



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Housing Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Kensinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair David Kensinger
Member Gary Aulbach
Member Annette Bennett
Member Joyce Cummings
Member Larry Hofstad
Member Sarah Holmgrain
Member Ashley Kawashima
Member Jeff Meucci
Member Jalyn Pomrenke

2. Approval of Minutes

A. November 2, 2022 Housing Task Force Minutes

The November 2, 2022 Housing Task Force meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Member Meucci, Seconded by Member Bennett.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Kensinger, Member Aulbach, Member Cummings, Member Hofstad, Member Holmgrain, Member Kawashima, Member Meucci, Member Pomrenke

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

4. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.

No views were shared.

5. New Business

A. Ocean Beauty Bunkhouse

The Task Force discussed requesting the Borough purchase the Ocean Beauty bunkhouse, perform necessary renovations and then lease it to a non-profit or other entity that would run it as a congregate night shelter with a soup kitchen type meal on the bottom floor of the bunkhouse for the first year of operation. Renovation of the second and third floors could take place over time to eventually offer transitional housing for those who need it. The group noted more information is needed before the subject is brought before the Assembly.

B. Building Regulation Changes

The Task Force discussed increased insulation values and snow load requirements affecting building projects in Petersburg due to changes in the International Building Code regulations. The City and Borough of Juneau ended up writing their own building code regulations to avoid the over-rated and limiting IBC regulations regarding insulation values and snow load requirements. Chair Kensinger will discuss the situation with Manager Giesbrecht to determine how best to move forward.

C. Cost of Developing Borough Property

Member Aulbach provided a list of 9 Borough owned properties to Utility Director Hagerman and requested power, water and sewer hookup location information for each. Director Hagerman will discuss the information gathered at the January 11, 2023 Task Force meeting.

D. Manufactured Housing Area

The Task Force discussed rezoning property located on N. 8th Street from Excel to Augusta that is currently zoned multi-family residential to allow for manufactured homes.

E. Housing Needs Assessment

By unanimous roll call vote, the Task Force approved to request the Assembly perform a housing needs assessment to determine what kind of housing is needed in Petersburg and for use with future grant funding opportunities.

Motion made by Member Bennett, Seconded by Member Kawashima.

Voting Yea: Chair Kensinger, Member Aulbach, Member Bennett, Member Cummings, Member Hofstad, Member Holmgrain, Member Kawashima, Member Meucci, Member Pomrenke

F. Other Ideas

The Task Force discussed a Land Trust Subcommittee with Chair Kensinger and Members Aulbach and Cummings participating. A subcommittee meeting was scheduled for January 4 at noon via Zoom.

In addition, a Homeless Housing Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for January 4 at 5:15 p.m.

6. Discussion Items

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Motion made by Member Bennett, Seconded by Member Holmgrain.

Voting Yea: Chair Kensinger, Member Aulbach, Member Bennett, Member Cummings, Member Hofstad, Member Holmgrain, Member Kawashima, Member Meucci, Member Pomrenke