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**NOME PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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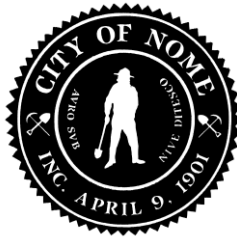
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**Nome Planning Commission** Item A.  
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**WORK SESSION** 6:30 pm

NPC Work Session on Land Use Map.

The regular meeting of the Nome Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Kenneth Hughes III in Council Chambers, located at 102 Division St. in Nome, Alaska.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Colleen Deighton; Kenneth Hughes III; Mathew Michels; Sara Lizak;  
Carol Piscoya; John Odden; Gregory Smith;

Members Absent:

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk (telephonic); Eileen Bechtol, City Planner; David Barron, Building Inspector; Jeremy Jacobson, Acting Deputy City Clerk;

In the audience: Julia Lerner, Nome Nugget

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by C. Odden and seconded by C. Smith to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: Hughes; Michels; Lizak; Piscoya; Odden; Smith; Deighton

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Tuesday, July 06, 2021 Nome Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Odden to approve the July 06, 2021 NPC Regular Meeting Minutes.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Piscoya noted a typo regarding minutes on page 1 of 2 of the present agenda provided for the evening's meeting.
- Chairman Hughes noted the typo on the agenda, official minutes were accurate.

At the roll call:

Aye: Michels; Lizak; Piscoya; Odden; Smith; Deighton; Hughes

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ACTIVITIES**

A. E-mail of July 26, 2021 from Maria A. Lewis, State of AK DNR to Alaska's Certified Local Governments re: Virtual Training Event.

- Chairman Hughes inquired into interest to attend NAPC's virtual training, followed by Commissioner Lizak's informal request to the City to cover the registration fee for attending. City Manager Steckman agreed.
- Chairman Hughes concluded the discussion with reading a brief overview of the virtual training for the commission.

**COMMUNICATIONS****CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

*None given*

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Zoning Map Amendment Request of July 8, 2021.

A motion was made by C. Smith and seconded by C. Odden to move forward with the request.

Discussion:

- City Planner Bechtol noted a detailed process reviewing Zoning Map amendments, more time needed reviewing.
- Chairman Hughes also noted familiarity with the extent of the review process.
- Commissioner Lizak notes applicant's formal request lists "General Use/Residential". She recommended moving forward only with general use request by extending the general use

boundary to include all lots listed in request, as spot-zoning for residential would not be permitted.

- Commissioner Smith noted for the audience a proposal for extending the General Use boundary.

At the roll call:

Aye: Smith, Deighton, Hughes, Michels, Lizak, Piscoya, Odden

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. 2021 Abatement.**

- Commissioner Smith pointed out a typo on page 1 of "*2021 Abatement*" in the agenda packet. Building Inspector David Barron noted the correction had been made on his abatement list.
- Building Inspector David Barron continued onto his synopsis of each property listed in the ongoing abatement list for the commission, noting various potentially hazardous circumstances with each lot. He noted land-owner interest and one of the listed properties potentially garnering such interest, which led to further discussion.
- Chairman Hughes made the suggestion that the City build a library of properties that fall along those lines, for potentially interested buyers.
- Commissioner Smith noted the term "Land-bank" and where to find more information on it, noting its common practice amongst local governments.
- Commissioner Lizak opined that it was a good idea as well.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. City Manager's Report July 13 - 23, 2021.**

- Manager Steckman proposed a review of the Steadman project at September meeting with a discussion with State DOT. He proposed a bounty on junk vehicles as an incentive towards vehicle clean up around City, similar to U-call we haul. He concluded by explaining a potential re-roofing project and siding incentive programs for general public.
- Manager Steckman discussed financial incentives for residents cleaning up residential property, two years for projected roll-out of incentive program.
- Public Works meeting to address NREC Boiler issues and snow removal procedure.
- Manager Steckman thanked the contractor working with State DOT on the Bering St revamp program.
- Commission Deighton inquired with regards to Iditarod taxation on business during the timeframe.
- Manager Steckman noted next year that 18-23 possible cruise/tours of smaller nature would call on Nome.

#### **B. City Planner's Report.**

- City Planner Bechtol mentioned while the survey report was still in progress, the State had approved the Historic Preservation plan; recognizing Alberta Schenck and the Nome Dream Theater, with respect to its role in the passing of the historic *Alaska Equal Rights Act of 1945*.
- City Planner Bechtol concluded with suggesting the placement of a story-board talking about the Nome Dream Theater's historic role in Alaska's 1st Civil Rights Act, possibly Front St.

C. Building Inspector's Report.

- Build Inspector D.Barron briefly summarized notable permits before Commission, noting nothing emergent.

D. Permit Summaries.

- Permit summary unavailable at this time.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Michels thanked the state road crew and City staff for starting the abatement procedure.
- Commissioner Lizak thanked City staff, appreciated the council beautification effort and beginning abatement efforts. She suggested posting the distressed property list on the City website.
- Commissioner Piscoya expressed her appreciation for the meeting, maps, the work session and the weather. Noting abatement and beautification efforts of Nome necessary.
- Commissioner Odden thanked everyone for the meeting and weather.
- Commissioner Smith discussed a land bank idea and thanked City Planner Bechtol for the historic preservation plan efforts. Noting the Alcohol & Marijuana control board meeting August 16<sup>th</sup> in Nome.
- Commissioner Deighton expressed excitement for the U-Call We-Haul incentive program, opining on the direction of the commission and its benefit to the community.
- Chairman Hughes expressed appreciation for the in-person meeting tonight. Noted wide array of factors that shape towns, corporate land owners and goals/plans with property, possible conflicts of interest, and proposed an open dialogue of discussion. He proposed the construction of a front street development plan with respect to incoming tourism/visitors.

**SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 07, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by C. Piscoya and seconded by C. Smith to adjourn.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Planning Commission adjourned at 7:50PM.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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# Bechtol Planning & Development

## Memorandum

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

From: Eileen R. Bechtol, City Planner

Date: September 7, 2021, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Subject: Phase II - Historic Preservation Plan

Austin Ahmasuk has agreed to provide testimony to the Historic Preservation Commission meeting regarding the Historic Preservation Plan - Phase II.

**MEMORANDUM****State of Alaska****Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Northern Region Design & Engineering Services**

**TO:** Sarah Schacher, P.E.  
Preconstruction Engineer  
Northern Region

**DATE:** July 6, 2021

**FILE NO:** H:\Projects\Regional\NFHWY00426 NR ADA  
Imprvmnts\04 PS&E\10 Design Study  
Report\NFHWY00505  
STEADMAN\ADSR\_Nome-Steadman\_Final

**THRU:** Jason Hill, P.E.  
Project Delivery Team Lead  
Northern Region

**TELEPHONE NO:** (907) 451-5386

**FROM:** *J.H.*  
Ivet Hall, P.E.  
Engineering Manager  
Northern Region

**SUBJECT:** Northern Region ADA Improvements  
– Nome: Steadman Street  
NFHWY00505/Pending  
Abbreviated Design Study Report

**Introduction/History**

This project was nominated as a result of curb ramp reconnaissance in Northern Region conducted under project NFHWY00155.

Within the project area, both curb ramps and sidewalks are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) due to lack of detectable warnings and geometries that exceed maximum allowable slopes. During the initial reconnaissance, field staff also noted local settling of the roadway and sidewalk. The scope of the nominated project therefore included reconstruction of Steadman Street as well.

**Project Description**

The proposed project consists of reconstruction of Steadman Street in Nome, Alaska and the adjacent sidewalk on the west side. Curb ramps, sidewalks, and driveways will be replaced to meet ADA compliance. The reconstruction will address embankment settlement issues and improve roadway drainage. Excavations of up to 2.5 feet underneath the sidewalk and portion of the west lane are planned to minimize future embankment settlement.

**Design Standards**

The design standards for this project are based upon:

- American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 2011
- AASHTO Roadside Design Guide, 2011
- AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities, 1st Edition, 2004
- ADOT&PF Highway Preconstruction Manual
- ADA Standards for Transportation Facilities, 2006, United States Department of Transportation
- ADA Standards for Accessible Design, 2010, United States Department of Justice
- FHWA Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), 2009, with ADOT&PF Alaska Traffic Manual, 2016
- ADOT&PF Alaska Flexible Pavement Design Manual, 2020
- Alaska Highway Drainage Manual (AHDM), DOT&PF, 2006



## Design Exceptions and Design Waivers

None needed for this project.

## Design Alternatives

Two alternatives have been identified between Front Street and West 4th Avenue:

- **Alternative A** – Reconstruct sidewalks and ADA curb ramps to maintain existing width while meeting the minimal ADA compliance width of 36 inches. This would result in widening sections of the sidewalk from existing (2.7 feet) to a minimal width of 3.0 feet. Existing sidewalk width exceeding 3.0 feet would remain the same. Under this alternative the overall sidewalk width would vary between 3.0 and 4.0 feet.
- **Alternative B** –Widen existing sidewalks to 5 feet by narrowing the existing roadway footprint by 1-2 feet between Front Street and King Place. This alternative will result in minimum of 28-foot wide pavement.

## Preferred Design Alternative

Constructing Alternative A requires consideration of the ADA requirement to provide the minimum passing space (5' x 5') on continuous segments of the sidewalk which exceed 200 feet in length. This would widen the existing footprint of the project and require additional ROW acquisition in following two segments:

- (1) Between 1ST and 3RD Avenues and
- (2) Between 3RD and 4TH Avenues.

Design Alternative B was selected as the preferred alternative because:

- It provides the minimum width of the pavement that M&O needs to maintain the roadway.
- It constructs 5-foot wide sidewalk which allows two pedestrians to walk side by side and meets the minimum ADA required passing space along the entire length of the project.
- It does not widen the footprint of the project.

## 3R Analysis

Not applicable. This is a reconstruction project.

## Traffic Analysis

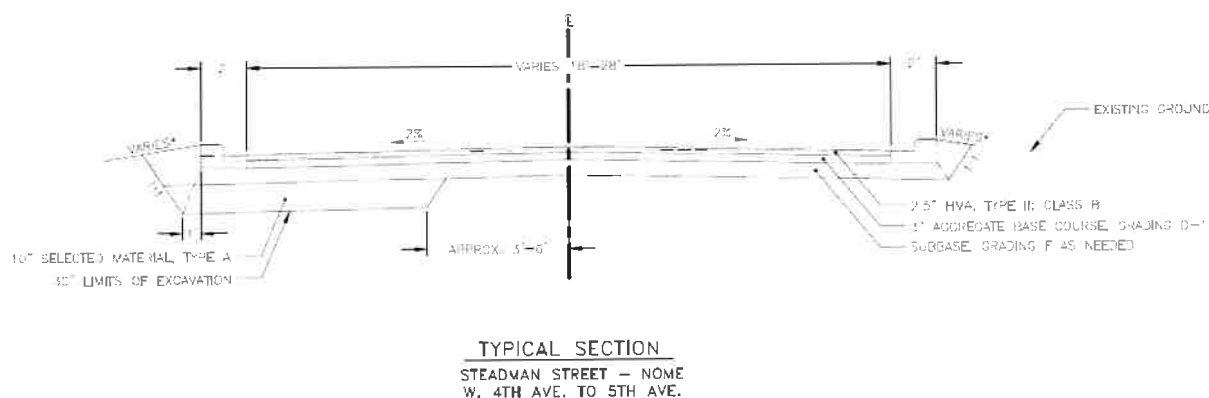
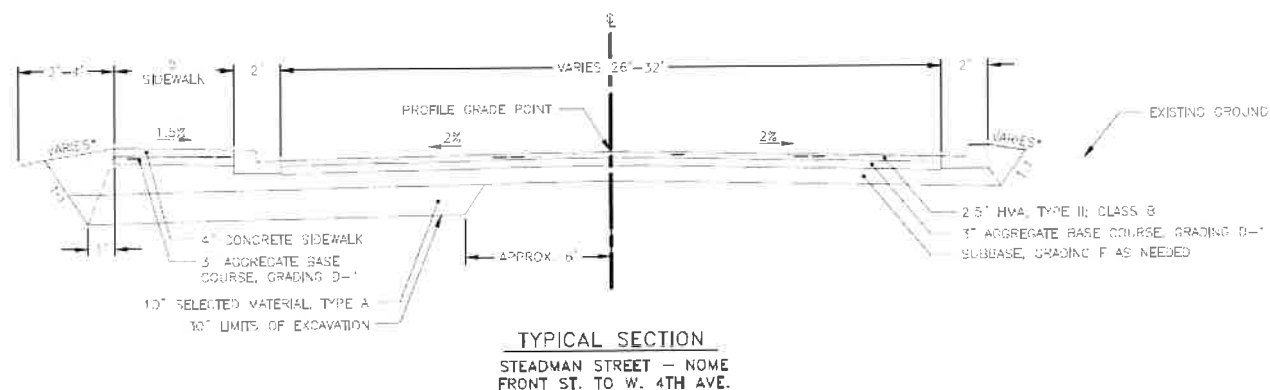
A traffic analysis is not applicable.

## Horizontal/Vertical Alignment

The existing horizontal alignment will be maintained. The vertical alignment will match existing with slight changes to correct local settlement.

## Typical Section(s)

The typical sections consist of two lanes, paved shoulders, curb and gutter, and sidewalk on the west side between Front Street and 4TH Avenue. The typical sections for Steadman Street are shown below.



## Pavement Design

The designed pavement structure for this project is shown on the typical sections and will consist of the following design parameters:

- 2.5 inches of HMA, Type II, Class B
- 3 inches of Aggregate Base Course, Grading D-1
- 8 inches of Subbase, Grading F
- Over 10 inches of Selected Material, Type A

The pavement design was approved by Northern Region Materials Engineer (Appendix B).

### **Preliminary Bridge Layout**

There are no bridges within the project limits.

### **Right-of-Way Requirements**

Although the proposed footprint of the roadway and sidewalks will not change, permanent ROW acquisition will be required. There are multiple unpermitted encroachments from adjacent properties. Additionally, portions of the roadway and sidewalks are currently located outside of the Department's ROW, thus permanent ROW acquisition will be required. Temporary construction easements and permits are anticipated.

### **Maintenance Considerations**

Steadman Street is maintained by the Department. The existing drainage pattern of this roadway has been altered by localized settlement and has led to the deterioration of the roadway. This project will re-establish drainage into existing storm drain inlets. Construction of this project should reduce the amount of maintenance required on this roadway while also bringing the pedestrian facilities up to ADA compliance.

The project will increase the sidewalk width to 5-feet. The pavement lane miles will be reduced by narrowing the street width.

### **Material Sources**

All material sources will be Contractor furnished.

### **Utility Relocation & Coordination**

Numerous existing utilities consisting of telephone, electric, sewer, and water reside within the project areas. The overhead utilities will remain and underground utilities are well below the proposed excavation. Utility relocation is not anticipated.

In addition to the work proposed by the DOT&PF, Nonge Joint Utility System (NJUS) may replace portions of the water and sewer lines at the intersection of Steadman Street and King Place prior to, or concurrent with, this project. This work would be considered a betterment.

### **Access Control Features**

Access control will not be modified with this project.

### **Pedestrian/Bicycle (ADA) Provisions**

The existing pedestrian facilities on the west side of Steadman Street, between Front Street and 4TH Avenue, will be replaced with ADA-compliant sidewalks, curb ramps and driveway approaches. Bicycles will continue to use the shoulders/lanes of the road.

### **Safety Improvements**

The pedestrian facilities will be widened and the walking surface will be replaced with firm, stable and slip resistant materials. The new sidewalks will be wide enough for pedestrians to walk side by side or to pass each other. Reestablishing the drainage pattern of the roadway will eliminate ponding and potential localized ice. The new pavement will provide smooth surface for drivers and bicycle users.

### **Intelligent Transportation System Features**

This project does not include any ITS features.

### **Drainage**

Steadman Street original drainage patterns will be reestablished.

### **Soil Conditions**

The work associated with this project is within existing road and sidewalk embankment. Any required material will be supplied by the contractor; no native soils will be used.

The test holes were drilled near the center of the road and data from these is indicative of subsurface conditions beneath the Steadman Street roadway. Because of the complex network of buried subsurface and overhead utilities, drilling in the settled portion of Steadman Street (west part of the pavement and underneath the sidewalk) was not possible. Due to observed settlement, 2.5 feet deep excavation under the settled portion of Steadman Street is proposed.

### **Erosion and Sediment Control**

The contractor will be required to prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address temporary water quality impacts.

### **Environmental Commitments**

The signatory page of the Categorical Exclusion is included as Appendix C.

The Alaska State of Historic Preservation Office's concurrence is conditioned to include archaeological monitoring for this project by a qualified professional archaeologist due to the possibility that cultural resources associated with NOM-158 could be discovered. Additionally, the qualified monitor should pay close attention, during the project excavations, for the potential to encounter evidence of the old railroad bed at the crossing of Steadman St. near its intersection with 4TH Avenue, and for evidence of a once existing building at the intersections of Front Street and Steadman Street.

The following permits will be required for this project:

- City of Nome Fill Permit
- City of Nome Excavation Permit
- City of Nome Permit to Develop in a Flood Plain Area
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES)

### Work Zone Traffic Control

The Contractor will develop a Traffic Control Plan that will be submitted to the Department for approval prior to implementation. During construction, the contractor may consider closing sections of the road and temporarily detouring traffic to the side streets during excavation and/or paving. The detoured traffic could significantly increase the traffic volumes on side streets. Most side streets in Nome are unpaved, so increased traffic will require dust control by the Contractor.

### Value Engineering

A value engineering study will not be prepared for this project as this project is not high cost or complex with budgetary problems. In addition, it does not exceed the \$40 million threshold for project development, design, utilities, right-of-way, and construction costs. As a result, there would not be a substantial benefit from the application of Value Engineering.

### Cost Estimate

The estimated costs for this project are as follows:

Design*	\$450,000.00
Utilities	\$0.00
Right of Way	\$260,442.00
Construction (Includes 23% Engineering)	\$2,016,500.00
Total Cost of Project	\$2,726,942.00

\*Design cost estimated as a portion of the parent project (NFHWY00426) funding.

Approved:  7/13/2021  
Sarah Schacher, Preconstruction Engineer Date

amk/ih

### Attachments:

- Appendix A – Design Criteria
- Appendix B – Pavement Design
- Appendix C – Signatory pages of the environmental document
- Appendix D – Draft ROW Map

Copy to: Preconstruction/Project file  
Calvin Schaeffer, M&O District Superintendent

Original to: Barbara L. Tanner, Chief of Contracts  
cc: NR Design Directive 20-01 Distribution

**APPENDIX A**

**DESIGN CRITERIA**

**ALASKA DOT&PF PRECONSTRUCTION MANUAL**  
**Chapter 11 - Design**  
**PROJECT DESIGN CRITERIA**

<b>Project Name:</b>		NR ADA Improvements - Nome: Steadman St	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Construction/Reconstruction	<input type="checkbox"/> 3R	<input type="checkbox"/> PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<b>Project Number:</b>	NFWY00505	<input type="checkbox"/> NHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non NHS
<b>Functional Classification:</b>	Minor Collector		
<b>Design Year:</b>	2035	<b>Present ADT:</b>	1100 (2020)
<b>Design Year ADT:</b>	2045	<b>Mid Design Period ADT:</b>	1275 (2035)
<b>DHV:</b>	12.1%	<b>Directional Split:</b>	40% - 60%
<b>Percent Trucks:</b>	6.5	<b>Equivalent Axle Loading:</b>	736,563
<b>Pavement Design Year:</b>	2035	<b>Design Vehicle:</b>	SU-30 Commercial Truck
<b>Terrain:</b>	Level	<b>Number of Roadways:</b>	1
<b>Design Speed:</b>	25 MPH		
<b>Width of Traveled Way:</b>	18-24'		
<b>Width of Shoulders:</b>	<b>Outside:</b>	0-3'	<b>Inside:</b> None
<b>Cross Slope:</b>	2%		
<b>Superelevation Rate:</b>	None		
<b>Minimum Radius of Curvature:</b>	135		
<b>Min. K-Value for Vert. Curves:</b>	<b>Sag:</b>	26	<b>Crest:</b> 12
<b>Maximum Allowable Grade:</b>	7%		
<b>Minimum Allowable Grade:</b>	0.3%		
<b>Stopping Sight Distance:</b>	155'		
<b>Lateral Offset to Obstruction:</b>	N/A		
<b>Vertical Clearance:</b>	20.5 ft		
<b>Bridge Width:</b>	N/A		
<b>Bridge Structural Capacity:</b>	N/A		
<b>Passing Sight Distance:</b>	N/A		
<b>Surface Treatment:</b>	<b>T/W:</b>	HMA	<b>Shoulders:</b> HMA
<b>Side Slope Ratios:</b>	<b>Foreslopes:</b>	4:1 or flatter	<b>Backslopes:</b> 2:1 or flatter
<b>Degree of Access Control:</b>	Driveway Permit Process		
<b>Median Treatment:</b>	N/A		
<b>Illumination:</b>	Yes, existing to remain		
<b>Curb Usage and Type:</b>	Standard C&G		
<b>Bicycle Provisions:</b>	Shared Roadway		
<b>Pedestrian Provisions:</b>	Sidewalk		
<b>Misc. Criteria:</b>			

Proposed - Designer/Consultant: Adina Keirn  
 Endorsed - Engineering Manager: [Signature]  
 Approved - Preconstruction Engineer: [Signature]

Date: 4/13/2021  
 Date: 4/21/2021  
 Date: 4/21/2021

Shaded criteria are commonly referred to as the *FWHA 13 controlling criteria*. For NHS routes only, these criteria must meet the minimums established in the Green Book (AASHTO A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets). For all other routes, these criteria must meet the minimums established in the *Alaska Highway Preconstruction Manual*. Otherwise a Design Exception must be approved.

**Design Criteria marked with a " # " do not meet minimums and must have a Design Exception(s) and/or Design Waiver(s) approved. See the Design Study Report for Design Exception/Design Waiver approval(s) and approved design criteria values.**

## **APPENDIX B**

### **PAVEMENT DESIGN**



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# Bechtol Planning & Development

## Memorandum

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

From: Eileen R. Bechtol, City Planner

Date: September 7, 2021, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Subject: Proposed Project: Alberta Schenck and the Dream Theatre Incident  
1944-1945

The following page is a brief description of the Dream Theatre incident in 1944 that led to Alaska Equal Rights Act of 1945 on February 16, 1945.

The Historic Preservation Commission is asked to discuss the incident and decide if they want to pursue a storyboard describing Ms. Schenck bravery and the historical context regarding the civil rights movement in America.

Amy Chan, Museum Director, suggested we work with the local college and the schools. There is a person who teaches Native culture at the college and has developed a school curriculum. Other teachers may also want to work with the Commission on this project.

A motion approving the proposed project would be appropriate, If the Commission decides to go forward the city will apply to the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) for a grant and will coordinate with the Native Organization and the Schools.

## Alberta Schenck and the Dream Theatre Incident 1944-1945

Alberta Schenck was born in Nome, Alaska, on June 1, 1928, to Albert Schenck, a white army veteran of World War I. Her mother was Mary Pushruk Schenck of native Inupiat heritage. She was born into an era when the indigenous peoples of Alaska were subjected to segregated practices that often left non-white children without an education for lack of facilities. Some segregated business establishments advertised that all their employees were white.

When Alberta was a high school girl in 1944, she had a part-time job ushering at the Alaska Dream Theatre in Nome, where part of her job was to make sure non-white patrons sat in their designated segregated area. She eventually registered a complaint with the theatre's manager and was fired. Alberta's response became an opinion article on March 3, 1944, in the Nome Nugget newspaper. She returned later with a white date, and the two of them sat in the "Whites Only" section. She and her army sergeant date refused to move when the manager demanded she move to the non-white section. The theater manager contacted the local police who arrested Schenck and placed her in jail for one night. Schenck's arrest rallied the local Inupiat community, who staged a protest at the theater until her release from jail the next day.

Indignant and determined not to be deterred, she wrote a letter to Alaska Governor Ernest Gruening and related the incident to him. The prior year, the Governor had seen his anti-discrimination bill be defeated in the Territorial Legislature. Her letter inspired the Governor to have the bill re-introduced in the Territorial Legislature, during which her experience was cited on the floor of the legislature. He answered her letter vowing that no one would again receive that kind of treatment in Alaska. The re-introduced bill passed both houses of the legislature and was signed into law as the Alaska Equal Rights Act of 1945 on February 16, 1945.

In 2011, Alberta Schenck Adams was inducted into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame. The Dream Theater burned down in the 1960s.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alberta\\_Schenck\\_Adams](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alberta_Schenck_Adams)

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## Memorandum

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

From: Eileen R. Bechtol, City Planner

Date: September 7, 2021 Meeting

Subject: Zoning Map Amendments for the Comprehensive Plan

Copies of the zoning map will be available at the meeting. Any proposed changes to the zoning map will be noted on the maps and sent to out for new draft land use and zoning maps.

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From: Eileen R. Bechtol, City Planner, AICP

Date: September 7, 2021, NPC Meeting

Subject: City Planner Report

## Nome Comprehensive Plan

The survey report was emailed to the city officials, staff and contractors, Native Organizations, Nome Public Schools, and State/Federal Agencies on September 2, 2021.

Please read through the survey and the respondents' comments. We may refer back to the survey report during discussions of the comprehensive plan update.

After the land use and zoning maps are amended the NPC will start with reviewing chapters of the plan. The first chapter will be the background report.

## Historic Preservation Plan (HPP)

One citizen addressed the Nome Common Council regarding approval of the HPP, Phase 2. Austin has agreed to discuss his concerns with the Historic Commission at the meeting.

Proposed project regarding the Dream Theater incident.

The Commission may want to review the plan and provide direction to staff on other projects.