



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Acceptance of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes 03.08.2022

5. Public Comments

Public comments are welcome on matters not appearing on the Public Hearing or Consent Calendar but are within the Borough's jurisdiction. Persons wishing to speak should come forward and state their name and address. Issues raised may be referred to staff and, if action by the Commission is needed, may be scheduled for a future meeting.

6. Consent Calendar

7. Public Hearing Items

A. Consideration of an application from Robert & Colleen Schwartz, dba Seek Alaska, LLC, to place remote signs at 110 N. Nordic Drive, 309 N. Nordic Drive, and 400 N. Nordic Drive.

8. Non-Agenda Items

A. Commissioner Comments

B. Staff Comments

C. Next Meeting is May 10, 2022 at 12:00pm.

9. Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 08, 2022

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Commission Chair Chris Fry
Commission Vice-Chair Heather O'Neil
Commission Secretary Sally Dwyer
Commissioner Nancy Strand
Commissioner Jim Floyd

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Approve as presented.

Motion made by Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil, Seconded by Commission Secretary Dwyer.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner Floyd

4. Approval of Minutes

Approve as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Strand, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner Floyd

A. Meeting minutes from 2.8.2022

5. Public Comments

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None

6. Consent Calendar

None

7. Public Hearing Items

- A. Consideration of an application from Tim Wilkinson for a variance from the 20' rear and 10' side yard setback requirements at 505 Excel Street (PID: 01-006-151) in order to construct a 520 sf shed 5' from the property lines.

Commissioner Floyd made an amendment to change the setback from 5' to 6' on sides and back, from any part of the house. Seconded by Vice-Chair O'Neil.

The variance passed as amended with the Findings of Fact from staff

The amendment was passed with 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

Motion made by Commissioner Floyd.
 Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner Floyd
 Voting Nay: Commission Secretary Dwyer

8. Non-Agenda Items

- A. Commissioner Comments

None

- B. Staff Comments

None

- C. Next Meeting

The next meeting is April 12, 2022 at 12:00pm

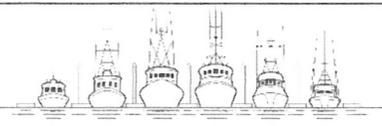
9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Strand, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil.
 Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair O'Neil, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner Floyd

Commission Chair Chris Fry

Date

	PETERSBURG BOROUGH REMOTE BUSINESS SIDEWALK SIGN		CODE TO: 110.000.404110
			PUBLIC NOTICE FEE: \$70.00
			TOTAL: \$70.00
	DATE RECEIVED:	RECEIVED BY:	CHECK NO. or CC:

APPLICANT BUSINESS INFORMATION	
APPLICANT NAME Robert Schwartz	BUSINESS NAME Seek Alaska, LLC
MAILING ADDRESS P.O. Box 1533	PHYSICAL LOCATION OF BUSINESS <i>824 S. Harbor</i>
CITY/STATE/ZIP Petersburg, AK 99833	
PHONE 907-518-0265	
EMAIL seekalaska@gmail.com	SALES TAX REGISTRATION #: ST1887

PHYSICAL ADDRESS FOR EACH PROPOSED SIGN	
Sign 1: <i>400 North Nordic Dr.</i>	
Sign 2: <i>309 North Nordic Dr.</i>	
Sign 3: <i>110 North Nordic Dr.</i>	
Sign 4:	
SIGN DIMENSIONS (w x h):	ZONING DISTRICT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial-1 <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial

PLEASE CHECK EACH BOX TO INDICATE YOUR SIGN(S) COMPLY WITH BOROUGH CODE (PMC 19.56.050)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sign is necessary for the purpose of directing traffic to a remote business.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sign is moveable and will not be attached or affixed to a support structure, walls, or posts.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sign does not exceed thirty inches in width and thirty-six inches in height.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sign does not require electrical power in any form and does not display lights or contain any moving parts.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sign allows a minimum of thirty-six inches of clear space on the sidewalk to not interfere with the movement of pedestrians.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sign will be located directly in front of the approved premises.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sign will only be displayed during store hours and when the store is open for business.
SUBMITTALS:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Signed <i>Notice of Intent to Occupy Sidewalk</i> for each proposed sign location.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Photo or proposed design of sign.

SIGNATURE:	
I hereby affirm all the information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.	
Applicant: <u><i>Robert E. Schwartz</i></u>	Date: <u><i>10-2-2021</i></u>
Applicant: <u><i>Colleen M. Schwarz</i></u>	Date: <u><i>2-11-22</i></u>

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OCCUPY SIDEWALK

I, Chris Oppenheim hereby give permission to Seek Alaska, LLC
 (Property Owner/Manager) (Applicant)
 to place a remote business sidewalk sign in front of my property at
110 N. Nordic Dr
 (Physical Address)

I understand the sign must meet the following requirements:

- The sidewalk sign may only be displayed during store hours and when the store is open for business.
- The sidewalk sign must allow a minimum of thirty-six inches of clear space on the sidewalk to not interfere with the movement of pedestrians.
- The sign must be located directly in front of the premises.
- The sidewalk sign shall not exceed thirty inches in width and thirty-six inches in height.
- The movable sidewalk sign shall not require electrical power in any form and shall not display lights or contain any moving parts.

 1/24/22
 Signature of Owner/Manager Date

Contact phone number of Owner/Manager:

Contact email of Owner/Manager:

(Note: Giving permission for a remote business sign to be placed in front of your business does not prohibit you from having a sidewalk sign to advertise your own business, as allowed by borough code.)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OCCUPY SIDEWALK

I, Carrie Petersen hereby give permission to Seek Alaska, LLC
 (Property Owner/Manager) (Applicant)
 to place a remote business sidewalk sign in front of my property at
309 N Nordic Glacier Laundry
 (Physical Address)

I understand the sign must meet the following requirements:

- The sidewalk sign may only be displayed during store hours and when the store is open for business.
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Carrie Petersen 10/27/21
 Signature of Owner/Manager Date

Contact phone number of Owner/Manager: 425 478-5661
 Contact email of Owner/Manager: Carrie.Petersen@gmail.com

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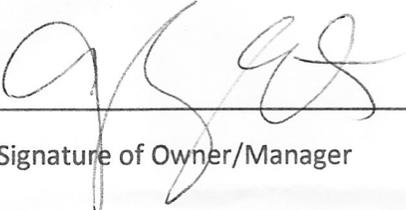
NOTICE OF INTENT TO OCCUPY SIDEWALK

I, GUYLYNN ECHER hereby give permission to Seek Alaska, LLC
(Property Owner/Manager) (Applicant)

to place a remote business sidewalk sign in front of my property at
400 NORTH NOROIC.
(Physical Address)

I understand the sign must meet the following requirements:

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 10/21/21
Signature of Owner/Manager Date

Contact phone number of Owner/Manager:

Contact email of Owner/Manager:

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From: [Dave Ohmer](#)
To: [Karen Malcom](#)
Subject: Seek Alaska application
Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 12:16:51 PM

Dear Liz, Karen and the Petersburg Planning Commission,

I am writing this letter in support of the Schwartz Family, dba Seek Alaska, LLC, and their application to place remote business sidewalk signs in the areas that they have requested. I offer this support because I believe very strongly in the potential for strengthening our local tourism/hospitality industry and the need to facilitate people becoming aware of its availability. Signage like Seek Alaska is requesting will add life to the downtown area and hopefully encourage others to consider getting involved in this industry and opportunity as well. We always talk about the potential of small local tourism operators creating the locally owned businesses that Petersburg has always desired. Well, here is our opportunity to help create visibility, and hopefully contribute to the success of a family who have invested time and money into bringing customers and new revenue to our town. I wholeheartedly support this request.

Sincerely, Dave Ohmer

From: [Ron Loesch](#)
To: [Karen Malcom](#)
Subject: Seek Alaska LLC signs
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 12:51:59 PM

Planning Commission:
Re: Request for Sidewalk signs

I hope the commission will deny the request by Seek Alaska to post sidewalk signs along Nordic Drive. Such signage is unsightly, and detracts from downtown's sights and rosemaling. It also impedes pedestrian traffic. If all businesses were allowed to post such signs, it would be untenable.

Alternative advertising options abound:
Radio
Newspaper
Petersburg Visitor Guide
Harbor ramp signs
websites
window signs
wall signs
hotel wall literature racks
Chamber of Commerce racks
are all available.

Please vote against allowing this unnecessary use of a public thoroughfare.

Ron & Anne Loesch, owner
Property at 207, 209, 211, 213 and 215 N. Nordic Drive

Remote Business Sidewalk Sign

Seek Alaska, LLC

Locations of signs:

400 N. Nordic Dr.

309 N. Nordic Dr

110 N. Nordic Dr.

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AREA OF SIGN PLACEMENT

Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Earl Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (the), OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

