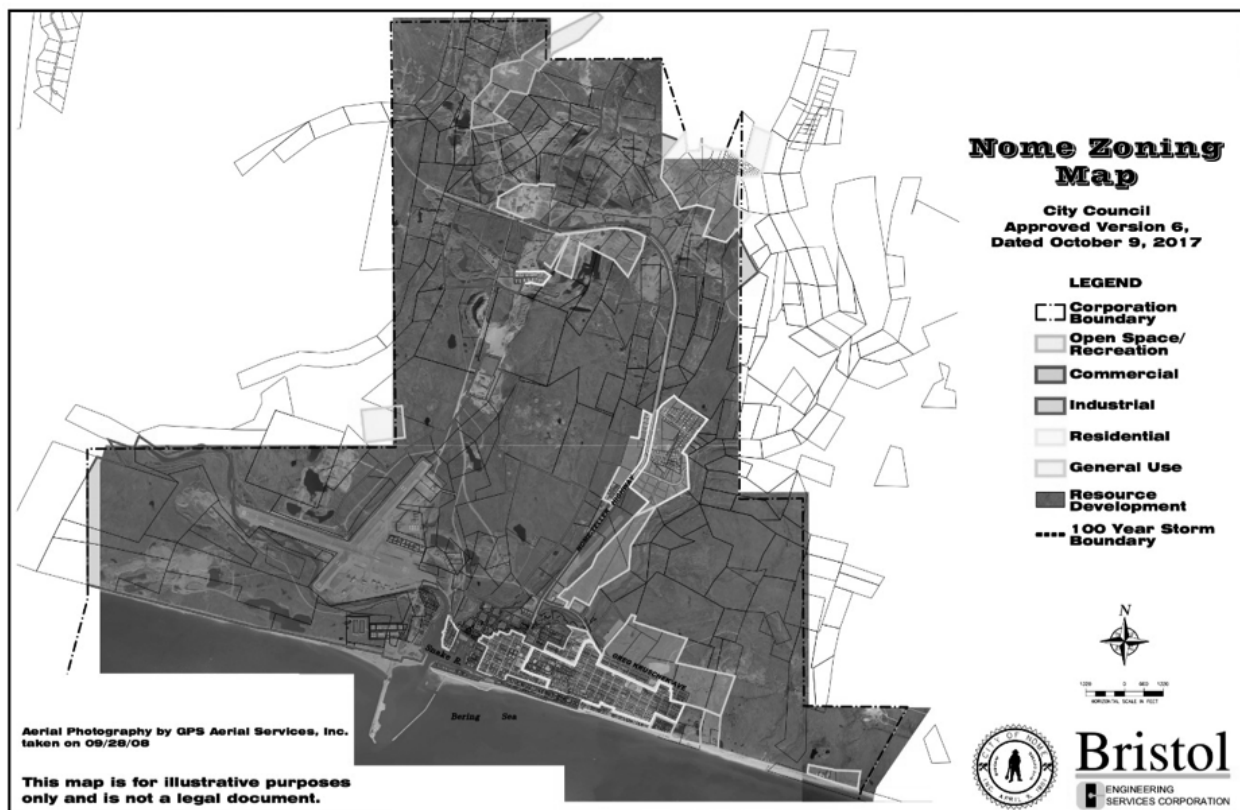
Other suggestions

3. Nome's Zoning Code identifies locations for commercial, industrial, residential, and resource development, open space/recreation (see attached zoning map). Do you agree with the locations?

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ No Opinion

Other suggestions?

A 50.0% Area Zoning Map





4. Nome's Zoning Code was adopted in 2008. Zoning and land use rules and regulations are intended to protect public health, public safety and welfare, natural resources, and promote orderly development (see attached zoning map). Zoning and land use is:

- ☐ Too strict
- ☐ Adequate
- ☐ Not strict enough
- ☐ No opinion

Suggested changes to the zoning map?

### 5. Nome has enough housing

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Other suggestions?

### 6. What additional housing types are needed in Nome? Please select your top three priorities

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market rate housing                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Market rate rentals  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-time home purchasing opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Efficiencies for very low-income individuals   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build to own housing opportunities       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sober housing for people who need additional support to stay sober                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency shelters, identified and stocked with emergency supplies - overnight and day use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidized apartment rentals             | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing for veterans and other people who need a temporary home               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidized house/duplex/triplex rentals  |   |

Other suggestions?

### 7. If **new residential areas** are created, what are some possible locations

- ☐ East end of town - N Street to Bypass Road
- ☐ Hospital area - North of Greg Kruschek Road (to the east)
- ☐ Dog lot area - North of Greg Kruschek Road (to the west)
- ☐ Icy View area

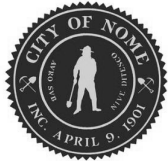
Other suggestions

8. What resources are needed to maintain and renovate existing housing? In Nome one-third of the houses are vacant or in severe disrepair and on the abatement list to correct the conditions or demolish. Please select your top three choices of solutions that could address this problem.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban homesteading - for a small fee, Nome would offer City-owned abandoned properties to applicants in exchange for a commitment to renovate and reside in the property for three to five years. | <input type="checkbox"/> Continue the Nome Vacant Property Registration program to encourage rehabilitation of vacant structures  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spot blight elimination - Nome offer market value for properties that have history of land use violations.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a focus area on which to concentrate abatement, clean-up and repair and replacement housing to measure impacts  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify an historic district and seek resources for historic preservation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a program of pooling with other governmental and native agencies and nonprofits the purchase of building supplies to lower purchase and transportation costs |

Other suggestions





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### Recreation

9. What existing recreational facilities are most important in Nome? Please select your top three priorities:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks             | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling alley    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Covered ice rink  | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball fields  |

Other suggestions

10. What other types of recreational opportunities would you like to see in Nome?

Please select your top three priorities

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More parks                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> More pavilions and picnic tables               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better walking paths/sidewalks             | <input type="checkbox"/> Public restrooms/outhouses that are maintained |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails for biking, skiing, walking, hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding areas                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmachine trails/routes within the City  | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Covered ice rink                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Berry picking areas                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis court                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap accessible playground             | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog parks                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-size outdoor basketball court         | <input type="checkbox"/> Campgrounds                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More pavilions and picnic tables           |   |

Other suggestions



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### Environmental and Natural Resources

11. What types of natural areas do you enjoy and most contribute to your quality of life.

Please select your top three priorities.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oceans            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaches           | <input type="checkbox"/> Open tundra         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rivers            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hills and mountains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Streams and ponds |  |

Other suggestions

12. Please identify any specific areas you feel need protection from development

13. Nome's energy (electricity/power) is currently generated primarily by diesel-burning engines. What other types of energy production would you like to see in Nome in the future? Please select three options.

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand wind        | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solar              | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wave driven energy | <input type="checkbox"/> None        |

Other suggestions

14. What can Nome do within the City limits to maintain and enhance the ability of residents to practice a subsistence way of life and provide continued access to fish and wildlife?

15. What areas of the City do you use for access points to subsistence resources? Please provide any recommendations:

16. What, environmental issues in Nome concern you? Please select your top three priorities

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road dust   | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other air quality issues  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous materials disposal                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of good recycling opportunities for household waste  | <input type="checkbox"/> Off shore gold dredging                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of good recycling opportunities for electronic waste (e.g. household appliances, computers, cell phones, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Uplands gold mining dredging damage                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overall quality of drinking water   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lingering effects of historic gold mining                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fluoride in drinking water  | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor air quality in older housing and office buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other water quality issues (e.g. water quality in streams, rivers, ocean)   | <input type="checkbox"/> No concerns of environmental issues                      |

Other suggestions

17. What actions should the City take to prepare for the impacts of climate change?



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### Economic Development

18. What type of development and growth would you like to see in Nome.

Please select your top three priorities:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More commercial and small businesses    | <input type="checkbox"/> More tourism opportunities                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial and manufacturing businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and nature preserves                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Port development                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Service sector (e.g. health care, beauty salons) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries development                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Value added fisheries production        |   |

Other suggestions

19. What type(s) or specific businesses or services would you like to see in Nome? Please include large or small business or services.

20. Nome should use tax dollars to recruit new business and industry.

- ☐ Agree  
☐ Disagree  
☐ No opinion

Any comment?



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### Infrastructure

21. If Nome uses tax dollars to recruit new business and industry, what should those businesses be?

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### Transportation

24. Please identify any re-occurring safety concerns with city roadways which need to be addressed.

25. How important is improving the quality of various modes of transportation within Nome such as bus, biking, walking, etc.?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Not so important
- ☐ Not at all important

Other suggestions



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### City Facilities and Services

26. To what extent are you satisfied with the following City services?

	Highly Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	No Opinion	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Police	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ambulance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Landfill/monofill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road maintenance of city buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animal control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kegoayah Kozga Public Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and Recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Port & Harbor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cemetery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



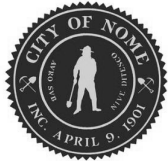
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### Quality of Life

27. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the quality of life?

	Highly dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Nome is a good place to live and raise a family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome's appearance is inviting and appealing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indigenous cultures and histories are valued	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome is safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome is affordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome is a friendly welcoming community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to nature and open space is valued	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome is a tight knit community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome's public schools provide a quality education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>





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### Quality of Life

28. To what extent do the following areas need to be addressed

	Not at all – this is not a concern	To a small extent	No opinion	To a moderate extent	To a great extent – this is a large concern
Vacant and derelict buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Substance and alcohol use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cleaning up litter around town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community-wide beautification	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Junk vehicles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community health care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elder services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and Culture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preservation of our historic buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preservation of our cultural sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog feces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animal welfare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public intoxication on Front Street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dust control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. What is Nome doing well?

30. What does Nome need to do better? How can Nome improve and thrive?

31. In one sentence, describe your vision for the City of Nome in 2030.

32. What issues need to be addressed that we didn't ask about?

33. Would you be interested in being involved in a zoom focus group to assist with the Comprehensive Plan development? Please contact the City Clerk's Office with your name and contact information or add your name below.



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### About You

**These questions are optional. However, your response is important in the planning process, as it helps us to know if outreach efforts represent the population of the area.**

34. How long have you lived in Nome?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than one year | <input type="radio"/> 16 to 20 years       |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 to 5 years       | <input type="radio"/> More than 20 years   |
| <input type="radio"/> 6 to 10 years      | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="radio"/> 11 to 15 years     |  |

35. How long do you plan to live in Nome?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than one year | <input type="radio"/> 11 to 20 years       |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 to 5 years       | <input type="radio"/> More than 20 years   |
| <input type="radio"/> 6 to 10 years      | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer |

36. What is your connection to Nome (select all that apply to you)

- ☐ Resident - full time
- ☐ Resident - part time
- ☐ Non-resident
- ☐ Business owner
- ☐ Employed in Nome
- ☐ Property owner
- ☐ Other (please specify)

37. With what gender do you identify?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other/prefer not to answer

38. What is your age?

- |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 45 to 64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 19 to 29 | <input type="radio"/> Over 65  |
| <input type="radio"/> 30 to 44 |                                |

39. What is your race?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="radio"/> Black or African American                 |
| <input type="radio"/> White or Caucasian               | <input type="radio"/> Asian or Asian American                   |
| <input type="radio"/> Hispanic or Latino               | <input type="radio"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify)           |   |

40. If you are 25 years old or older, what is your level of education?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than High School    | <input type="radio"/> Associates Degree |
| <input type="radio"/> High School/GED graduate | <input type="radio"/> Bachelor Degree   |
| <input type="radio"/> Some college             | <input type="radio"/> Masters or higher |

41. Which best describes your living situation

- ☐ I own the place I live
- ☐ I rent the place I live
- ☐ I live with family or friends
- ☐ I am homeless
- ☐ Other (please specify)

42. In what area of Nome do you live

- ☐ Inside of City limits
- ☐ Outside of City limits
- ☐ Not sure

43. What is your current employment status? Check all that apply.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed - full time   | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed - part time   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay at home caretaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed - seasonal    | <input type="checkbox"/> Student                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed          | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |   |

44. What is your primary mode of transportation around town?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> I drive                     | <input type="radio"/> I take the bus                  |
| <input type="radio"/> i walk                      | <input type="radio"/> I ride my bike                  |
| <input type="radio"/> i take a cab                | <input type="radio"/> A family member/friend drive me |
| <input type="radio"/> I drive my off road vehicle |   |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify)      |   |

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## Memorandum

To: Nome Planning Commission  
Glenn Steckman, City Manager

From: Eileen R. Bechtol, City Planner, AICP

Date: November 10, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting

Subject: Historic Preservation Grants – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

The attached grant reports were sent to the State Historic Preservation Office on October 26, 2020.

The grant reports have been added to the Planning Commission packet for informational purposes.

**HPF Grant #:** 19008  
**Project Name:** King Island-East End Sign & Interpretive Panel  
**Reporting Period:** 07/01/2020 – 09/30/2020

**Describe the status of the project:** Active—on revised schedule

Project only became active in late March, and has progressed little until meetings can be held, primarily with elders. Covid cases continue to rise in Nome.

**Accomplishments for the reporting period.**

I have located a book written by Little Sister Alice Sullivan, one of the Little Sisters of Jesus who lived with the King Islanders at Nome's East End. The book, with a few photos, describes some of life in the King Island Community at East End, and how it was destroyed.

**Identify any problems or obstacles encountered and how they were or will be resolved.**

In addition to the research described above, the primary suggestion/request I continue to receive is to wait until it is possible to meet with the KI Elders Committee in person. They are the group most vulnerable to COVID-19, and not available by email, so it may be awhile before these meetings can take place – and Covid cases in Nome have continued to rise.

**Describe plans for the next reporting period.**

Much of the project will be on hiatus for the next quarter, as I will be gone from Nome most of that time. Some work can still be accomplished by email. Hopefully Covid will be on the wane by mid-winter/early spring, so that I can meet with the elders I've been directed to contact.

**Contact:** *Provide name, title, and contact information of person who wrote the report and whom the State of Alaska Grants Administrator would contact for questions or further information.*

Sue Steinacher, Historic Preservation Commissioner and primary researcher-designer. Land line is 443-7673, cell is 434-1622, email is [502sue@gmail.com](mailto:502sue@gmail.com).

**Proposed new timeline with benchmarks.**

Please note that this must remain flexible as it is not yet known when it will be safe to meet with elders in person. Here is a schedule based on the full extension period.

**October, November, December 2020**

- Efforts to collect research materials, photos and prior interviews continued.
- Correspondence with key King Islanders and other knowledge bearers by phone and email

- Preparation of draft sign design and interpretive panel text and photos to share with elders when meetings again become possible.

#### **January, February & March, 2021**

- Hold meeting(s) with Elder Committee to explain the project, share already gathered materials and sketches, and seek their input and guidance.
- Enter in draft revisions and reviews by all groups involved.
- Work with King Island Council to decide who will function as a Review Committee
- Refine & finalize interpretive panel design and layout, with reviews, edits, and revisions as needed
  - Interpretive panel fabrication put out to bid by City
- Refine & finalize sign design, with reviews and authorization from the City, Rotary and King Island Council/Review Committee
  - Sign fabrication put out to bid by City

#### **April, May & June, 2021**

- Receipt of interpretive panel and road side sign by City, and stored until installation
- Determination and acquisition of base for interpretive panel.
- Completed site preparation, and completed installation of sign and interpretive panel.
- Public dedication and presentation by the King Island Community, City & Rotary.



**HPF Grant #:** 19004  
**Project Name:** Nome Historic Preservation Plan, Phase 2  
**Reporting Period:** 07/01/2020 – 09/30/2020

**Describe the status of the project:**

Active—on revised schedule

Projects have slowed considerably until meetings can be held, primarily with elders. Covid cases are on the rise in Nome.

**Accomplishments for the reporting period.**

The City of Nome has been given an extension from the State Historic Preservation Office due to disruptions from the corona virus.

During this reporting period the City and Gary Gillette, Architect, finalized a contract to write the Historic Preservation Plan.

Ms. Bechtol, City Planner, Glenn Steckman, City Manager, Christine Piscoya, Deputy City Clerk, Cheryl Thompson, Executive Assistant to the Manger and Nicki Crowe, Finance Director will also work on this grant. Their work will be used as in-kind funding for reporting purposes.

**Identify any problems or obstacles encountered and how they were or will be resolved.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has slowed work on this project. Very difficult to get Nome residents involved with public meetings over Zoom.

**Describe plans for the next reporting period.**

Please see the attached updated Appendix A: Scope of Work that reflects the timeline for completing this project.

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# Bechtol Planning & Development

## Memorandum

To: Nome Planning Commission  
Glenn Steckman, City Manager

From: Eileen R. Bechtol, City Planner, AICP

Date: November 10, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting

Subject: Historic Preservation Grant – Phase 2

The attached scope of work is for Phase 2 of the Historic Preservation Plan Grant. The contract to provide the tasks outlined in the scope work was signed by Gary Gillette, Architect from Juneau, Alaska on October 5, 2020.

Mr. Gillette wrote the book *Historic Buildings of Nome: Past, Present and Future*, dated July 2008.

The Scope of Work has been added to the Planning Commission packet for informational purposes.

Attachment A to Contract for Professional Services  
City of Nome, Alaska  
Phase 2 – Historic Preservation Plan

SCOPE OF WORK

Phase 2 of the Historic Preservation Plan will:

- Prepare a developmental history and existing conditions review.
- Develop the historic contexts, using the public input, to organize relationship of historic and cultural sites and resources, to each other – for example cultural, geographic, chronological period, and historic themes.
- Create an actionable plan with goals and strategies to protect, preserve and promote historic and cultural sites and resources, including integrating historic preservation into City of Nome decision making, to include:
  - o Increasing public awareness of historic preservation, including educational and informational material.
  - o Establishing partnerships, particularly with local tribes and under-represented groups, to strengthen their local historic preservation programs.
  - o Identifying steps to create a local register and tax incentives.
  - o Developing a plan to survey and evaluate properties and archeological sites.
  - o Developing a method to prioritize the rehabilitation of city owned historic properties.
- Identify how the historic preservation will coordinate with other local and state planning efforts.
- Recommend mechanism for resolving conflicts about historic preservation issues.
- Update the list of historic and cultural sites and resources, along with addresses, and map locations (substantial progress has been made on this list as part of the Phase 1 Public Outreach work).
- Site visit to Nome, Alaska shall be made provided travel within the State of Alaska is deemed safe in consideration of the COVID-19 virus pandemic. If Consultant is not comfortable with travelling to Nome, this requirement will be waived and any work anticipated for the site visit will be completed via alternative communication efforts (teleconferencing; e-mail; written correspondence; or other methods).

## Vacant Structure Registration and Maintenance Regulations

### Chapter 5.40 Nome Code of Ordinances

#### 5.40.020 Definitions. SHARE

- (a) “Certificate of occupancy” as defined under the State of Alaska Construction Code Act.
- (b) “Record owner” means any person who has the right to possess, convey or occupy a specific building or structure.
- (c) “**Vacant** structure” means a building or structure that is not legally or currently occupied. “**Vacant** structure” does not mean property that is temporarily unoccupied while the record owners or residents are away on vacation, personal matters, or business and is not intended by the record owner to be left **vacant** more than nine consecutive months, except for structures located in the resource development zoning district.
- (d) “Junk” means old or scrap copper, brass, iron, steel or other metals, or materials including but not limited to tires, household appliances, furniture, rope, rags, batteries, glass, rubber debris, waste, trash, construction debris, plumbing fixtures, or any discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped, or mined motor vehicle or parts thereof.
- (e) “Junk motor vehicle” means a discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped or mined passenger motor vehicle or parts thereof, an unregistered motor home not connected to water and/or sewer, or a passenger motor vehicle other than an on-premises utility vehicle which is allowed to remain unregistered and uninsured for a period of thirty days from the date of discovery. (Ord. O-17-09-02A § 1, 2017; Ord. O-16-04-01A § 3 (part), 2016)

#### 5.40.040 Evidence of **vacant** structure. SHARE

Evidence of **vacant** structures may include any condition that on its own, or combined with other conditions present, would lead a reasonable person to believe that the structure is **vacant**. Such conditions include, but are not limited to: overgrown and/or dead vegetation; past due utility notices and/or disconnected utilities; accumulation of trash, junk and/or debris; boarded up windows; abandoned vehicles, auto parts or materials; the absence of or continually drawn window coverings such as curtains, blinds and/or shutters; the absence of furnishings and/or personal items consistent with habitation or occupancy; written or oral statements that the structure is **vacant** based on personal observation and belief by neighbors, passersby, delivery agents or utility agents, the city manager, building inspector, department of public works or police and fire department employees. (Ord. O-16-04-01A § 3 (part), 2016)

#### 5.40.060 Vacant structures to be registered.

Record owners of **vacant** structures are required to register all such structures within ninety days of the first day of vacancy. Structures that are **vacant** as of July 1, 2016, must register no later than October 1, 2016. (Ord. O-16-04-01A § 3 (part), 2016)

#### 5.40.070 Registration form—Content.

**Vacant** structures shall be documented using a **vacant** structure registration form, as prepared by the city building inspector, containing the following information:

- (a) The name of the record owner of the structure.
- (b) A mailing address where mail may be sent that will be acknowledged as received by the record owner. If certified mail/return receipt requested is sent to the address and the mail is returned marked “refused” or “unclaimed,” or if ordinary mail sent to the address is returned for whatever reason, then such occurrence shall be prima facie proof that the record owner has failed to comply with this requirement.
- (c) If known, the name of an individual responsible for the care and control of the structure. Such individual may be the record owner, if the record owner is an individual, or may be someone other than the owner with whom he/she has contracted.
- (d) The current street address of the structure.
- (e) A current phone number, fax, and email address (if fax and email addresses are available) where communications may be sent that will be acknowledged as received by the record owner or individual responsible for the care and control of the structure. (Ord. O-16-04-01A § 3 (part), 2016)

#### 5.40.080 Registration fee.

The registration fee shall be twenty-five dollars per structure. (Ord. O-16-04-01A § 3 (part), 2016)



## **VACANT STRUCTURE REGISTRATION FORM**

Building Inspector – City of Nome  
102 Division Street  
P.O. Box 281, Nome, AK 99762  
907.443.6663

### **Property information**

Address of Vacant Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Tax Identification # (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Type: ☐ Single Family ☐ Multi-Family ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial

Utilities: **Water** ☐ On ☐ Off **Heat** ☐ On ☐ Off **Electricity** ☐ On ☐ Off **Winterized** ☐ On ☐ Off

### **Property Owner**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Registration Fee: \$25 per Property**

Make checks payable to: City of Nome

Please fill out the information requested above, sign and deliver or mail this form to:

City Hall

102 Division Street

P.O. Box 281

Nome, Alaska 99762

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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### Memorandum

To: Nome Planning Commission  
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Date: November 10, 2020 NPC Meeting

Subject: City Planner Report for 11/10/20 NPC Meeting

### Historic Preservation Plan Grant

Submitted quarterly report. 10/26/20  
Added Scope of Work to 11/10/20 NPC Agenda.

### Comprehensive Plan Survey

Reviewed draft survey questions on 10/10/20.

Incorporated changes from 10/10/20 NPC work session and inputted the survey into Survey Monkey for submittal to the NPC at a work session on 11/10/20.

To: Mayor and Common Council

From: Glenn Steckman

November 5, 2020

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

**Airport arrivals and Tribal Village Conference call:** The airport arrival numbers are around 280+/- per week. The NSHC is rolling out electronic forms at Ted Stevens for both the city and the hospital. The goal is to reduce city staffing to two city staff at Nome's airport per day.

The village call at 11am continues every day.

**Governor Dunleavy:** Mayor Handeland, Bryant and I were invited to a last minute teleconference call with Governor Dunleavy to discuss the COVID-19 response by the City of Nome. He asked what help could be provided by state. As you may have seen in news reports, Governor Dunleavy believes the boroughs and cities are empowered to battle this virus under local rules.

**Public Safety Advisory Commission:** The Commission was scheduled to meet but failed to muster a quorum. I am trying to schedule another meeting before I leave for vacation.

**Police Staffing:** The City has begun an aggressive process for recruitment. Advertising on local media, to statewide and national sites such as indeed.com. Staff is developing an advertisement and asking tribal organizations to advertise it amongst their members.

**General Vanherck:** Instead of the proposed visit by General Vanherck of NorCom to Nome, the General teleconferenced with the Mayor, Joy, the General's staff and the Corp of Engineers to discuss the Port of Nome. Joy provided information and a power point on what the proposed expansion project would mean for economic development and the needs of the Navy and the Coast Guard.

**Public Works:** The hitch for the new snow blower has finally arrived and has been installed.

**CARES Act funding Phase 4:** The applications are out with a due date of November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. As of this date the city has one application.

**Bids due:** The city received two bids for the Anodes replacement for the port. The city will be opening one bid for the sale of property.

**Staff meeting with Police:** Mike Heintzelman invited me to a "roll call"/ staff meeting to discuss issues and concerns in the NPD and how to address them. The officers are very appreciative about the equipment they have received over the past year. Many of the officer concerns were about the lack of community support in some segments of the community and how it could be addressed. This has been a tough year for the NPD and the PC and I will be addressing some of these issues the council.